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*New Year – new resolutions!*



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



*Where is this in the world?*  
Last month's answer - Baku

No correct answers this month.



*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!

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## THE ORCHARD

CUBLINGTON'S

# POP-UP PUB



**EVERY OTHER FRIDAY NIGHT**

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

## MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES

**January 2026**

Friday 9th 6pm Gurkha food van

Friday 23rd 6pm catering by Emma

*Please contact  
Jackie 07968 672707  
for more information.*



### POP-UP PUB MENU

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Lasagne with garlic bread & salad

Spinach & Ricotta Cannelloni with garlic bread & salad

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Tiramisu

Main course £15

Two courses £20

The Orchard Pop-Up Pub  
(BYOB - bring your own drinks)  
Biggs Pavillion  
Stewkley Road  
Cublington

Contact Emma to book with your menu choice,  
07787 838167/cafedujardin8@hotmail.com

CASH & CARD ACCEPTED

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





*May I wish all villagers a very Happy new year.*

January named after Janus, the Roman god of new beginnings and transitions. As the first month of the calendar year it has become linked with idea of a fresh start, a clean slate, an opportunity to make changes. The practice of making new resolutions is not a modern phenomenon, it is thought to be rooted in Babylon's 3,000 year old Akitu festival. However, by the mid nineteenth century it was well embedded in Western culture and pegged to a specific date.

On the 1st Jan 1863 the writer Mark Twain wrote in a letter "Yesterday, everyone smoked his last cigar, drank his last drink and swore his last oath. Today we are a pious and exemplary community. Thirty days from now we will have cast our reformation to the wind. We will also reflect pleasantly upon how we did the same thing about this time last year "

While new year resolutions have a bad rap, they really shouldn't. January allows for a mental stock take and a fresh start, a turn of the page giving us the freedom to say goodbye to whatever happened in 2025. The answer lies in setting the right resolutions, attainable yet aspirational. Resolutions that you want to work towards, that you can see yourself achieving.

Having in 2025 been the recipient of someone "paying it forward" a young stranger who noting my distress handed me £20 to pay for petrol. Wanting no recompense, he just suggested I payed it forward with an act of kindness. My resolution for 2026 will be to pay it forward, carry out random acts of kindness and if by chance I forget once in a while then I haven't failed as tomorrow is a new day, a new chance to recommit to my resolution. If we all decided to include this in our list of resolutions who knows what impact it might have on not just our community but the wider world as the ripples spread out.

I have taken the opportunity as editor of this month's Crier to celebrate the resolutions of a local past philanthropist who left a lasting legacy which has altruistically continued over the years. Maybe as recipients of their foresight and generosity we can pick up the baton and pass it forward?

*Maggie*

**February Crier  
deadline is  
15th January**

**FEB EDITOR:** Toosey's

## *Sincere Condolences*

We hear that very sadly and suddenly a new resident to the village, Andrew Stansfield has died. Our sincere condolences to his wife Sarah and family for their loss at this most distressing time.

## *Cancelled*

Apologies but due to lack of perceived interest, the Murder Mystery Dinner has been cancelled.

## *Advent windows*

A huge thank you from the whole village for your involvement to everyone who took part. it brightened up the December nights!

## *Apologies & welcome!*

We should have welcomed you to the village sooner! I made a note then forgot where I'd put it!

Welcome belatedly to Ross & Nikki - here, while they search the area for a new home!

Welcome also to anyone who we've failed to mention!

## **CRIER RATES**

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# WHY NOT TRY YOUR SKILL AT 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 5th, 19th January***

*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*

## **New Year's Resolutions by Rudyard Kipling**

On the 1st January 1887 Rudyard Kipling explored humankind's desire to make resolutions. I have taken the liberty of abridging the poem.

"I am resolved throughout the year  
To lay my vices on the shelf.  
A godly, sober course to steer,  
and love my neighbour as myself-  
Accepting always two or three  
Whom I detest as they hate me.

I am resolved to flirt no more -  
It leads to strife and tribulation .  
Not that I used to flirt before  
but as a bar against temptation .  
Here I accept ( cut out the names )  
perfectly platonic flames .

I am resolved - that vows like these,  
Although easily made, are hard to keep.  
Wherefor I'll take them by degrees  
less my back sliding makes me weep.  
One vow a year will see me through  
and I'll begin with number two.

## NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

# **YOUR** *Extraordinary* **VILLAGE'S HISTORY... IN PICTURES**

***Cublington in Pictures Old and New***  
***New stock - Now priced at £20***

*(a contribution from sales will go to the upkeep of St Nicholas Church)*

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

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





# THE CUBLINGTON CRIER

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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.**



News reaches us that that the pub, presumably Chris, has applied for a licence... to show films, host live music and presumably open?!

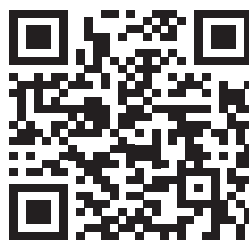
It certainly would be great to hear something positive to start 2026.

Over to you Chris to share your plans with the village for the Unicorn?

*Happy New  
Year Cublington!*  
all the best for 2026

**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.**



**SAVE  
OUR  
PUB**

**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.**

*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.**

**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** - could it be you?!

**March** - could it be you?!

**April** - Trish Bundock

**May** - ?

**June** - ?

**July** - ?

**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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# 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 bobbaine2002@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**

**bobbaine2002@hotmail.com**

**to book it!**



## Cublington Winos

(The Cublington Wine Appreciation Society)

The next Cublington Wine Appreciation Society

(aka The Winos) meeting is on **Wednesday 4th February** in the Biggs Pavilion. Sue and Roger hosting.

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

Cublington wine appreciation society enjoyed a variety of food together with a great selection of wines at our recent Christmas get together. *Honest! :)*



# MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## January 26

**Thursday 1st Tennis Club Social** All welcome from 12 noon - Tennis & Drinks & mince pies

**Monday 5th Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Monday 5th Chess Club** Village Hall 4.00 - 6.00pm

**Wednesday 7th Tai Chi** Village Hall 9.45 - 10.45am 11.00 -12.00am

**Thursday 8th Yoga** Village Hall 10.30 -11.30am

**Friday 9th Orchard pop up pub** The Biggs Pavilion 6pm **Gurkha food van**

**Monday 12th Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Tuesday 13th Sound Bath** Village Hall 7.00 - 9.00pm

**Tuesday 13th Village Meet up Village lunch** Biggs Pavilion 1pm

**Wednesday 14th Tai Chi** Village Hall 9.45 - 10.45am 11.00 -12.00am

**Thursday 15th Yoga** Village Hall 10.30 -11.30am

**19th Blue Monday** - "most depressing day of the year"

**Monday 19th Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Monday 19th Chess Club** Village Hall 4.00 - 6.00pm

**Tuesday 20th PCC Meeting** Village Hall 7.00-9.00pm

**Wednesday 21st Tai Chi** Village Hall 9.45 - 10.45am 11.00 -12.00am

**Thursday 22nd Yoga** Village Hall 10.30 -11.30am

**Friday 23rd Orchard pop up pub** The Biggs Pavilion 6pm **catering by Emma**

**Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th - RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**

**Monday 26th Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Wednesday 28th Tai Chi** Village Hall 9.45 - 10.45am 11.00 -12.00am

**Saturday 31st Sloe Gin Competition** The Biggs Pavilion 7pm

## February 26

**Monday 2nd Chatty Cafe** The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

**Monday 2nd Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Wednesday 4th Winos** 7.15pm Biggs Pavilion

**Friday 6th Orchard pop up pub** The Biggs Pavilion 6pm + **Wesley Artisan pizza**  
- menu will be sent round nearer the time via village WhatsApp group to order in advance

**Tuesday 10th Village Meet up Village lunch** Biggs Pavilion 1pm

**Friday 20th Orchard pop up pub** drinks only. The Biggs Pavilion 6pm  
Open until late for Panto audience and cast

**Saturday 21st Feb Orchard pop up pub** special opening for drinks after Panto

**Friday 6th March Orchard pop up pub** The Biggs Pavilion 6pm Roastwrap food van

**Friday 20th March -Orchard pop up pub** The Biggs Pavilion 6pm catering tbc

## March 26

**Monday 2nd Chatty Cafe** The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

**Monday 30th Tennis Club AGM** The Biggs Pavilion 7.30pm

**Saturday 28th Murder Mystery Evening** Sadly cancelled due to lack of interest

## April 26

**Wednesday 1st Cublington Winos** 7.15pm Biggs Pavilion

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

**Friday 10th Trivia Quiz** The Biggs Pavilion Teams of six. Details to follow

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

## May 26

**Monday 4th Chatty Cafe** The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

## June 26

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

**Wednesday 3rd Cublington Winos** 7.15pm Biggs Pavilion

**Saturday 20th Cublington Fete** No holidays allowed! ;)

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.





Any thoughts readers? Send them in to  
[info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk](mailto:info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk) Ed

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## ***“Philanthropy” - the love of humanity and the practice of promoting the welfare of others as a long term goal.***

Philanthropy often focuses on creating long term change by addressing the root causes of social problems through initiatives like education, health, science and the environment. The key difference from “CHARITY” which involves giving a man a fish to feed himself for a day verses teaching him how to fish and give him a life time of self sufficiency.

Philanthropy can take many forms, campaigning, giving financial donations, time, expertise or as in the case of our local benefactor Alice Biggs a legacy of land given to the village.

As residents we have all benefited from this gift and the hard efforts of those who raised funds for the completion of the Biggs Pavilion. We are indebted to those who continue to serve on the Orchard Ground committee to ensure these facilities run smoothly and are finically well managed. Philanthropy is alive and well in Cublington with many involved giving their time, money, skills and expertise. We are so fortunate that folks have taken forward new projects like North Field which will benefit future residents with a wonderful amenity of an orchard woodland, a public space to enjoy relaxation and rural views.

So let's celebrate all this social enterprise and get involved in some small way. Be it pledging support for the Unicorn, SAVE THE PUB campaign, volunteering at the North Field working groups, or supporting events run by Friends of St Nicholas church. Each amenity adds another layer of variety and colour to the our lives making our village so vibrant and welcoming. By paying it forward future generations will benefit and we will have in turn enriched our own lives.

Pay it forward the core idea of paying an act of kindness forward to another recipient. The goal being to create a ripple effect of kindness and generosity which spreads through a community. Although not a new concept this idea came to prominence at the turn of the millennium after a film “Pay it Forward” based on a book of the same name was released in 2000.

The pay it forward act can be a grand gesture but it can be a kind gift like paying a stranger's parking fee or a letting someone go ahead of you in a long queue, writing a thank you letter, offering a lift to a colleague or an elderly neighbour.

Other ideas are to sign up to donate blood ( January is National Blood Donor month)

Give clothes to a charity shop, buy additional food to donate to a food bank.

Help the environment . Volunteer at the next village clean up morning to keep the local hedgerows and verges tidy. Thank you Cublington Wombles and others for your efforts throughout the year.

Pay a meaningful compliment to the first 3 people you meet today this may lift their mood on a grey winter morning.

***What will you do this coming month or year to Pay it Forward***



## *Alice Biggs handed our community a baton which is to be passed on.*

Following on from the Editorial and thinking about acts of generosity and the idea of 'passing forward,' in 1987, a bequest from Alice Biggs gave the community here in Cublington some land 'for their enjoyment.' 15 acres of land known as Orchard Ground and North Field, held by Cublington Parish Council. The Biggs family were landowners, farmers and butchers in Cublington for many years. There is testimony to the Biggs family in our village and local history, inside the St Nicholas Church and the church yard, and the names of those who served in the Great War. The Biggs family were great supporters of cricket, and allowed cricket to be played on the rough pasture of Orchard Ground back in the 1950's. Those who played cricket then, speak about the sheep being moved to another field and efforts made to clear 'the sheep poo' from the wicket and outfield areas before the start of a game. Alice Biggs' bequest set off a flow of generous activities which is still very much alive in our village today. It was as if Alice had handed our community a baton 'for their enjoyment,' which was to be passed forward to others, and onwards through the generations.



The Biggs Family outside their retirement bungalow opposite Manor Farm. Left to right: Alice, Florence and Constance Biggs with a friend of the family. Arthur is on the right.

Soon after the bequest was made, a fund raising group set about raising funds for the pavilion, naming it The Biggs Pavilion in recognition of Alice's generous bequest. Numerous fundraising events were held and 'a buy a brick' campaign was launched; the list of those who bought bricks in is the entrance to the Pavilion. A grant was received from The Lottery Fund: Sports England and from Aylesbury Vale District Council, with other grants from several corporates and grant making trusts too. In 1992, after a poll of village residents, the two tennis courts were built. The pavilion was completed in 1997 with local farmers and others digging out the footings and installing the drainage. In 2006, the village allotments were established; and in 2008, an extension was made to the pavilion for a cricket score room and for storage. In 2020, after a survey of village residents, planting started on North Field for a community woodland and community orchard, this planting continues today.

As each plan was discussed and nurtured to fruition, the baton from Alice Biggs 'for their enjoyment,' was being passed forward to the sports clubs, to the interests and activity groups, and to the organisers of various village events that are held in the pavilion. Looking back at various village events and activities throughout 2025, these include the monthly Chatty Café; the fortnightly social gatherings at the Orchard events while the village pub remains closed; the children's fun cricket on a Friday summer evening, competitive cricket including hosting county cricket games and, new to Cublington, Game Changers cricket; competitive and fun tennis, plus Rusty Rackets tennis for the 50+s and Kids fun tennis; table tennis; the wine appreciation society; arts and crafts; the events hosted on Orchard Ground, including the village fete, the art exhibition, the horticultural show, the village cabaret show, village lunches, church jumble and table top sales, and the many other activities that take place on Orchard Ground.

Alice's act of kindness, her bequest, 'for their enjoyment,' has been multiplied countless thousands of times and continues today. This is reflected in the community spirit here in Cublington. Martin Gallagher, CEO of The Clare Foundation was invited to Orchard Ground to discuss possible grants towards some development work, he remarked, "how does a village of just 350 people have this magnificent facility? It's a jewel in the crown!"

Not many of us have acres of land to give, or funds enough to make a significant donation, although, "every little helps!" But could we give a fraction of our time by volunteering and passing on something of our knowledge, skills and interests to others, passing the baton forward 'for their enjoyment.'

A quote from Benjamin Franklin: 'Well done is better than, well said,' which reminds us of the importance of action over words.



**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!

- 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

**Now booking for term starting January 16th for 10 weeks**

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

**£90 for non members and £70 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.



**DON'T FORGET!**

**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**

*Sorry - I couldn't resist putting this article here.  
Naughty of me I know! Ed*

## DRY JANUARY

For many of us Christmas and New Year sees an increase in our alcohol intake so Dry January is a good opportunity to take stock of our drinking habits and go alcohol free for a month.

The DRY JANUARY challenge has been organised by Alcohol Change Uk since 2012 and aims at promoting the benefits of a break from consuming alcohol for a whole month.

### **Potential benefits**

*Physical health • Better sleep • lower blood pressure • lower cholesterol and a reduced risk of diabetes • Possible aid to weight loss • The liver also has a chance to heal and regenerate • Mental wellbeing • more energy • less irritable • better concentration • lowered anxiety and boosted mood • Financial • Money saved from not buying alcohol*

To support for those who take up the challenge of going alcohol free for a month there is a free Try Dry app . This tool gives encouragement to help track mood, savings, a guide to units, calories with diary notes, badges, and tips.



**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**

**Saturday 10th and Saturday 24th  
January**



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

We've had two deliveries of chipped bark from village Qresidndets who were having some tree work. This chipped bark is a great help in providing material to top up the mulch around our trees and is being used on very wet areas of the footpaths. If you're having sometime work done and don't want to keep the bark chippings, give me a call if there is an opportunity for any chipped bark to be delivered to North Field; most contractors are very happy to tip this locally rather than transport it away.

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

**CUBLINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

# Hire Charges

## 2025/26

	Residents	Non Residents
Meetings/Classes (per hour)	£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 or call 07515 398111

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

## SEASONAL JOKES



- **I was going to quit all my bad habits..**  
*But then I remembered , no one likes a quitter.*
- **What is a New Year's resolution?**  
*Something that goes in one year and out the other .*
- **What happened to the man who stole a calendar?**  
*He got 12 months.*
- **Why did the man stand on one leg at mid-night on New year?**  
*He wanted to get the year off on the right foot.*
- **My New year's resolution is to read more.**  
*So I've turned my TV subtitles on.*

# SLOE *Gin*

## COMPETITION DETAILS

**7pm Saturday 31st January**  
*at the Orchard, Biggs Pavilion*

***There will be 4  
Categories***

- ***New Sloe Gin***
- ***Vintage Sloe Gin***
- ***Any Other Flavoured Gin***
- ***Any Flavoured Other Spirit***  
*e.g. Vodka, Whiskey, Brandy etc*

*Do come  
along - a  
good time is  
guaranteed to  
be had! Hic!*



Please drop off your entries to Jenny at Holly Tree Cottage before 5pm on Saturday 31st January

Once again - we will be looking for volunteer judges – hic hic – demand for these roles will be high so get your name in early!! Judging will start at 6pm on Saturday.

This years event will include cheese, biscuits and nibbles to help with the sampling of all the entries.

***Tickets will be £5.00 per person.***

Open to everyone not just the gin makers.

***For further information contact Jenny on 07732 253485 – WhatsApp is possible.***

## WEEKLY BIN COLLECTIONS

***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***



***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***

***Batteries and ink cartridges can be left out in a separate bag every week.***

## 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

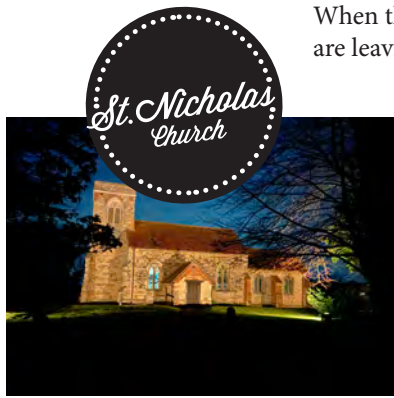
Darcey Sheriden  
07387 996828



*\* School or Uni holidays only*

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





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](mailto: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

*Sadly no one once again this month.*

### St Nicholas Church January Newsletter

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas celebration with family and friends.

The Christingle service was celebrated on the 7th December. Once again, Sandie Joy should be congratulated on her efforts to advertise and organise this service and consequently the event was really well supported with lots of children attending with their parents. Thank you to all the children who read during the service and for making it a success. We were able to support The Children's Society by sending them a total of £160 which includes the donations taken at the service.

We also thank Sandie and Mike Joy for supplying and decorating the Christmas tree in St Nicholas which was very much appreciated.

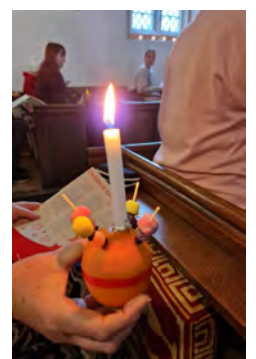
The Christmas Parish Lunch was held on the 14th December and the Biggs Pavilion was filled with villagers enjoying a wonderful Turkey dinner cooked by Gina, Vanessa and their team. Well done to everyone involved and thank you for the wonderful contributions of desserts and £403 total donations which were given by those who attended.

On the 22nd December there was carol singing around the village which was accompanied by Pete Farrington on the trumpet. This year the collection went to the Cancer Care and Haematology Fund which supports the unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Thank you to the village generosity as we were able to send £378.45 which they were very grateful for.

Jane Alexander organised the annual Advent Windows and the standard has been high again with a wonderful collection of windows to cheer us on the dark winter evenings. On Christmas Eve Michael led a walk around the village to view them which finished with us all enjoying singing a few carols in the church.

The Christmas services were taken by our Team Rector, Rev Dominic Wright and our Team Vicar, Will Lyon Tupman. We were grateful to Richard Thornley who stepped in to play the organ for our Christmas services during the time that Ev Griffiths was away. We are lucky in Cublington to have several people who are able to stand in if required.

*We would like to welcome all the new families who have moved to the village in the last year and wish everybody in Cublington a Peaceful and Happy New Year for 2026.*



# From the rector



## Breaking the ice

We live a long way from the sea in Buckinghamshire but the tradition in some places of a swim on Boxing Day looks a lot of fun. But an Eastern Orthodox tradition in January that I really admire is their outdoor dip at Epiphany when Christians fully submerge themselves three times. In colder places like Ukraine or Russia this can involve getting a chainsaw out to cut a hole in the ice beforehand. I think this is particularly admirable!

During Epiphany we remember the baptism of Jesus which also took place outdoors in the slightly warmer River Jordan. Jesus was baptised by the firebrand preacher John-the-Baptist who had been calling people to repent of their sins and turn their lives around in anticipation that the long awaited Kingdom of Heaven was near. For Jesus, his baptism was a spiritual experience which affirmed his unique identity as the Son of God and empowered him to begin and stay faithful to the difficult path of his calling.

Like some of you I was baptised when I was just a few weeks old, not outdoors but at my local church. Obviously I don't have any memories of this and even my certificate has been lost but I have seen a photo. Although the choices were made by my parents and godparents at the time I believe that this was the starting point of a lifelong spiritual pilgrimage following Jesus and seeking the Kingdom of Heaven "here on earth as it is in heaven". The season of Epiphany, and specifically Sunday 11th January, is a time when we reflect on our baptisms. The Orthodox Christians dip three times to remember that they were baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

In the season of Epiphany when we reflect on our baptisms please let me know if you would like to think about baptising your children. If you were baptised as a child but you haven't yet taken many further steps along the Christian journey it could be time to renew your commitment by coming back to church. You could also consider Confirmation. This is a service where the Bishop visits us and prays over the confirmation candidates that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit just as the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the River Jordan at his baptism. This is also a way of publicly confirming the baptism vows that might have originally been prayed for you by your parents. We are planning a Confirmation service in April. Please have a conversation with me about this possibility.

We don't just baptise babies. I've frequently had the privilege of baptising people of all ages, including parents along with their children and adults on their own. If you have not been baptised and are thinking about this profound first step on the Christian journey remember that adult baptism was normal in the Bible and Jesus was probably around 30 years old when he was baptised. We could even arrange to baptise you by full emersion outdoors like Jesus, although I draw the line at breaking the ice first with a chainsaw!

**Revd Dom Wright**

[teamrectordom@gmail.com](mailto:teamrectordom@gmail.com)



## Church Services for January

	Service	Taken by	OT/NT readings	Reader	Gospel and Coffee Reader	prayers
4	First Sunday	Annie	Linda/Holly		Sally	Jane
11	HC	Will		Diane	Peter	
18	Layled	Sarah&Steve		Penny	Helen	
25	HC	Will		Julie	Lucy	



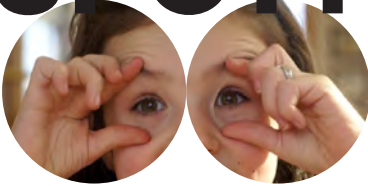
## Need a plumber, a carpenter, a builder, a decorator or electrician?

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.

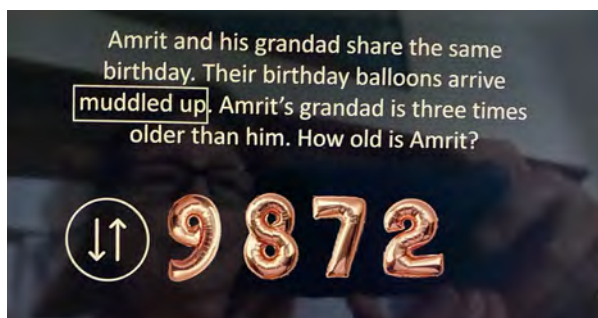
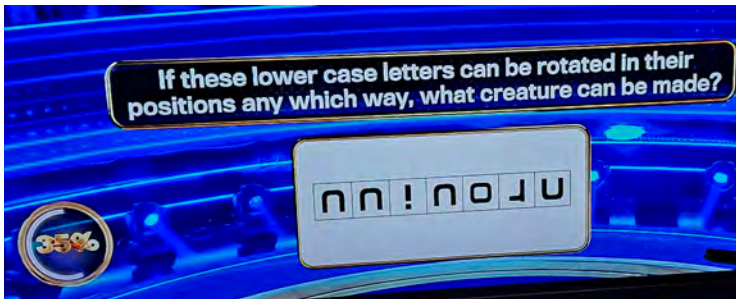
Contact Tom Gadsby on 07527 989639. Tom is also on Cublington Life WhatsApp group.

# SPOTTED!



*Seems like there's a few 1% Club viewers out there!*

## 35% QUESTIONS ON ITV'S 1% CLUB



## FROM LAST MONTH.... THE 1% CLUB QUESTION ON ITV

*Did you get it? In thirty seconds?  
Well done if you did!*

*Answer*



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.

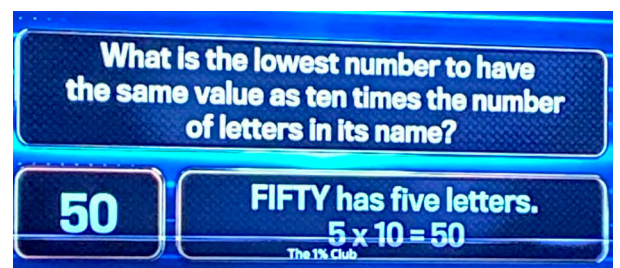
*Admins are: Martyn Waters, Catherine & Charlie Toosey, Gary Brazier, Liz Smith and Miranda Mercado Gregory*



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*35% Answers: UNICORN of course! Amrit is 29 3 x 29 = 87.*





## January Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...

Sophie O'Connell 10 on the 18th

Charlie Hanson 5 on the 19th

Samuel Duthie -9 on the 24th

Cade Gouviea-Smith - 12 on the 29th

Madison Gouviea-Smith - 12 on the 29th (yes twins)



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## January Quiz

- 1) Which national January challenge was inaugurated in 2012 ?
- 2) Name the Roman god for January?
- 3) According to the song. What did " my true love bring" on the 12th day of Christmas?
- 4) Where is the UK's largest Cheese fair held?
- 5) In which year was the Biggs pavilion opened?
- 6) What annual competition will take place in the Biggs Pavilion on 31st January?
- 7) The 2000 film starring Helen Hunt and Kevin Stacey was called ....?
- 8) " Kiss a Ginger" day falls on which date in January?
- 9) Who wrote the poem "New year's Resolutions" ?
- 10 ) How many types of jams are traditionally used in an Epiphany tart?

*ALL answers can be found somewhere in this month's issue. We need to make sure you read it all! :)*

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## Ideas for family Outings

**A fun family activity if you take a trip to London during the holidays or weekend.** The City of London has produced 3 self guided children's walking trails, each takes approximately 45mins in the company of Drago the dragon. Each trail contains 3 landmarks and additional gems to look out for.

**The guides are 1) City stories, 2) Skyscrapers, 3) Towers on the Thames** and include stickers and activities. The trails include a map and interactive activities So do look out for DRAGONS on your route.

**As the 20th of January celebrates cheese lovers day** what could be better than visiting nearby Leaden hall market and calling in at Cheese. A cheesemonger with a wonderful selection of artisan cheeses to sample along with good wines and port. This elegant covered market is an architectural gem and contains many fascinating shops and eateries under its ornate glass roof. A must for Harry Potter fans.

**Or visit** the nearby Seething Lane garden with its statue of Samuel Pepys the famous diarist where paving stones inscribed with his life and love of cheese and wine. It is reported he buried a wheel of Parmesan cheese to save it from the great fire of London.

**All these activities can be found on the [cityoflondon.gov.uk](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk) website**

**PS - Still on the theme of cheese**

Later in the year and a little further afield . The UK's biggest Artisan cheese fair is held annually at Melton Mowbray 23rd MAY 10:00 - 24th May 16:00.

With up to 60 UK producers taking part and entry is free.

**Plus Spring bank holiday** sees the annual cheese rolling competition which takes place at Coopers Hill, Brockworth Nr Gloucester.

**How cheesy is that!**

## *Twelfth Night and the feast of Epiphany*

The Twelfth day of Christmas, 5th Jan also known as Twelfth Night. It marked the eve of the feast of Epiphany, from the Greek meaning "manifestation". This feast celebrated the coming of the wise men to visit the baby, Jesus in Bethlehem. An event which revealed/ manifested God's son to the gentiles.

Today Twelfth Night may have become a joyless time when cards and decorations come down and a desiccated Christmas tree is hauled outside shedding its needles. Although it signalled the end of the Christmas period in times gone by it was a reason for great celebrations with feasting, games, revelry and plays. Queen Elizabeth1 commissioned Shakespeare to write "12th Night" to celebrate the feast. Throughout medieval and Tudor period and beyond it was an important event in the nation's calendar.

In the countryside fires were lit in the fields and revellers would go into the orchards banging pots and singing to bring good luck and a plentiful harvest. Bread was also hung from branches to attract robins, the guardians of the orchards and ward off evil spirits. A special hot alcoholic drink made from apples, sugar and spices called wassail warmed and lifted the spirits and folk would go knocking on neighbours playing jokes.

12th night was an excuse in the days when there was a stricter social order to turn this upside down. This was symbolised by the baking of a fruit cake containing a bean. Everyone including servants was served a piece, the recipient with the bean regardless of their social status would be crowned King or Queen for the evening and lead the games and rule for the evening. It was a time of great hilarity and high jinks.

By the late 19th century twelfth night was beginning to lose its sparkle. Britain was becoming more industrialised and employers were keen to have their workforce back in good time after Christmas and New Year festivities. In 1870 Queen Victoria outlawed the celebrations as she saw them as rowdy and unchristian. The festival had nearly died out by the 20th century, the Twelfth cake symbolisation remaining as a sixpence in the Christmas pudding.

Today from Cornwall to Yorkshire at some National Trust properties there has been a revival of traditions such as wassailing providing an attraction for visitors.

An Epiphany tart recipe is included January's Crier for those who would like to continue to maintain our country's fascinating traditions and mark on 6th January this festive occasion.



# *What could be easier?...*



## **easyfundraising**

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

Please help us fundraise for Orchard Ground and the North Field Project anytime you shop online - it really doesn't cost you anything and is so easy!!

## *Please don't think about it, just do it...*

If you'd like help setting it up please see the web address above or email [bobpaine2002@hotmail.com](mailto:bobpaine2002@hotmail.com) who will be happy to help. **Thanks**



Please join us at the next Chatty Cafe,  
Monday, 5th January 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".



Hope to see you there.... Maggie and Sally

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'Better than  
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... Northfield News



The  
Untold  
Story

'Deliciously  
scrummy'  
... Gingerbread Gazette

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**TICKETS ON SALE 1st FEBRUARY**

Answers to the Janauary Quiz: 1. Dry January 2. Janus 3. 12 drummers drumming 4. Melton Mowbray 5. 1998  
6. Sloe Gin competition 7. "Pass it Forward" 8. 12th Jan 9. Rudyard Kipling 10. 13 jams



*You would be mistaken if you thought January was a dull month :*

- 1st New Year's day - join other villagers in a walk
- 4th Braille day - the anniversary of Louis Braille's birth born 1809
- 5th Twelfth Night - celebrate the end of the Christmas period
- 6th Epiphany - the festival commemorates the magi visit to Jesus at Bethlehem
- 7th Big School garden watch ( RSPB)
- 12th Kiss a Ginger Day - watch out all you red heads!
- 18th World Religion Day - to foster interfaith understanding and harmony
- 19th Blue Monday - " most depressing day of the year"
- Cervical cancer prevention week
- 23rd Bird Watch Weekend - the world's biggest bird survey. Count the birds for an hour and submit your results
- 24th International Day of Education
- 25th Burns' Night - celebrate the famous bard
- 25th World Leprosy Day - " Unite, Act, Eliminate"
- 27th Holocaust Memorial day - anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau
- 27th RNLI fundraising day



**Lifeboats**



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

*New draw  
tickets available  
soon...*

**100 CLUB 2025/26**  
**£1800 in prize money this year**

Last year monthly prizes increased to £60 - £50 - £40 and £20 each month, with a special £100 bonus prize at Christmas.

If you want to buy a ticket online for the next set of ten draws starting in May 2026 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 DRAW 2026  
January**

- 1st Prize - £60 - Jean Coultas,**
- 2nd Prize - £50 - Michael Lightfoot.**
- 3rd Prize - £40 - Chris Brandon.**
- 4th Prize - £20 - Imogen Lackey.**

*Make sure you get a ticket for every family member!*

# \* MORE PARTICIPANTS NEEDED PLEASE \*

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

*Join us and help make a difference...*

**THANK YOU** to the 47 **AMAZING** supporters who have so far raised an **IMMENSE** £3086.57 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 - £688.74.

2nd - Gwyneira Waters - £390.09.

3rd - Martyn Waters - £305.99.

Nearly £1600 has been raised by the other 44 villagers so thank you all very, very much!



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



Orchard Ground - Cublington is in the top

**5%**

of raisers on easyfundraising



**Orchard Ground - Cublington has raised £365.06 so far this year which puts them in the top 5% of causes raising on easyfundraising!**

Keep up the good work and share today. Every share is an entry to win £500. Ends Sunday\*!

## PANTOMIME UPDATE

Thank you to those people who responded to our calls for help, we now have a full complement for the cast members and for the 'behind the scenes crew.'

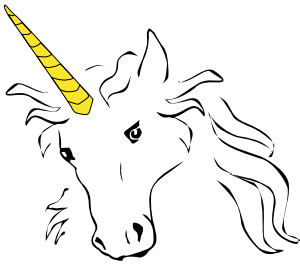
Each year the village pantomime support a local charity via the nightly raffle prizes. This raffle is an ideal opportunity to up-cycle the odd Christmas present, the odder the better. And who knows, if you buy a raffle ticket, you might even win back your donated prize. *"Oh no we won't!"*

The chosen charity for our 2026 pantomime is the Air Ambulance, they visited our village at least twice in 2025 to help our lovely Debbie Knights and our lovely Mark Cheetham.



# SAVE OUR PUB

## LATEST UPDATE



THE UNICORN



*Suggest a caption?!*



### *Friends of the Unicorn Cublington – December 2025*

***Firstly, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the year.***

As the year comes to a close, we know many of you would appreciate an update on progress to “Save Our Pub.” Sadly at this point the vendor refuses to negotiate on any number/price that does not start with a “6”. Following the recent professional valuation by a Member of The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, which valued the pub in its present state at £325,000, we feel we cannot consider this inflated price. We are therefore at present in a stalemate situation.

The vendor has recently suggested a community lease to enable the village to buy the pub.

The terms of this proposed lease are considered by the working party to be unrealistic and unviable but we are not experts in this field. If any individual pledgers would like to preview the terms offered, please reply accordingly and we will forward them to you. We are open to taking advice on this point before formally making our responses to the vendor.

We will continue into 2026 to pursue our attempts to somehow secure The Unicorn as a going concern for the community into the future.

As members of the working group, we receive comments on how the closure of The Unicorn is affecting the village, villagers and local community. We as a group have a remit to try and secure the pub for the village and surrounding area, this is why we try and conduct our negotiations in a businesslike manner.

If you wish to share your personal views you are free to do so, and there are a number of platforms for you including letters to The Crier.

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

***STILL ROARING !!!***

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

***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:***

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

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





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

# Villages Art Group

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS

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

*Come along and paint and sketch and learn together*

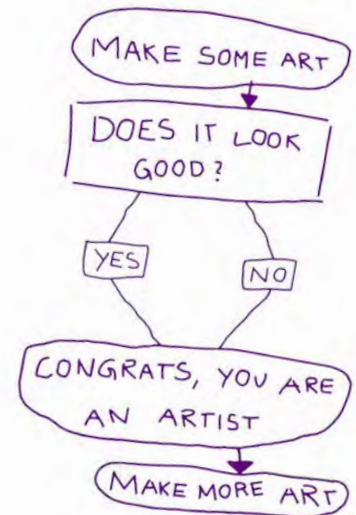
**- EVERY MONDAY 1.45-3.45pm**

### 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.*



### How TO BE AN ARTIST



*We would like to encourage you to join us... trying out new techniques and most of all, having fun creating art!*





*More new  
volunteers wanted  
for 2026 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 this year.***

***Please volunteer to do a slot for next year!***

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

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# CHRISTMAS PARISH LUNCH

***Held on Sunday 14th December***



The Christmas Parish Lunch went down a storm if all the posts on Cubington life are anything to go by?! If you missed out - unlucky, but there are always a limited number of tickets available. Quicker off the mark next year maybe!



*We had a wonderful time, a fantastic lunch - thanks to the girls and the lovely company.  
All round a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon, now the sofa beckons!*

*Thank you from me too. It was an amazing lunch, cooked to perfection.  
Clean plates all round. lovely to see you all and thanks to Diane for getting me out today. xx*

*Thanks for all the support this year. Fantastic desserts and a real party atmosphere.  
Great help at the end with all the tidying up which is always appreciated. xx*

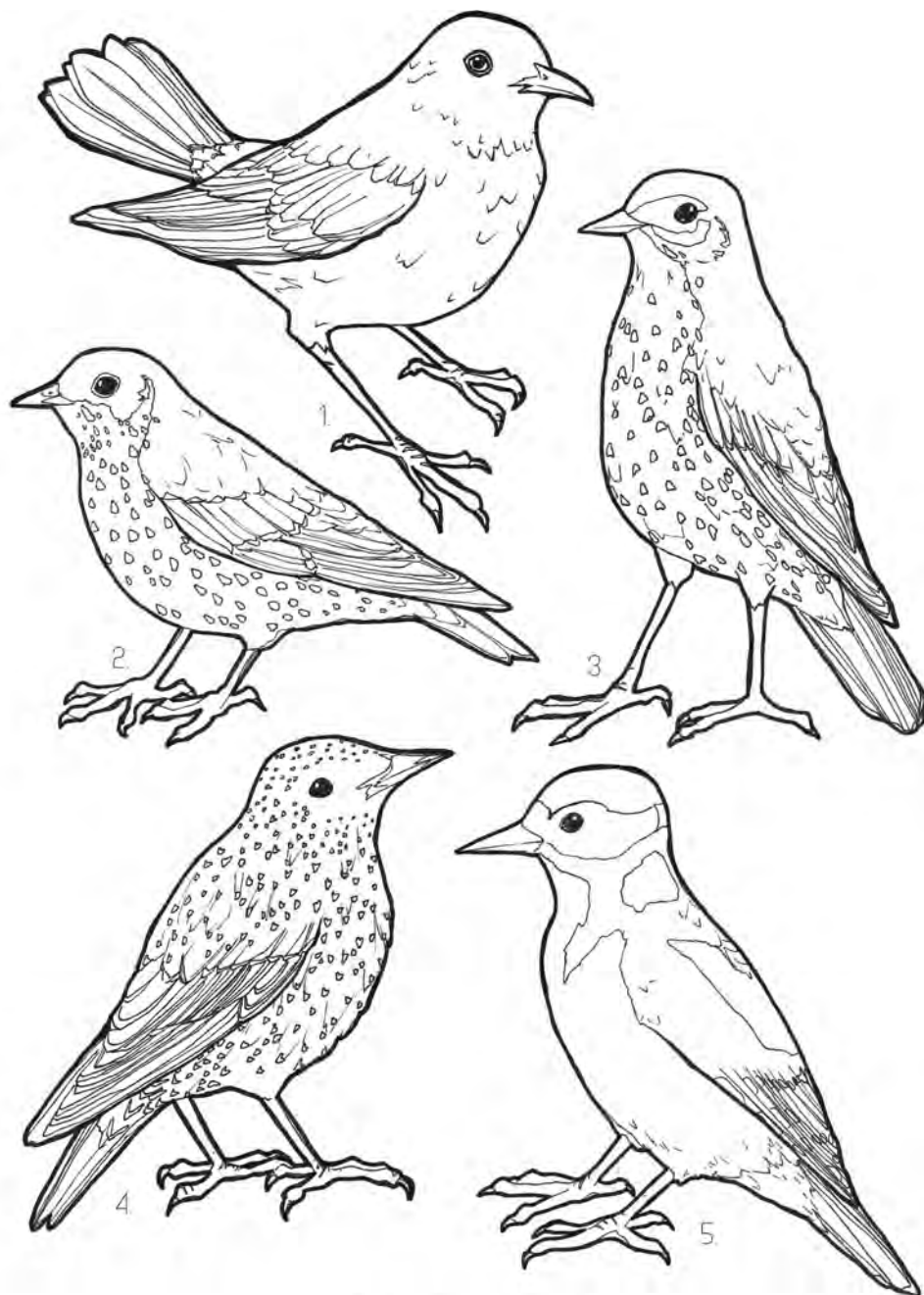
*Thank you for your fabulous lunch. A very vibrant atmosphere and a great social event.  
Absolutely perfect in every way.*

*Wonderful Christmas lunch. Excellent team work Gina, Vanessa, Kat and the boys. We thoroughly enjoyed it.*



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# KIDS



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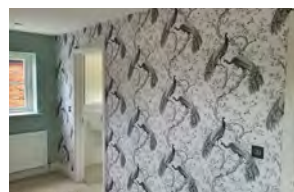


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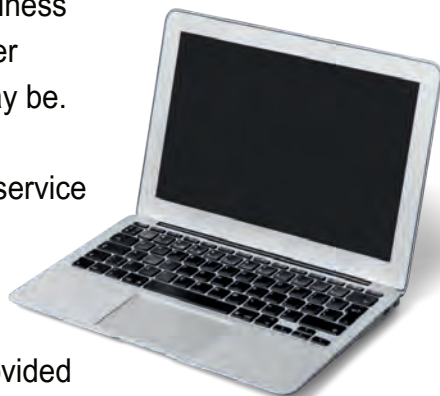
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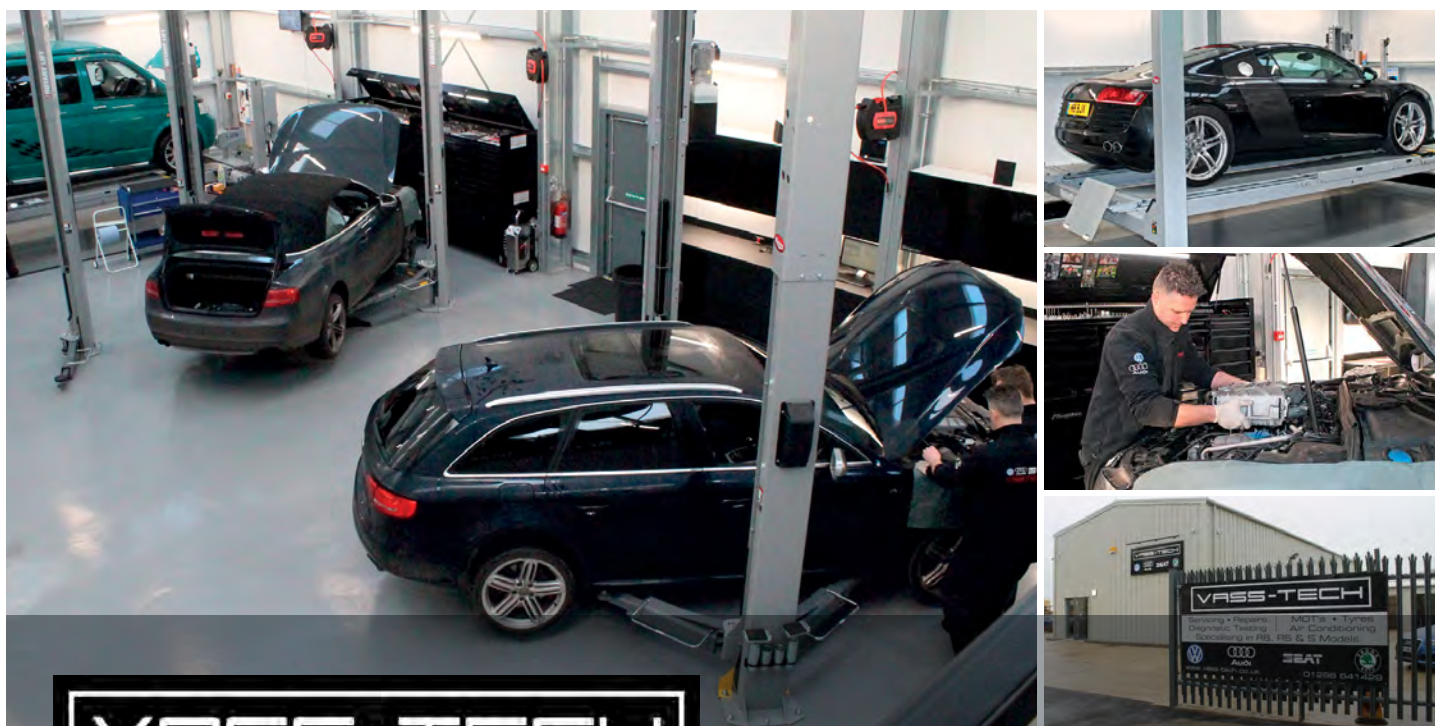
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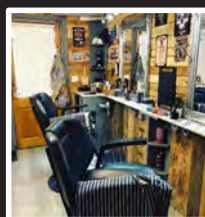
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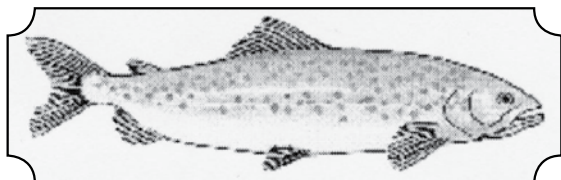
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## LATEST UPDATES

### North Field Update

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The tree nursery area has been cleared and sythed, ready for some free tree whips from the Woodland Trust which will hopefully arrive in January. The tree whips that were planted there have given us a supply of small 2-3 year old trees which have been planted out into the woodland areas.

**Dates for the North Field working groups for the new year are as follows.**

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**Saturday 10th and Saturday 24th January**

**Saturday 28th February**

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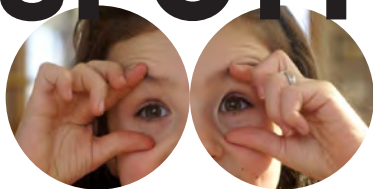
**2. Rottenus branchus**

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## Spotted

*A very well disguised escapee! Can you see it?*



## Spotted

*Disgraceful fly tipping. Time for another litterpick? Watch out for a date in early March.*

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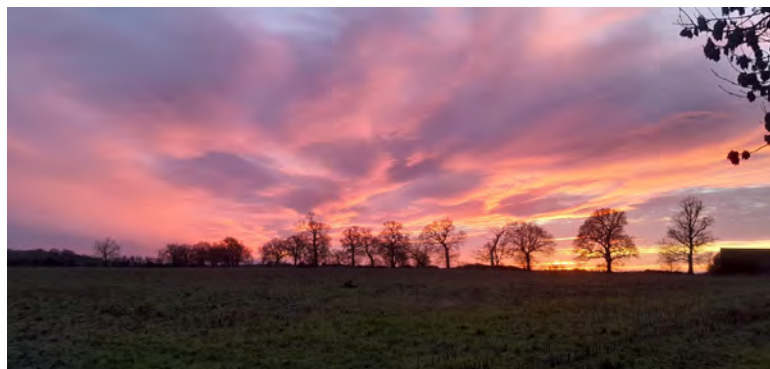


## Spotted

*Blocked drain or burst watermain?... typically no utility company wanted to take responsibility. The post box was temporarily closed due to regular soakings.*

## Spotted

*More beautiful sunrises and sunsets this last month,*



## Spotted

*Lovely ladies who attended the wreath making session at the Village Hall in December, .*



## Spotted

*These villagers on their way to Ally Pally darts. Thank goodness they went incognito.*

## Spotted

*Social media does have its uses. This wallet was returned to its owner within 24 hours! Brilliant,*



## Spotted

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