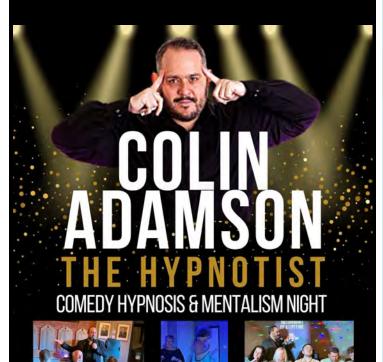
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### **JEAN CROSS**

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GOOD MORNING CAMPERS !!



December, the last month of the year, but a busy one as Christmas approaches and lots going on in the Cublington social calendar.

From the first of the month windows around the village start to come alive with our festive creations. By Christmas Eve all participating Advent windows will be lit and a wonderful way to start your Christmas celebrations with a walk around the village following the map provided, particularly if you have family or friends staying, culminating in a carol sing-a-long in the Church. Meet at 6pm in The Unicorn car park.

From Friday 1st December, The Unicorn will be serving their Festive Menu so book early to avoid disappointment. Details elsewhere in the Crier.

On Monday, December 4 th , there will be the first of a monthly coffee morning, 'Chatty Café' in the Biggs Pavilion from 10am to 11.30am. Refreshments, including cake and biscuits, will be provided. Only £2 donation towards costs. Do come along and support this new venture.

Friday, 1st (date change) December the annual sloe gin competition at The Unicorn.

On December 10th a Christmas Village Lunch will be provided in the Biggs Pavilion at 12.30pm/1.00pm. A lovely home-cooked meal for all to enjoy and you just make a donation towards the cost. Please see notice elsewhere in the Crier on who to contact to reserve you place(s). Book early as numbers are limited.

On Wednesday, 13th December there will be a Christingle service in the Church at 11am. Everyone welcome, but particularly those with young families who will enjoy taking part with a gifted orange and candle (not real!) for each of the children.

Sunday 17th December at 4pm is our annual Christmas Carol Concert with the village choir at the Church. Always a lovely event and a chance to sing along with your favourite carols.

On Wednesday, 20th December there will be carol singing around the village starting at The Knob at 6.30pm. The collection this year will be for The Thames Valley Air Ambulance Service, in recognition of their assistance to a village resident recently.

On Christmas Eve, 24 th December, there will be the usual Church Service at 9am and the Advent Windows Walk from 6pm.

The Christmas Day service will also be at 9am and a wonderful start to your festive celebrations. Do come along, all are welcome.

I do hope you will be able to join in for some of these events. We are very fortunate to live in a community that keeps giving when there is so much discourse in the World.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2024. Not forgetting those who are less fortunate and want only to live in PEACE.

Julie & Doug Merriman

January EDITORs: Will & Rebecca Bentinck NEXT COPY
DEADLINE is - 15th December
no late inclusions as we have
to print before Christmas!

### Sad news The Cublington Nu

The Cublington Nursery is closing it's doors on the 14th December! Suich a shame they couldn't keep going.

### Merry Lhristmas

From all the Crier team to all villagers. Please keep interacting and sending in your content. Who Am I?

Yes please. Contact me and I'll send you a form (Debbie)!

### Thanks to all

the Crier deliverers, without whom you would not get your Crier at all. They do a splendid job, much appreciated.

### Thanks also to

all the volunteers who help keep the village looking so good, mowing and keeping things nice and tidy. Please see an article from the Parish Council inside!

### The Erier online...

No longer available at issuu.com

This is because they have started charging for this previously free service. At an additional cost of £16 per month we felt we could not justify this and therefore have taken the decision to upload a copy to the www.cublington.com website instead. Please advise any readers of the Crier online you may know of. *Thank you*.

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Greetings Exchange

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and.
Happy and Peaceful
New Year
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"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone in Cublington. We hope 2024 is a great one for you all"

Trisha and Jon

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Wishing a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hew Year to our great crowd of friends in Cublington

Wishing everyone hope, positively and joy this Christmas!
Best wishes from the Selmes family (Ash Cottage) x

love from Steve and Jackie

Merry Christmas to everyone Love Ev and Gerry

Happy Christmas everyone and a fantastic 2024 one and all Di Grace XX A Happy Christmas to all and best wishes for a healthy and perceful 1924
Kathy Parish

With best wishes toak for a nerry Christmas and happy New Year. Christ Bron



To all our lovely friends and neighbours in Cublington

> Wishing you a very Merry Christmas

> > With love from

Tom, Helen Alice & Harry Gadsby

To all our friends and neighbours - we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2024.

With best wishes from The Morgans xxxx

Wishing all of our friends in Cublington a Very Happy Christmas Natyn, Gwyneira Matyn, Gwyneira e Clive

> Merry Christmas to everyone in Cublington. We're hoping we'll have a dog before Christmas so you should see us out and about more.

> > Best wishes The Sheridans

'Best wishes for a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends' David and Freddie Bradbury.

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January



Happy Christmas to all in Cublington and thank you for your visits.

Love Avril BD

A very Happy Christmas to everyone And a Good New Year Mike and Sandie x





A Merry Christmas to all our friends in Cuttington Steve, Sarah, Chris and Tim



Every year villagers post their community greetings here, and instead of spending money on cards and stamps, we ask they donate the same amount to a charity of their choice.



Have a cracking Christmas - let's hope the new year brings peace and goodwill to all.

From all at the Crier.





# More volunteers required please!

If you would like to volunteer for the Cublington Speed Watch group in the first instance contact Kevin Shults (Councillor, Cublington Parish Council, with responsibility for Road Traffic matters) at kevin.shults65@gmail.com

### See report in Parish Council minutes



### 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.

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

### What could be easier?



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!

If you'd like help setting it up please see the web address opposite or email bobpaine2002@hotmail.com who will be happy to help. **Thanks** 

### Join the **Eublington Life** WhatsApp group

A very useful village forum, no more so than when James Gregory fell and broke his ankle. Posts for urgent help were swiftly answered and eventually the air ambulance attended. He is now at home recovering.

Useful information is also shared on fuel costs/power cuts/ broadband issues/chimney sweeps/electricans/recommended kitchen fitters and the like all get posted on here.

Also last shout outs for the Christmas Greetings page!!

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



### Important notices....

So sad to see the news that the Cublington Nursery has had to shut its doors. The nursery has been a feature of Cublington for longer than I've been in the village some 29 years now. We wish all staff the very best luck in whatever they do next.

A sad day.

#### **Introducing the Chatty Cafe!**

Why not give it a go - first meeting is the 4th December in the Biggs Pavilion. See ad elsewhere.

*May we please remind contributors* that the deadline for receiving articles for inclusion in the Crier is the 15th of the month preceding. If we do not get the information in time, it may not appear. Whilst we endeavour to accommodate late material, it is by no means certain it will happen.

Every issue delivered to you, by our dedicated team of helpers costs us about £1.40 to produce, the firms who advertise within these pages pay for this publication. so please remember to mention you saw their ad in "The Crier" . If you know of a company who you think might like to advertise in the Crier, please let us know. If you think you can help deliver the Crier as a back up to our regulars, also please be in touch. Keep sending stuff in... much appreciated.



Thank you if you have volunteered to be on the list. Gary & Gill

### The Erier Editorial Rota

Please book your slot! 2025 nearly full - Now booking 2026 (yes really! Amazing huh?!) - so absolutely plenty of time to think about your content!

**2024...** Feb Abby & Lee Stopher J

**Mar** Martyn & Avril Gates

Apr Reilly's

*May* Gregory family (Miranda)

June Susan & Iain Black

July Vanessa and Kerry

Sept Debbie & Brian Knights

October Karen & Danny

**November** Penny Allen

**December** Josie & James

Jan?

Feb Alexander's

**Mar** Mountfield family

Apr Vanessa & Jason Taylor

*May* Jenny & Andy Brown

June. Julie King & Ian

**July** Sandra and Nigel

**Sept** Sam Conway

*Oct* ?

*Nov.* Richard & Polly Thornely

Dec?

2026...

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

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Still happening! Be extra vigilant in these dark evenings. Keep your dogs close.



Get involved and save yourself some money!

Main Contact: Alison Head

cublingtonoil@gmail.com

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

### CALLING ALL DOG OWNERS and DOG WALKERS



Pooch and Mutt have kindly donated a number of rolls of Dog Poo Bags which are available in exchange for a donation to the North Field Maintenance Fund. *Please contact Andy via WhatsApp on 07762 439453* to arrange collection from Holly Tree Cottage.

### IS IT JUST ME??....

There are lots of little things that tend to annoy me, but I sometimes wonder if it's really just me or do we all have similar thoughts and travails.... if you'd like to join in the fun please do.... send to gary@cublingtoncrier.co.uk an email headed Is it just me?



The Crafters meet every Friday 3.30pm - 5pm in the Unicorn.

Everyone very welcome.

# 01296681261

### Support your local...

Festive Menu is available for party bookings. Give Paul, Gordon or Libby a call to discuss your festive requirements.

### MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**2023** December



Cublington Advent Windows
1st-24th See map on the back page.

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

By the 15th of every month before please.

### Friday 1st Sloe Gin Competition

The Unicorn - Entries by 6pm please (Date changed)

### Monday, 4th Chatty Cafe

Every first Monday of the month All welcome.

10-11.30 am Biggs Pavilion

### Wednesday 6th Cublington Winos

7.30 pm Biggs Pavilion

### Sunday, 10th, Village Christmas Parish Lunch

12.30 for 1pm at the Biggs Pavilion

### Wednesday 13th Christingle Service

St Nicholas Church 11am

Sunday 17th Carol Service St Nicholas Church 4pm

### Wednesday 20th Carol Singing Round the Village Meet at the Nob 6.30pm

#### Christmas Eve 24th Advent Windows Trail Walk

6pm from the Unicorn carpark for a (guided) walk around, finishing at the Church for some carols around the crib.

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### Friday 19th - OG presents a Hypnotist Night

Biggs Pavilion - Tickets £10pp. Bar and snacks on the night. See ad.

### NORTH FIELD WORK PARTIES

Saturday 2nd December Saturday 16th December Saturday 6th January Saturday 13th January Saturday 27th January 9.30 till 12

If you can spare an hour or so on any of these days, that would be great!

Please do come along and see what the working groups are doing. The groups usually end around 11.45am with bacon rolls, tea and coffee, and a catch up; visitors would be made very welcome..

Please contact Martyn Waters for any further information:

martyn.waters@icloud.com. M: 07973754356







22 people enjoyed a fun 'Call my Bluff' evening. Five wines were tasted, each with three description notes, and members had to guess which description fitted the wine. Every team had some right answers but the winning team surprisingly guessed all five wines correctly. Names are being withheld to protect their reputations!





The next Winos' evening is on Wednesday, 6th December at the Biggs Pavilion, 7 for 7.30, and new members are very welcome. Please email Jackie Farrands at jackie.farrands@bt internet.com if you would like to come along. The cost is £10 per evening and a one-off joining fee. The evenings are always light hearted and fun and are an opportunity to taste different wines at varied prices.

For further information or to be added to the WhatsApp group contact *Jackie on 07968 672707* Steve and Jackie



# CRAFTY CHRISTMAS FAIR Aston Abbotts village hall

Saturday December 9th between 1 and 4 pm

Val Smith (Aston Abbotts) and her stitchers, sewers and quilters are hosting a crafty Christmas Fair in the village hall, Aston Abbotts on Saturday December 9th between 1 and 4 pm.

All proceeds will go to The Alzheimer's Society

All are welcome to support this very important cause and to look for some unique Christmas gifts.



### Rental Rates

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

£8 per hour

Outside Cublington Clubs and organisations regularly using the facilities. £10 per hour Discounts for block bookings

#### Dances, discos & parties

(There should be at least one adult present for teenage parties) Cublington residents £70 Non Villagers £100

**Weddings etc.** (Whole day - 9.00am - midnight) Cublington residents £250 Outside of village £300

A refundable deposit of £25 is required at time of booking. Deposit will be returned if no costs are incurred with regard to cleanliness or damage to property, fixtures or fittings.

# Available for parties and special events Booking events now!

### Online booking diary: www.ogpavilion.keepandshare.com

Find a date you want and contact Bob Paine on 01296 680483 bobpaine2002@hotmail.com to book it!

### **HEDGES, TREES AND BOUNDARIES**

The subject of hedges, trees and boundaries is discussed frequently at Parish Council meetings.

As a Parish Council we wanted to establish who is responsible for the hedges and trees throughout the village. We contacted Buckinghamshire Council for it to review the position.

The Council has informed us that there are no hedges which are the responsibility of the Parish Council or Buckinghamshire Council. Neither of the Councils is therefore able to arrange or fund any hedge cutting around the village.

The weather over the past twelve months has been ideal for the growth of hedges and trees and it has been noticeable that there has been a need for more cutting back of vegetation than in previous years.

The Parish Council therefore wishes to thank all householders who have had their trees and boundary hedgerows cut back. This means the footways are now safer and more comfortable to use, visibility at junctions is improved for motorists and the obstruction of streetlights is reduced.

Please can you help us by ensuring your boundary hedges and trees are regularly reviewed to ensure they are not encroaching on paths and roads. Parts of the village are in conservation areas which will require the approval of Bucks Council for the pruning of trees.

(www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/building-or-improving-your-property/trees-and-hedges-guidance).

If you have any queries, please contact the parish council – cublingtonpc.clerk @gmail.com Many thanks

**Cublington Parish Council** 

Someone came to our rescue - could you do the same for next month?



What did you want to be when you grew up?

When I was little, I wanted to be a nurse.

What was your first job?

Waitress

and why? (You can have more than one!)

Who (alive or dead) would you like to have dinner with and why? (You can have more than one!) Any of the professional dancers on Strictly Come Dancing. I'm a superfan of the show and would love to get some dance lessons. Also, Alan Titchmarsh, just because I think he's great!

What historical era would you like to have lived in and why?

I'd like to experience the Victorian era and some of the incredible outfits.

Where would you want to live if not where you live now and why?

Somewhere by the coast, probably south Devon.

What is the temptation you wish you could resist? Crisps.

What is your favourite book and why?

I don't really read apart from when I go on holiday. But I've read Bridget Jones Diary by Helen Fielding several times. I also love the films!

What is your favourite song and why?

We Found Love - Rihanna ft. Calvin Harris. Dance music is my favourite genre, and this is a classic tune!

What is the pet hate that makes your hackles rise?

People who don't have basic manners, such as not thanking you for holding a door open. Also, people spelling my first name wrong after they've seen how's it's spelt several times before.

What is the unlikely interest that engages your curiosity?

Irish dancing. I used to compete when I was younger and I still love watching it. I would still do it now if my body hadn't decided enough was enough!

How long have you lived in Cublington?

10 years



Any unwanted Christmas gifts??!!!

Keep in mind the Jete Committee will gladly take and store any unwanted Christmas gifts. Call Debbie on 07764611684 to arrange pick up.



Following the news that the Nursery is closing it's doors, the Village Hall is now available during the week.

#### Available for:

- Social gatherings
- Children's parties
- Meetings
- Music/theatre practise
- Dance & exercise

### Cublington Village Hall

Available for Rent

£15 per morning, afternoon or evening session. (£10 for weekly sessions).

To book please contact:

Sarah Taylor on 07939 342457, sezzietaylor@btinternet.com

### Orchard Ground & Morth Field

### LATEST NEWS and UPDATES

#### Orchard Ground & North Field

Work over the past month or so has been to clear the long grass and to prepare areas for the coming planting season. Work groups have also cleared the few tree whips that have not made it over the past twelve months. Some 50 whips have been moved from the nursery area and replanted into several of the copse areas. A big thank you to Hugh Vale who has recently cut the hedging facing Stewkley Road and the hedge on the north side boundary helping to keep these tidy and in shape.

A grant application has been submitted to The Tree Council asking for £2,436 for £5 trees standing 2-2.5 metres and several fruit trees, stakes and ties. A number of suggestions were made by village residents including a stand of birch trees, for sweet chestnuts, winter flowering cherry, walnuts, medlar and quince trees. A number of larger trees will help complete the blossom circle with cherry, crab apple and hawthorn. It is hoped can arrange a comment planting day for some of these trees, these have been well attended in the past.

A delivery of tree and hedging whips from I Dig Trees - The Conservation Volunteers is expected shortly, the majority will be for hedging to replace whips in the new hedge line between Orchard Ground and North Field, and to plant new sections of hedge along the west boundary where several sections are just wire fencing.

#### Working Group Dates:

all 9.30am - 12.00 midday

Saturday 2nd December; Saturday 16th December; Saturday 6th January; Saturday 13th January; Saturday 27th January.

Please do come along and see what the working groups are doing. The groups usually end around 11.45am with bacon rolls, tea and coffee, and a catch up; visitors would be made very welcome.

#### Please contact Martyn Waters.

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#### Launch of a Friends of North Field scheme.

The work on North Field has already created a community orchard, the beginnings of a community woodland for the village of Cublington with further work planned.

Collective giving means your donation can really make an impact on the upkeep and development of North Field. The amount of your donation is your choice, there is no upper or lower limit. Your donation to the village North Field project could be a regular monthly donation via a monthly or quarterly bank standing order or a one off gift, which ever works best for you. If you prefer to make an anonymous donation, this can be arranged in confidence. All donations for the work of North Field are held in the Orchard Ground Association bank account and are marked as 'designated funds' for use for the North Field project.

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

email: Martyn.Waters@icloud.com

#### The Recent AGM

At the recent AGM, the Chairman read out his annual review, published elsewhere in the Crier. Please take time to read it, so you can appreciate all the hard work that volunteers do on your behalf.

We have welcomed several new committee members this year, and said goodbye to others. Thank you one and all for your help in the past and the future.

#### New committee members always wanted.

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







CHRISTINGLE SERVICE IN THE CHURCH AT 11AM WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

All welcome.



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

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR THE CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS?

IN MEMORIAM • IN REMEMBERANCE • 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. *Gift Aid* envelopes are available from the Church and pub (when open) porches and this will enable us to recover 23p for every pound donated.

Thank you

# ST NICHOLAS CHURCH LIGHTS SPONSORS

Hi, Michael and I are sponsoring the Church lights in December, in celebration of Peter's graduation...another Dr Alexander, this time with a PhD in microbiology. He is still working in Belfast, in the lab that he completed his thesis in!

The Church lights are sponsored
by the Bundock family
(Trisha, Elisabeth, Stewart, David, Rose Evanna,
Heena, Edie, Gracie, Victor, Avni and Nian)
for the first two weeks in December
in Memory of a wonderful husband
and father greatly missed.

"A light went out on Earth for us
The day we said goodbye
And on that day a star was born
The brightest in the sky
Reaching through the darkness
With rays of purest white
Lighting up the Heavens
As it once lit up our lives
With beams of love to heal
The broken hearts you left behind
Where always in our memories
Your lovely star will shine""

+ coffee

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Jane



### From the Rector



We move once again into the Season of Advent, a season heralding the themes of hoping, awaiting and expectation, emphasizing that these ways of being carry deep meaning and are not to be trivialized. Furthermore, they are shaped as part of a larger journey, both as individuals and as communities on various levels. The Old Testament literature records ideas and events that led to a sufficiently significant shaping of the hope, awaiting and expectation of an entire people that they were deliberately and officially preserved for

posterity. That shaping came through a great variety of means, recorded in many different styles of literature and expression, and involving many different people from different geographical origins and generations.

It is well known nowadays that how we anticipate and what we expect has very profound (and often very subtle and subliminal) influences on what we believe ourselves to be encountering in a given situation, which in turn influences our response. This includes any anticipation concerning where to seek God's engagement with the world – the way in which we anticipate will have considerable influence on the nature of our faith. Advent calls us to remember that God's conversing with us, including the very manner and nature in which we are formed as material creatures of space and time, actively shapes our hoping, our awaiting and our expecting.

The word Advent means 'coming to/towards' and the season reminds us that the source of this conversing, shaping and forming comes from God. We also have the little-used word adventitious' for something coming from outside of a particular situation or system – some influence that is neither the result of internal design nor intrinsic to a particular nature (such as human nature). With respect to what we remember and acknowledge in Advent, such formational influence lies outside of our own control or design but moves us to direct our capacity to converse with God and thereby shapes our hoping and awaiting. There will always be something unexpected about the way in which this works itself out, just as the specific way in which God comes to us in Christ was not fully anticipated and understood in advance by those who first encountered its influence and transformative effect.

The current global situation may not, to many people's minds, seem to give reason for much hope – at least, not a form of hope purely of our own fashioning. In this fast-paced world things could of course change significantly in various locations/respects even by the time we reach Christmas, but that landmark occasion still represents a transitional moment that would reform worldviews and shape the hope and expectancy of what would become not just a community but a communion.

With prayers and best wishes as we move through Advent towards Christmas. Andrew Krauss



### December Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...

Matilda Mountfield 8 on the 2nd Kaiden Gregory 13 on the 6th







If you have recently moved to the village and want us to include your children - please let us know. Once children reach 15 they are automatically removed from the list. If you know of anyone who has moved away - also please let us know. Surprisingly we don't know everyone in the village!

Gary & Gill



### A big thank you from Double Dairy Farm.

Double Dairy Farm suffered a devastating and heartbreaking fire on the evening of Monday 13th November. Were it not for the actions of a Good Samaritan, Tim Sheridan a Cublington resident who persisted by climbing over our gate to sound the alarm then the consequences could have been much worse. We had young cattle and a much loved Ram "Billy" in the barn. Tim's actions meant that we were able to move them in time and save them from the fire. We'd like also to thank Sarah and Harvey from Kingsbrook Farm both on the night for their help and for Sarah's delicious chocolate brownies the next morning! Paul and Nathan from PNJ Scaffolding who were an invaluable support both on the night and following the fire helping us everyday to secure the site and cope with the aftermath. A thank you also to Dean and Mark who jumped the fence that night from our neighbours to move vehicles and hay away from the path of the fire.

We owe a big thank you to Mario and Angela Calamassi of New Dairy Farm who kindly allowed the Fire Brigade to use their water hydrant. To all our friends, especially Andy Cornthwaite from Tring who drove through the night in his JCB LoadAll and helped to scarify the hay using a digger with Matt and the Fire Crews until the early hours. Thank you to those friends that came from far and wide to help and support us together with our family from Cublington. Sally's Urn made many a cuppa that night! To Matt's Mum and Dad for lots of hugs and all their support. We thank you all.

We must say thank you to Sam and Dan Vass of Cutting Edge Creations - a wonderful and unique custom furniture business. They lost everything in the fire. Despite that they have been so supportive and invaluable in ensuring that we can rebuild and rise from the ashes. Please excuse the pun! We will be working together with them over the coming weeks to ensure that they can rebuild what was a thriving and expanding business.

The final thank you has to go to all of the brave Fire Crews that attended that night. They were calm and professional in the face of danger and the obvious distress of those affected. There were eight fire engines at the height of the blaze and one crew stayed until midday the next day to make sure we were safe. We should all be proud and thankful to be able to call on these crews when we need them and to know that they will come.

Thank you again to everyone for all your help and support at this awful time. Matt and Sarah - Double Dairy Farm



Please join us at the first Chatty Cafe, on Monday, 4th December at the Biggs Pavilion between 10.00 and 11.30.

It's an informal opportunity to meet up with friends old and new for a chat over coffee/tea and cake. The Orchard Ground Committee have kindly agreed to let us have the Pavilion free so coffee and cake will be  $\pounds 1$ . It's open to everyone of all ages. No need to book, just turn up.

If it's successful we plan to hold Chatty Cafe on the first Monday of each month, although because of New Year the first one in 2024 will be 8th January.

Hope to see you on the 4th.

Maggie and Sally

### 100 CLUB DRAWS

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#### December 2023.

1st Prize - £50 - Jean Barnett.

2nd Prize - £40 - Martyn Gates.

3rd Prize - £30 - Sandra Loli.

4th Prize - £20 - David Bradbury.

One off £100 Christmas draw won by Maddison Matthews.

If you want to buy a ticket online for the next set of draws then please contact me direct at bobpaine2002@hotmail.com or call me on 01296 680483 and we will organise it.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Bob & the Orchard Ground Committee.







### VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARISH LUNCH

Sunday, 10th December, 12.30 for 1 pm at the Biggs Pavilion

If you would like to come, please let Gina (ginareilly@aol.com)
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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 appreciated.

All very welcome! We know there are more of you out there so don't be shy!



### THE SECRET'S OUT! SANTA TELLS ALL

As a former Cublington resident, I have been invited by your December guest editor, Julie, to tell you about somebreaking news. The long-held secret surrounding Santa's ability to travel the world delivering presents in a single night has been revealed by the man himself. His secret, originally disclosed to my grandchildren in a letter to them, has now been published.

I took the liberty of asking Santa if he would allow me to publish his letter so that more children could share the joy of reading it and he said that he wouldn't mind at all. However, he's been so busy that it took him eight years to agree. The oldest granddaughter to receive the letter was thirteen at the time and is now twenty one!

During the course of my discussions and negotiations with him he also told me how he spends his Christmas Day. He's such a nice man and he is going to allow me to publish another book next year all about, "Santa's Christmas Day!"

So if you know of an inquisitive 4-8 year old or you are intrigued by the subject yourself you can find, "The Secret's Out! Santa Tells All" on Amazon for £8.99. Be one of the first not the last to know this secret because that's pants in the playground and at the school gate. I would describe the book as a good pre-Christmas bedtime story and if you do purchase it and would like me to verify that it is authentic I will happily check and sign it for you.

Just please let me know either through Julie Merriman or by email to gary@cublingtoncrier.co.uk

Wishing you love and happiness at Christmas. Jean

### Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway

Ever since I was a schoolboy and I had to travel 15 miles each way between Cotswold villages by train to go to school I have had a love for railways. I have had several attempts at building model railways (one is on the go now!), but with limited success, so I decided to 'play' with the real thing. I spent about 3 years as a volunteer at the Buckinghamshire Railway Museum at Quainton, but repairing and painting platform signs eventually lost its appeal so I was delighted to see that the Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway were looking for volunteers to be involved in all operational duties on the railway.

The railway has a fascinating history and was opened by Leighton Buzzard Light Railway Ltd in 1919 to transport sand, and uniquely operated since then without a break, it has carried a steam-hauled passenger train service since 1968. It also now houses one of the largest and most important collections of narrow-gauge stock in England. Both the collection and the railway itself have been designated as an Accredited Museum by Arts Council England.

I decided that I would like be a volunteer guard so I put my name forward and was accepted on to a training course. I thought "can't be a lot of training to just stand at the back and wave a flag", WRONG!! After a full day's training I realised that the Guard is responsible for making sure that the train is safe and fit for use before, during and after carrying passengers. Well, I did my training and it is certainly a hands on experience. Checking coaches for cleanliness, checking brakes work, checking all couplings are secure and that's before the train leaves the yard.

The track crosses several roads on its journey, so the traffic has to be stopped (no level crossings) so it's out into the road with red flags on both the outward and return journey. Challenging work but so satisfying, especially seeing all the passengers smiling faces when they leave the train. I'm pleased to say I completed the course successfully and am now an official Assistant Guard.

The railway is known as 'England's Friendly Little Line' and is running Christmas Steam Trains throughout December. Bring the children along to enjoy a ride, the under twelves will even meet Santa in his Grotto afterwards.

For full details visit www.buzzrail.uk and follow the Christmas link. Who knows, I may even be Assistant Guard on your train.



#### CHRISTMAS TREES

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition, as we now know it, in the 16th century when devout Christians brought decorated fir trees into their homes. Some built



Christmas pyramids of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles, if wood was scarce. It is a widely held belief that Martin Luther, the 16th-century Protestant reformer, first added lighted candles to a tree. Walking toward his home one winter evening, composing a sermon, he was awed by the brilliance of stars twinkling amidst evergreens. To recapture the scene for his family, he erected a tree in the main room and wired its branches with lighted candles. The idea first spread to England through Queen Victoria's mother – but it was Victoria's consort, Prince Albert, who brought them into the mainstream in 1848.

#### POINSETTIA

There is an old Mexican legend about how poinsettias and Christmas come together and it goes like this: There was once a poor Mexican girl



called Pepita who had no present to give the baby Jesus at the Christmas Eve Service. As Pepita walked sadly to the chapel, her cousin, Pedro, tried to cheer her up. "Pepita" he said "I'm sure that even the smallest gift given by someone who loves him will make Jesus happy".

Pepita didn't know what she could give, so she picked a small handful of weeds from the roadside and made them into a small bouquet. She felt embarrassed because she could only give this small present to Jesus. As she walked through the chapel to the altar, she remembered what Pedro had said. She began to feel better, knelt down and put the bouquet at the bottom of the nativity scene.

Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into bright red flowers and everyone who saw them were sure they had seen a miracle. From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the 'Flores de Noche Buena', 'Flowers of the Holy Night'.

#### MISTLETOE

In the Norse culture, the Mistletoe plant was a sign of love and peace.

The story goes that the goddess, Figg, lost her son, the god Baldur, to an arrow made of mistletoe. After his death, she vowed that mistletoe would kiss anyone who passed beneath so long as it was never again used as a weapon. If that is an accurate version of the story, it would be clear how it directly connects to the romantic act of today.

#### HOLLY

One legend about holly is based on the Massacre of the Innocents in the Gospel of Matthew, when King Herod, having been told the



King of the Jews had been born in Bethlehem, set out to eliminate a possible usurper by killing all male children in the vicinity. To protect baby Jesus, Joseph and Mary fled with him to Egypt. And this is where the holly legend steps in. It's said the young family saw Roman soldiers coming towards them, hid behind a holly tree and then the tree miraculously bent down its branches to conceal them. In thanks, Mary blessed the holly tree and ever since holly has remained green all year. That's not the best-known holly legend, though. The most common one concerns the crown of thorns. It claims that, before the arrival of Jesus, holly berries were always white. But then holly was used to make the crown of thorns put on Jesus' head at the crucifixion and his blood coloured the berries red, a colour they keep to this day.

Holly wreaths were worn as crowns by Roman leaders and were also hung on doorways as a sign of victory. The Romans thought holly had magical properties and would exchange holly wreaths as gifts. When Christianity came to the Roman Empire, holly wreaths became popular holiday decorations.

#### CHRISTMAS CACTUS

The Christmas cactus is another popular holiday houseplant. But this one has more of a mysterious history. There are



many stories about its origin. Some say it's originally from Bolivia, some say Brazil. There are different heartwarming tales of its origin. But most are based on religion. One story claims that Father Jose, a Jesuit missionary, tried to teach the natives of Bolivia about the Bible but was struggling to gain their trust. On Christmas Eve, he became overwhelmed by the enormity of his task, so he prayed to God for guidance. Suddenly, he heard the villagers singing a hymn he had taught them. When he turned, he saw the village children marching into the church with armfuls of bright flowers they had gathered for the Christ Child. These flowers became known as the Christmas cactus.

In another tale a young boy prayed to God, asking for a reprieve from the heat and humidity of the jungle. On Christmas Day, when he emerged from his hut, he saw that the jungle had filled with the flowering cacti overnight.

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#### Saturdays

The 9.12am & 11.12am connects at Leighton Buzzard with the F70 service to Milton Keynes at 9.55am, and 11.55am and the 3.30pm - ex MK connects with the 4.40pm (165) bus back.

GIVE IT A GO!



It is with a very heavy heart that we would like to announce that Cublington Nursery School will be closing its doors for the last time on Thursday 14th of December.

We would like to thank all of the wonderful families that we have been lucky enough to get to know, both past and present, for their continued support. It truly has been a privilege looking after the children of the local community for so many years and we will miss them all dearly.

It is not a decision that has been taken lightly and although we are heartbroken to have to make this announcement we look forward to ending our time at nursery with a fabulous Christmas term with all our current children.

Kelly Maybanks



### GARDEN BIN COLLECTIONS

GARDEN WASTE SUBSCRIPTION\*\*\*\* ACTION REQUIRED \*\*

We are changing the way that you pay for your Garden Waste subscription which is due to end in December. We are no longer collecting payment by Direct Debit. Instead, we are giving you the opportunity to start your subscription on a date that suits you by changing to a rolling 12-month subscription.

#### Why are we making this change?

We are giving you flexibility to start your garden waste subscription from whenever you want to. You can choose to renew your subscription from 8th December, or you may wish to do it at the start of the next garden waste season. The 2024 service will start from 22nd January 2024 and each subscription lasts for 12 months, with a 6-week suspension period during December and January.

#### What do I need to do?

Please go to our website, any time from 8th December, and follow the instructions to make payment using either a credit or debit card. Currently the subscription costs £55 per bin per year and we'll send you a new sticker when we receive payment, which takes around 10 working days.

We know that reminders are appreciated, so we invite you to create a MyBuckinghamshire account. This will replace any previous MyAccount you have set up. You can use the MyBuckinghamshire feature to sign up and pay for the 2024 garden waste service and it also means you can manage all garden waste requests online and receive reminders when your subscription is due for renewal.





### Carol Service

Sunday, 17th December, 4.00pm

### Carols Round the Village

Wednesday 20th December, The Nob 6.30pn







**Thank you** to everyone who supported the St Nicholas Church Quiz in Octoberwhich was successfully run on the night by the vicar Andrew Krauss.

We have to organize another one during part year. Also look out in the Crier.

We hope to organise another one during next year. Also look out in the Crier early next year for information about a musical evening planned to be held in the church during March.

You are all most welcome to join in with any of the activities or services planned during December and a very Happy Christmas from all at St. Nicholas...

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# Panto rehearsals have already started...

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### Chairman's Report 2023

As I entered Leighton Buzzard Tesco's and saw the plastic Christmas tree standing in front of me and aware that it is not December yet, I realised that it is that time of year again and yet another 12 months has passed since I penned my annual report on the trials and tribulations of the Orchard Ground Association Committee. 2023 has been slightly more subdued compared to the tumultuous events of 2022.

Beginning in December we had a well attended Bingo night. Despite the Sub Zero Conditions many villagers braved the elements for a fun evening of ticking off random numbers in the hope of a high quality prize!!

February saw another film night showing the Oscar winning LA LA land, which wasn't particularly well attended but it was certainly nice to see the film in glorious technicolor.

In March we saw the ground broken and work begin on our brand new car park. It has been a perennial feature on the AOB section of the Agenda and I think that we can all agree that it looks very smart indeed. A big Thank you has to go to our contractor Michael Jenkins who worked incredibly hard in awful weather and was very accommodating with the last minute changes that we wanted to make to the design. I can highly recommend his work and he was a pleasure to work with. Thanks also goes to Martyn Waters for securing a grant from what was the LAFF.

April saw a delayed start to the Cricket season due to the exceptionally boggy pitch but hopefully this problem will be a thing of the past as thanks to the ECB and Heart of Bucks grant funding has been secured to pay for some new drainage in the next 6 months. Once the pitch was finally dried out it returned to its immaculate manicured state with Harry Gadsby taking the helm as head grounds man.

In May we had the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Not since 1953 have we seen the anticipation of such a monumental national event and Cublington was certainly not going to be left behind. In true English style the heavens opened on Coronation day itself and the weather wasn't much better for the celebrations that we had planned too.

Luckily we moved everything into Pavilion except for the Croquet which was particularly popular and is certainly something that we should do regularly.

A big Thank you has to go to Miranda for her help in organising a celebration fit for a King. Unfortunately an OBE requires attendance in the hundreds of thousands but as a consolation you can keep the cardboard crown from the day!!

June saw the Fete which as ever under Gary and Committees stewardship was immensely successful and raised thousands for village causes. Orchard Ground as usual did particularly well out of it as well as North field which got £500. I cannot emphasise enough how crucial the funds are to Orchard Ground that we receive from the fete.

The continual inflationary pressures felt by the whole country haven't been evaded by Orchard Ground which means that we have to stretch funds as far as we can and highlights the importance of continual fundraising.

In July under much secrecy it was the judging of the best kept village competition. Cublington did especially well on several levels, firstly as a village we were runners up to Weston Underwood in the Dashwood cup. Secondly the recreational facilities I.e. Orchard Ground scored very highly. Thirdly there is a category that awards a project that shows immense community involvement and Cublington won this category for what we have been doing in North field. We had the presentation for these two achievements at the previous Parish Council meeting. Everyone within the village appreciates the work that we all do as custodians of Orchard Ground but it is always nice when we get that recognition from others outside the village. Thanks to Michael for pushing the village to enter the competition, it was definitely worth it.

North field has continued to take shape over the past 12 months and remains popular with dog walkers, tree enthusiasts, general walkers and the village in general. Despite losing a few tree whips to frost, drought and pests the majority are growing well.

Unfortunately we were not successful in our application for a grant to pay for solar panels but I am sure that this will not deter us from applying again.

Throughout the year the Pavilion is used as a village

facility for other events too as well as the regular established use by the clubs. So at some point in the year almost all the villagers make use of Orchard Ground in some way or another.

Now on to the Thank yous. Thank you to the clubs. Tennis, Table Tennis, Cricket and the Allotments. You all do your bit in maintaining the facilities that make up Orchard Ground. Without all the clubs doing their bit we wouldn't exist and there is nothing better than walking over on a summers evening seeing a cricket match being played, as well as a tennis match, and an allotmenteer tilling their beds.

Thank you to the North Field Volunteers. What has been accomplished in North field is nothing short of amazing. We may never see the finished article in our lifetimes but the woodland that will be there in 50 years shall be a testament to the Saturdays spent planting trees, scything grasses and extracting Ragwort all fueled by copious amounts of tea, coffee and Bacon rolls.

Thank you to the Parish Council for your continued support. You are the ultimate custodians of Orchard Ground but your help is invaluable. Mike Joy does great work dealing with Buckinghamshire Council on our behalf and certainly gets copied into a lot of emails. Special thanks has to go to Hugh Vale too who has been with the Orchard Ground project since the beginning. He has stepped down from his role as Chairman this year but his personal support has been invaluable over the years. I am sure that he will continue to help us out, cutting hedges, mowing North field and generally offering sound advice when we need it. I have been getting on well with the new parish council Chairperson, Councillor Antosiewicz, Mummy.

Thanks goes to all the committee members too. Bob, as ever you do great work organising the 100 Club and bookings.

Liz, you have done sterling work as usual on the accounts making sure that the pounds shillings and pence add up!

Thanks to Gary for his regular updates in the Crier keeping the village informed as to what is going on with Orchard Ground.

Although not a committee member Martyn Gates offers a much needed second pair of eyes over the accounts to make sure that we look after the money wisely.

Thanks to Lucy Peck too who after five years service has decided to step down. She was instrumental in advising us on the replacement Kitchen and ensuring that it would be fit for purpose. She has assured me that we can still call on her if we need a plate of sausage rolls and she still holds out hope of winning a 100 club prize.

Thank you to the new committee members Jackie Farrands and Jenni Brown who have volunteered to join as well. It is always nice to have new blood with new ideas too.

A monumental Thank you has to go to Martyn Waters. I cannot emphases how much time and effort you put in to making Orchard Ground the success that it is. Your tenacity for pursuing all avenues for grants, freebies and cost savings is immense. On top of that your organisation of the North field working parties is impressive.

So onwards and upwards I am sure that whatever gets thrown at us Orchard Ground committee will survive another year and continue to prosper.

Colin Antosiewicz



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CUBLINGTON CABARET EVENING

Believe it or not, yesterday was the 24th Cabaret evening held in Cublington. Chris and Maggie Brandon have done an amazing job over the last 23 years, raising thousands for village facilities and charities. A group of us took up the challenge of taking over the running of this event and as usual there was a full house. The evening followed the normal format of a two course meal donated and cooked by a number of mostly willing!! volunteers. Thanks also to the kitchen team who did a sterling job. The entertainment was its usual mix of songs and sketches - all greatly enjoyed. Brian dressed for the occasion and carried out a professional job as Compere, keeping all acts under control! Evelyn, as usual, accompanied all of the musical acts. It really is a unique format which allows villagers to come together to either perform or just join in the fun, with a sing a long at the end. We believe everybody really enjoyed the evening. A total profit from ticket sales, bar sales and raffle comes to £869.00 which will be split between buying a bench for North Field and the remainder to Friends of St Nicholas. Same time same place next year!

#### **Iackie** and Steve





# Scouts find their way in the woods.

Hundreds of children, young people and adult volunteers tested their map reading skills at an orienteering event in Wendover Woods. The "Big O" attracted Beavers (boys and girls



aged 6 to 8), Cubs (boys and girls aged 8 to 10), Scouts (boys and girls aged 10 to 14) and Explorer Scouts (boys and girls aged 14 to 17) from all parts of Buckinghamshire. The Cubs' trail was three kilometres, the Scouts #39; trail was four kilometres and the Explorers' trail was five kilometres. The starts had to be staggered to accommodate the hundreds of participants.

Map reading skills, teamwork, and observation were three of the key skills the children and young people had to use. With some of the courses running closely together, the participants had to ensure they used the right clip for their score card. Time and accuracy were key elements for the event.

Cub Scout Ginny, when asked about the event, said it was "Fun, amazing and adventurous." Beaver Scout Matthew said the trail his Colony followed was "Amazing, tiring and exciting." He added, "It was great being out in the woods with my friends." Adult volunteer, Oana, who became involved in April this year, said, "Scouting has helped me learn more about teamwork and also improved my knowledge of working with young people."

A recent survey detailed that 83% of the people asked thought that Scouting provided children and young people with "skills for life." The poll also detailed that Scouting helps with character building, helps people learn practical skills and helps Explorer Scouts and volunteers with employability skills.

For further information about Scouts go to www.scouts.org.uk For details of your nearest Scout Group or Explorer Unit please visit www.Scouts.org.uk/join

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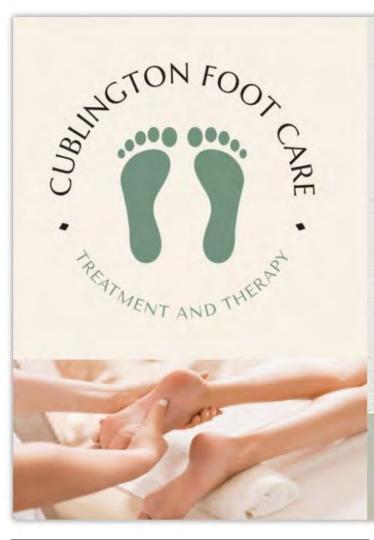
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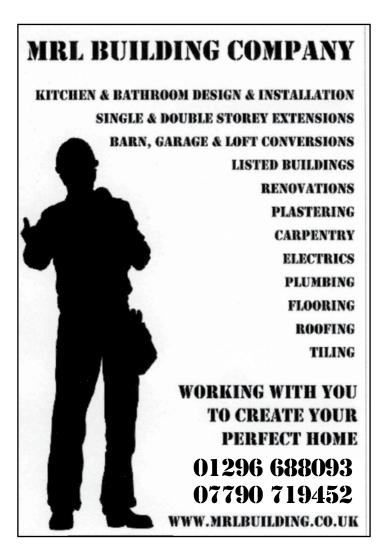
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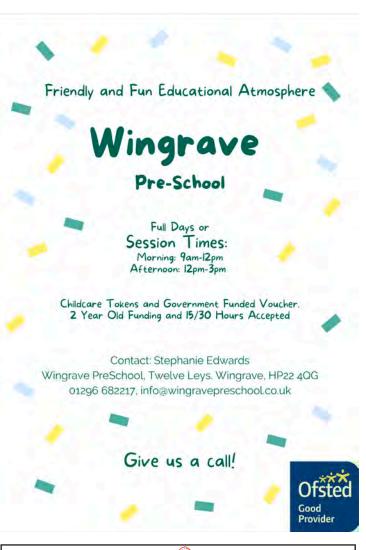
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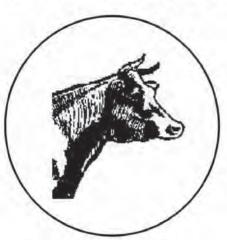
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## **Spotted**

Several of you sent in your photos of the devasting fire at Double Dairy Farm that lit up the sky last month.

Fortunately, Cublington resident Tim Sheriden was passing and managed to raise the alarm.



### **Spotted**

How observant are you? - Can you see what's missing from this picture of Fern House?

A. The large Yew Tree has been removed.

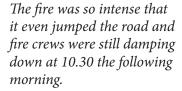




#### **Spotted**

All the hedges neatly trimmed round the North Field... Thank you Hugh!





Best wishes on your rebuild...from all at the Crier.









## **Bucks Best Kept Village Presentation**

As we reported a few issues ago, Cublington came second in the Best kept Village competition with a score of 90/100. Prior to a recent Parish Council meeting, Michael Reilly, Parish Councillor, was presented with the Dashwood trophy, pictured above - a beautiful minature silver watering can. Specific mention was made of the Spotted section in the Cublington Crier. So - keep them coming in... they really are appreciated!

At the same meeting we were also presented with a Community Award certificate for our North Field Project, the only award presented in the whole of Bucks! A brilliant effort and deserved recognition for all the volunters, many who were pressent at the evening.



country and further!







# CUBLINGTON'S 7TH ADVENT TRAIL

**From 1st December,** each evening will see additional windows lit, in our sixth Advent Trail. Look on the map and plan your route around the village, as more than one window might appear each day. By the time we reach 24th December, 36 different windows will have been lit and our church will be open, for visitors to finish their Advent walk and partake in some carols and mince pies.

**Windows are lit from 6pm - 9pm** and are visible from the pavement or road. Some may need a keen eye to spot them! Please do not trespass onto private driveways or gardens.

The Unicorn will hopefully, as usual, be extending a welcome to all walkers! Each year we have done this, the windows form an important link amongst the wider village community.

