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# THE CUBLINGTON CRIER

Keeping you up to date on village life, news and events since 1984



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## MIDSUMMER



SEE YOU ALL AT THE FETE





## Classic Car? Bring it to the fete!

If you have a classic car or know anyone who has, ask them to please bring it along. **Thank you.**

## Produce for the fete!

If you've been busy over the winter months and have any jams, chutney's or pickles to spare, we would love them for the Produce Stall. Bring along on the day please. **Thank you.**



## Plants for the fete?!

Anyone got any plants they could donate to the plant stall at the fete. Labelled would be good - Bob and Liz are collecting items now or bring along on the day. **Thank you.**



## WHY NOT REHOME ANY OLD TEDDIES, OLD TOYS OR GAMES?



**TOYS**  
WANTED FOR THE FETE  
**PLEASE!**

Anyone who would like to make a donation to the toy stall, please to drop me, Natalie, a message on 07747 473684.

Thank You!

# THE CUBLINGTON CRIER



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



*Volunteers still wanted to help  
run stalls... bake cakes...  
donate prizes... buy some  
raffle tickets. Thank You!*

## SEE YOU ALL THERE!!

## OIL SYNDICATE

Someone new is required to run the Cublington Oil Syndicate. If no one steps up to run this valuable service, you will all be worse off - buying oil at market rates, not discounted group rates. Think about it!

*Thank you.*

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. Gary & Gill*



## *The Crier Editorial Rota*

***Please book your slot! Now booking 2025 (yes really!)  
- so plenty of time to think about it!  
Many Thanks.***

**2023..** *Sept* Jackie Farrands  
*October* Vanessa and Jason  
*November* Clare Hemmings  
*December* The Merrimans

**2024...** *Jan* Will & Rebecca Bentinck  
*Feb* Abby & Lee Stopher  
*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* ?

**2025...**

*Jan* ?  
*Feb* Alexander's  
*Mar* ?  
*Apr* Vanessa & Jason Taylor

***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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# IT'S YOUR VILLAGE FETE

PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENJOY  
A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT.

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE FROM 1PM



## *Update on the Jumble Sale*

The final amount raised is £765.50, thanks to Gina's sterling work selling online. Thank you very much to everyone who donated goods, to all the fantastic team of helpers and to Liz for her publicity which resulted in more buyers than ever before. The church is very grateful as we will have some large repair bills in a few years' time.

*Sally Missen*



## *20th May was International Bee Day*

(or National, not too sure) so it was apt that Alan found a swarm of honey bees in his laurel bushes. Michael checked on the location, and suitably clad and with a box and sheet, collected the swarm and hived it into an empty hive.

Swarming is a natural process, and is the honey bees' way of increasing the number of colonies. The original queen, after a number of 'queen cells' have been built in the hive, departs with a large number of the workers and sets up a new home somewhere else. This may be in a hollow tree or hole in a wall, or, if located in time, in a fresh hive! The original hive rears a new queen and continues in the first hive.

The swarming bees sound dramatic as they move off, but are full of honey. They are moving home and take as much honey as they can, so that they have food while building thier new colony. They are not generally aggressive, which makes collecting the swarm a lot easier.

*Jane and Michael*







# Editorial

I started thinking about my Crier editorial whilst watching Eurovision. I don't know whether you remember that Saturday, but a raw north easterly wind blew and the daytime temperature didn't get above 11°C. The weekend before we celebrated a cool, soggy Coronation where the cloud was so low that the flypast over Buckingham Palace was largely abandoned. May has felt a little like March.

Midsummer, I thought, that's just around the corner, let's look into that...

Some of our friends moved to Sweden a few years ago and they were telling us about how they celebrate Midsummer (Midsommar):

- The community build a maypole, decorated with flowers, ribbons, and leaves and then dance around it to traditional folk songs.
- Traditional Swedish foods such as pickled herring, boiled potatoes, and meatballs.
- People decorate their homes and tables with flowers and create garlands to wear on their heads.
- People gather around the fire to sing and dance all night long.
- It is believed that Midsummer night is a time when spirits and fairies are out and about, and people place flowers or herbs under their pillow to dream of their future spouse.

The day seems to go largely unmarked in England – unless you're prepared for a dawn raid on Stonehenge. I love the idea of gathering around a big fire and remembering the eternal links that we have to the sun, the seasons, growing and harvesting. I'm not too fussed about the herring though...

Let's hope June heralds sunny days, warm evenings and overnight rain so there is something to celebrate on June 21st.

Pippa Cheetham

July EDITOR:  
Richard & Polly Thornely

# GET YOUR BUNTING UP! SEE YOU ALL AT THE FETE!!

*The Crier  
online...*

Available at  
[www.issuu.com](http://www.issuu.com)

*June 17th  
A traditional fete.  
Attractions this  
year include:*

- **Dog Show**
- **Classic & vintage vehicles**
- **Dog agility demo**
- **Whitchurch Hounds demo**
- **Junior Cricket match**
- **Target golf**
- **Coconut shy**
- **Skittles**
- **Football Darts**
- **Tests of strength**
- **Beer tent**
- **BBQ**
- **Cream Teas**
- **Raffle**
- **Cake stall**
- **Plant Stall**
- **Punch & Judy Show**
- **Childrens games**

**Cash only stalls!**

*Best Kept  
Village...*

Please tidy your pavement frontage and maybe brighten up with some flowers? Let's make it special.

*Congratulations*

To Pierre and Nicola on the recent birth of a baby girl.

And to Andy and Lucy Peck - grandparents once again!

**NEXT COPY DEADLINE is - 15th May**

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# Bin collection dates

Waste Bin: 	Recycling Bin:  Paper, glass, cardboard, plastics, cartons, cans and tins	Food Waste Bin:  Non-recyclable or compostable	Garden Waste Bin: 
Thursday 1 June		Thursday 1 June	Thursday 1 June
	Wednesday 7 June	Wednesday 7 June	
Wednesday 14 June		Wednesday 14 June	Wednesday 14 June
	Wednesday 21 June	Wednesday 21 June	
Wednesday 28 June		Wednesday 28 June	Wednesday 28 June



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

## Have you got your ticket yet?

Still just £12 for 10 draws - over £1,500 in prize money last year.

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



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE WING ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY?

The Wing Antiquarian Society arranges cultural visits by coach leaving from Orchard Ground car park in Cublington. Previous trips have included Hampton Court Palace, National Memorial Arboretum and the Brick Lane Music Hall, East London. The 2023 annual subscription is £15 and then each visit is individually priced. Planned activities for 2023 are as follows:

**14 June: Warwick Castle**

**27 July: Standen House (NT property in Sussex)**

**September: London Museums V&A (with private tour)**

**22 October: AGM, guest speaker and afternoon tea at Drayton Parslow Village Hall**

Many people from Cublington are already members. If you are interested in joining the Society and participating in any of the above visits then please contact the Secretary, Gordon Breeze, email: [Gbreeze13@live.com](mailto:Gbreeze13@live.com).





**PREPARATIONS  
ARE BEING  
FINALISED FOR  
THIS SUMMERS'  
FETE - PLEASE  
HELP IF AND  
WHERE YOU CAN!**

- **Do you have a great prize** you could donate for the raffle? An unwanted gift perhaps?  
*Please let Gary or Debbie know...*

- **Could you help on a stall?** - Volunteers to help run stalls wanted. If you haven't been asked, please come forward.

- **Could you make a cake?**

Victoria sponges, fruit cakes, cup cakes, rice Krispy cakes, scones, flapjacks, biscuits, *Gina is co-ordinating.*

*Please let her know what you're baking! ginareilly@aol.com*

- **Do you have any spare produce?**

Jams, chutneys, marmalades, mincemeat, homegrown vegetables, food contributions/ tins, salads, fruit, sweets, raffle donations, bunches of garden flowers, elderflower cordial. Anything you've made and stored away over the past year, donations very gratefully received on the day.

- **Do you have any spare plants or cuttings?**

*Bob & Liz are collecting. Ideally named and potted.*

- **Do you know anyone who owns a Classic Car or Vehicle or Bike** who'd like to come along?



*Free entry and a cream tea for classic vehicle exhibitors*

**For more information contact: [gary@cublington.com](mailto:gary@cublington.com)**

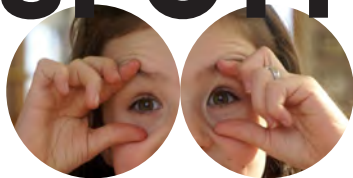
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- Plant Stall
- Master Teds
- Punch & Judy Show



**Cash only stalls!**

# SPOTTED!



## Spotted

*Did you see it was snowing in May up at Orchard Ground!*

*Not the real stuff mind, but the seeds from the nearby poplar trees. Conditions must have been just right as the "cotton fluff" blew all over the car park and tennis courts. It was just like a real blizzard. Bizarre!*



**Fete Gazebos  
available for  
use by villagers.**

**For a small donation...**

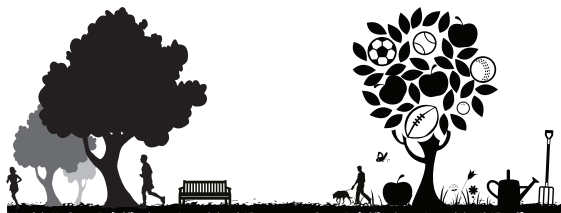
The Fete Committee last year bought some heavy duty Gazebos. We now have five (four white, one blue) measuring 3m x 4,5m which can be arranged in a line (3m x 18m) or as an oblong (12m x 4.5m) - or, of course, individually.

We would like to offer these to villagers for personal use (kids parties, family gatherings etc) in return for a small donation of £10 for each one.

We have three long sidewalls and two short sidewalls available, with gutter strips to join them. More sides are being purchased. **They will be on display at the forthcoming Fete.** All we ask is that they are treated with respect, dried before being put away and any damage is paid for (replacement parts are apparently available).

**Contact [gary@cublington.com](mailto:gary@cublington.com) if you would like to use them.**





## Please volunteer for the North Field Work Parties! We still have lots to do...

Work is never ending on the North Field. We are currently planning workparties to include trimming, replacing dead saplings, thinning, cutting grass etc. We have planted a wild flower meadow, planted numerous feature trees, a second blossom circle with snowdrops and daffodils, Plans are afoot to maybe even start on the wildlife pond. Please let us know if you would be willing to spare an hour or two (or more!) helping achieve our ambitions for North Field.

**See our stall at the fete...sponsor a tree?!**



**Tuesday 6th June:** 7.00am - 8.30pm;

**Saturday 24th June;** 9.30am - 12.00noon;

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

*Limited Edition*  
**Cublington  
Tote Bags**  
**£10 each or 2 for £18**

All proceeds go to village causes

Available at the fete.

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

**Interested? Then please contact me.**  
email: [info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk](mailto:info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk) or call Gary on 01296 688548



## REPORT

Analysis of records for 01/01/2023 to 04/05/2023

All Records	173
Excessive Speeder Records (> 1.5*Limit)	2

No Records input in 20 mph sites  
For the period  
01/01/2023 to 04/05/2023

Count Speeders 30mph	173
% of All Records	100%
Max Speeder 30mph	55mph
Average Speeder 30mph	40mph
Count All Sessions 30mph	30
Avg Speeders per Session	5
Total number of Vehicles Passing	1453
Number of Sessions with Vehicles Passing	33
Avg Vehicles Passing per Session	44
Avg % Speeders/Session	11%
Session time at roadside	33 hours
Avg Offenders per hour	5.2

No Records input in 40 mph sites  
For the period  
01/01/2023 to 04/05/2023

Vehicles without MOT	5
Vehicles without TAX	4
Vehicles on SORN	1

Police Actions taken if known	
Invalid Record	2
Reported to TVP	17

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

## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### 2023

#### June

**Wednesday 7th Cublington Winos**

Biggs Pavilion. 7pm for a start time of 7.30pm.

**Saturday 10th, Churchyard Nature Hunt**

from 2 - 3.30pm. All children welcome.

**Saturday 17th The Cublington fete**

Orchard Ground. 8.30am set up for 1pm opening

#### August

**Friday 25th - Sunday 27th Beer Festival**

The Unicorn - Real Ales/Gins/Rums - Live Music

#### September

**Saturday 2nd The 18th Horticultural Show**

Biggs Pavilion - see ad elsewhere.

**23rd & 24th The 3rd Artists of Cublington Show**

Biggs Pavilion

PLEASE let us know of any event in the village you are running. If we don't know about it we can't help publicise it. By the 15th of every month before please.



## NORTH FIELD WORK PARTIES

**Tuesday 6h June:** 7.00am - 8.30pm;

**Saturday 24th June;** 9.30am - 12.00noon;

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

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

## Cublington Winos

*Greeting from the winos (hic!).*

For those that don't know, each event is hosted at the Biggs Pavilion by two people but with the usual help of others.

*At the moment we don't have a host for the next event*

*on the 7th June, but we'll find someone!*

*Provisional dates for future planned events are as follows.*

**2nd August, 4th October, 6th December.**

*Doors normally open at 7pm for a start time of 7.30pm.*

If anybody would like to join us please contact Jackie Farrands - 07968 672707 - and you will be added to the Whatsapp group.

*Steve and Jackie*





# • WHO AM I? •

**1. What did you want to be when you grew up?**

*Lawyer*

**2. What was your first job?**

*Receptionist*

**3. Who (alive or dead) would you like to have dinner with and why? (You can have more than one!)**

*Martha Stewart for all the entertaining tips Queen Elizabeth I because she is just so interesting Reese Witherspoon to get the inside scoop about Hollywood and because I love her movies!*

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

*Regency era, I would love to be able to dance in a Regency era ballroom.*

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

*Carmel, California. The most beautiful sleepy beach town.*

**6. What is the temptation you wish you could resist?**

*Crunchy Cheetos, the best crisps ever!*

**7. What is your favourite book and why?**

*Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen or Red Notice by Bill Browder. I don't think I could pick between the two!*

**8. What is your favourite song and why?**

*Summer of 69, by Bryan Adams, my go to Karaoke song!*

**9. What is the pet hate that makes your hackles rise?**

*Biting your fingernails, ew!*

**10. What is the unlikely interest that engages your curiosity?**

*I love pickles, and enjoy finding new ways to put them in my food.*

**11. How long have you lived in Cublington?**

*1.5 years*

*The mystery person is ...*

*Answer somewhere in the Crier!*

## Join the *Cublington* *Life* WhatsApp group



The support group has changed its name to reflect the ongoing situation.

Useful information on fuel costs/power cuts/broadband issues and the like 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

We have entered the Best Kept Village Competition

Please help to keep our village tidy

Judging takes place in June & July

The Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition

[www.bucksbkv.co.uk](http://www.bucksbkv.co.uk)

Competition Sponsors— Buckinghamshire Council : Milton Keynes Council:

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The Buckingham Designer



*Keep your bit of pavement tidy and free of weeds! Thanks*



## June Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...

Edwin Vale is 6 on the 13th

Noa-Rose Adeline Dean is 5 on the 3rd



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

**IF NO-ONE VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE OVER YOU WILL ALL BE WORSE OFF!**



### Cublington Oil Syndicate

Get involved and save yourself some money!

#### YOUR DETAILS

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

Following our conversion to new Air Source Heat Pump technology, we need for someone new to take over the running of the Oil Syndicate... otherwise it will cease from this month.

Nothing too onerous - a few emails every month is all it takes...

Contact me and I'll tell you all about it.  
[ness.morgan38@gmail.com](mailto:ness.morgan38@gmail.com)

## Cublington Crafters

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

No doubt you all saw the inspired Post Box Topper over the Coronation weekend... Brilliant effort.

*Everyone very welcome.*



*I received this email from the ICU at Stoke Mandeville where I volunteer, and just had to share it with Cublington. Our Crafters are not only very talented but a compassionate bunch too - THANK YOU SO MUCH! Gill*

"Thank you so much for orchestrating the production of our latest 'lovehearts for loved ones'. We were delighted to receive your colourful pack of hearts - a real double edged sword.... Last week I made someone cry by giving them and their wife hearts but it was definitely in a good way. People really do appreciate feeling the support of those such as the Cublington Crafters. Please do extend our gratitude and praise for what a pretty collection these are and know that they will form part of the comfort for those facing uncertainty and distress."





# WHY NOT JOIN YOUR LOCAL TENNIS CLUB?!

## New season started May 1st

Enjoy our superb facilities  
at OG all year round

Tennis is the perfect sport for  
all round fitness, cardio health  
and mental wellbeing.

Go on. Give it a try. You'll love it!

Courts are once again busy with members  
enjoying social tennis. League Teams feature in the  
Aylesbury & District League.  
If you'd like to join, please contact us - details opposite.



- LTA affiliated club
- Many categories of membership -  
single/couple/family/junior/oap
- Coaching organised see ad elsewhere.
- 2 great all weather courts
  - Free floodlights for members
  - Free use of ball machine
- This Summer 4 league teams in ADTL
- Fun Club Sessions and Tournaments

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

(£10 PER HOUR) :

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

### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Caroline Lane 01296 681373  
[carolinelane@btinternet.com](mailto:carolinelane@btinternet.com)

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

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

## New members always very welcome.

Coaching sessions available for rusty rackets and improvers

# Orchard Ground & North Field

## LATEST NEWS and UPDATES



### North Field update

Volunteers have been busy on North Field with general maintenance tasks including cutting the grass around the orchard, trimming the wandering footpaths and checking the tree stakes and ties in the orchard, in the blossom circle and the 'feature' trees. The plan this year is to keep the orchard and blossom circle areas trimmed with the grasses in a substantial central area of the field left to grow. Residents who were up and about early at the weekend might have seen Dennis using his scythe to trim grasses around the orchard, a much quicker and neater way than using strimmers or a hand scythe.



### The up and coming working group dates for North Field as:

**9.30am - 12.00 midday: Saturday 24th June;  
Saturday 22nd July; Saturday 22nd August.**

It would be great to have some more volunteers to help out even for an hour.

### The answers to the North Field Quiz which was in The May edition of The Crier:

How many blossom trees planted in the blossom circle? 1

How many holly trees planted in the holly circle? 7;

How many buckets are next to the stand pipe? 2;

What type of tree did the children from Cublington Nursery plant in march 2023? A bird cherry;

How many red oak trees have been planted on North Field? 7;

How many bird cherry trees have been planted in the new line of hedging? 2;

How many Scot's Pine trees have been planted on North Field? 9;

### Why are Scot's Pine trees significant to Cublington?

**In 1897**, Queen Victoria's daughter planted a Scot's Pine tree at Waddesdon Manor to mark her mother's Diamond Jubilee and gave a number of Scot's Pine trees which were planted at other Rothschild properties including here in Cublington; these now mature trees can be seen off Reads Lane.

**Please keep a watch out** for Ragwort growing on North Field and use one of the 'ragwort canes' to mark where it is. We can then dig it out. The Ragwort is the plant with the yellow topped clusters of daisy-like flowers.



**North Field will be launching a 'Friends of North Field' group at the village fete on 17th June.** Regular small donations are being sought to help towards the running and maintenance costs of North Field. Whilst we have been successful in getting several grants for the purchase of a good number of trees and the set up costs, and other grants will be sought, we now have costs for the maintenance of the field. Could you give a regular donation to North Field? Money will be held in the Orchard Ground Association accounts as a designated fund for North Field.

**Please contact Martyn Waters in regard to any of the above: [martyn.waters@icloud.com](mailto:martyn.waters@icloud.com). M: 07973754356**

### New committee members always wanted.

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

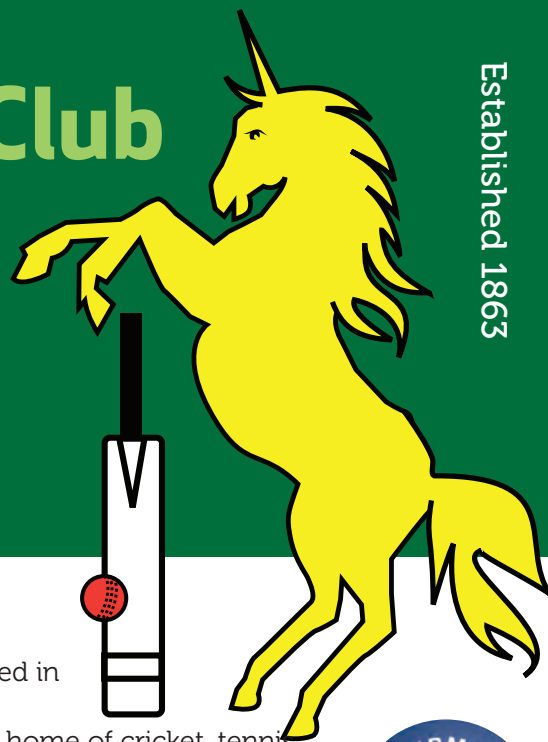




# Cublington Cricket Club

## WE NEED PLAYERS AND GROUND MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS FOR 2023

Established 1863



Cricket has been played in Cublington for over 150 years, with the first recorded game played in 1863. The club as it is today was founded in 1955, and in 1997 a new pavilion was built with assistance from the National Lottery & Sports Council. Our Orchard Ground facility is the home of cricket, tennis and local community events, and was extended in 2005 to include a fabulous score box.

Until the late 1990's friendly fixtures were played on Saturdays or Sundays and it was not uncommon for the Captain to be found scouring the village to try and find a full complement of players around lunchtime on the day of the match.

Since then, Cublington Cricket Club has grown substantially, guided by four Core Values: Youth & Women's cricket development - Community - Sustainability - Enjoyment

**The club has now graduated from its casual beginnings to being in a position to field;**

- Two Saturday League sides;
- A Woman's team evolving as a pathway for our junior girls;
- Sunday friendly side;
- A thriving diverse junior membership (girls and boys). Junior Teams from U9s to U17s providing competitive cricket for up to 100 budding young cricketers.
- We are an All Stars Hub, providing a safe environment each Summer for children aged between 6 and 8 years of age to enjoy cricket

Cublington CC are ECB Clubmark Accredited and all our officials are validated by the ECB Safe Hands Management System.

The 1st and 2nd XIs compete in the Four Counties Cricket League and, with the Sunday Team, the Club provides an environment in which junior players can start to play adult 40-over cricket. On average, the club's teams play 20 matches per season. In addition, members from our Junior section are regularly asked to represent Buckinghamshire at County and District levels.

The Club's home is the Orchard Ground, an outstanding example of an English cricket ground carved and nurtured from agricultural land, admired by visiting teams and spectators, including those who attend the inter-county games we host each season.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER CLUB SO IF YOU WANT TO PLAY OR HELP PREPARE THE GROUND**

**(JUST AN HOUR OR TWO A WEEK!)** please contact Michael Reilly at [mtcreilly@aol.com](mailto:mtcreilly@aol.com) or phone 07876593434. Full equipment training provided.

**Member of the Four Counties Cricket League**

**Member of the Home Counties Women's League**

**Member of the Buckinghamshire Cricket Board Junior League**



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



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

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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)

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**Find a date you want and contact**

**Bob Paine on 01296 680483**

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

**to book it!**

## Wednesday Evening Wanderings...



From the start of June the Wednesday Evening Wander will start from the wall of the Unicorn at 7.00pm for the summer period. Hopefully some of you with work commitments will be able to join us for an hour or so. **Pop the date in the diary!** If you are running late give Andy a call on 07762439443.



## Fancy a game of boules or "petanque"?

Pierre is your man... [pierre.vangrevelinghe@googlemail.com](mailto:pierre.vangrevelinghe@googlemail.com)

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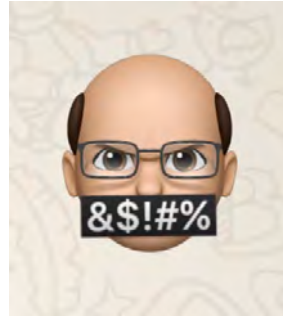
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Please help us fundraise for Orchard Ground and the North Field Project anytime you shop online - it really doesn't cost you anything!

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



# it makes me so angry..



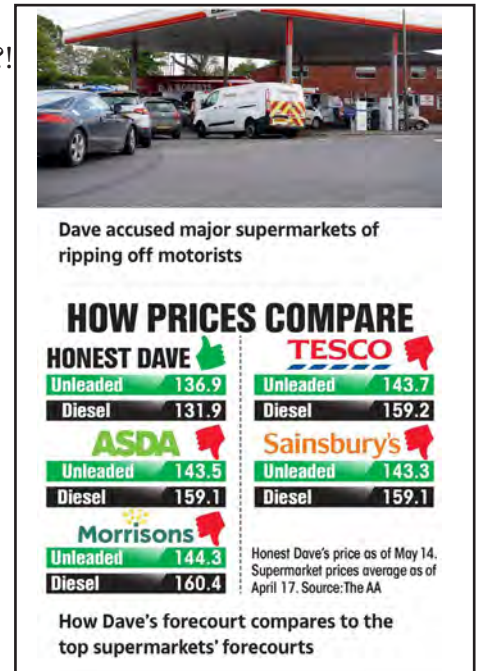
I see others also felt the same ( see Parish Council minutes) as to why there were **traffic lights outside Acorn Farm for a whole week, with absolutely no work going on at all!** NOT A SIGN OF ANY WORK ON THE MAIN CARRIAGEWAY. Maybe on the Acorn Farm turn in. Who in their right mind thought it was a good idea?! No wonder things cost so much in this country - what a lot of waste - of both time and money for numerous people affected. Ridiculous!



Then there was the **fiasco over the traffic lights and work to repair a tiny pothole outside the Orchard Ground entrance. See above.** Really?! Again who in their right mind thought it necessary to have a traffic control for this?! What about the other potholes not five metres away that were ignored. Probably coming back to do those. NO WONDER THINGS COST SO MUCH IF THEY'RE THAT INEFFICIENT! Again a matter raised with the local councillor - again time and effort wasted when it could be spent on better things.

**That major supermarkets appear to be adding to the cost of living crisis and inflation by not reducing petrol prices.** The wholesale price of diesel has been falling for weeks, not that you'd know it at Tesco etc. Many of these have switched off their illuminated price signs just so you don't know when you drive in! Disgraceful. Probably the same with food prices.

Honest Dave shows the real cost of petrol and diesel on the wholesale market - and remember, he's making a profit too!  
**BOYCOTT the Supermarkets fuel rip off I say!**



• WHO AM I? •

Answer:  
Josie Francis

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The interactive Coronation display remains available until the middle of June.



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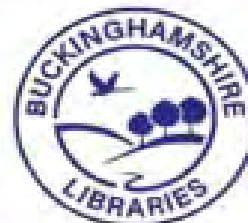
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*Have you sold all the raffle tickets accompanying last month's Erier?*

If every house in the village and surrounding community bought or sold just these four books of tickets we would raise about £1500 in total - about a quarter of the grand total. Please do your bit. **Thank you!**





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. **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

No one this month sadly...



# CHURCHYARD



# NATURE HUNT



JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> 2-3.30pm

St Nicholas is holding  
a Churchyard Nature  
Hunt on June 10th  
from 2 - 3.30pm

It is a fun survey to spot and record the plants and animal species that are living in our village churchyard.

Everyone is welcome and we invite parents and grandparents to come along with their children to see what we can find to record. Bring a bug collector pot with lid and magnifying lens if you have them.



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Charlotte Keane 688133

Katie Keane 688133 or  
07803939530

Hannah Alexander - 681104

Izzy Law - 688019  
or 07896 894914  
Maisy Parsons 01296 68230  
007368 26143

Charles Powell 01296 680467



\* School or Uni holidays only

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



Preferential rates for Cublington villagers.

**Contact:** info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk  
for more details and a media pack

## WINGRAVE AND CRAFTON OPEN GARDENS

24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June  
1 to 6pm

15 GARDENS  
TWO VILLAGES  
ART EXHIBITIONS  
TEAS

Tickets (including a map) £6 each from  
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**Thurs-Sundays**  
**10.00-5.00**

**Field View, Castle Street,  
Wingrave, HP22 4PT**

Supporting Brain Tumour Research





## From the Rector



Birds of a feather flock together; that English saying about sticking with those who are just like us. The saying came to mind because the Church has just celebrated the festival of Pentecost. Pentecost means fifty; it came fifty days after the first Easter and the risen Christ kept his promise to send his followers the Holy Spirit. Jesus' followers were gathered in Jerusalem as were people from across the then known world. The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' followers and they began proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to all around them. There were many different languages spoken amongst those in Jerusalem, but each could hear Jesus' followers in their own, native, language. It was the miracle of Pentecost and why it holds a special place in the church year. It is recorded in Acts chapter two.

The message of Pentecost is that the Gospel of Christ is for the whole world which included us here – we should never forget that Christianity did not begin on our shores, but came later. In the sixth century Pope Gregory sent one Augustine to tell us about Jesus only to find that the story was known already via Celtic Christianity, probably from the second century. And here's the thing, Celtic Christianity began without any formal church structures; no clergy, no synods. The Holy Spirit was out and about.

Pentecost also contains a challenge and quite a subversive challenge at that. As we know, no language translates exactly into another and that's because language, words, are shorthand for ideas, emotions, principles. All of which are culturally based. That may therefore mean that the language of "those people over there" may give them a richer appreciation of some aspect of life, including faith, than our language gives us – whoever "us" happens to be. And therein lies the subversive challenge of Pentecost. The Gospel is not to be owned by one particular group and as Acts unfolds, Paul writes "I now know that God shows no partiality".

In the 1970s there was a sit-com called Birds of a Feather which starred Linda Robson and Pauline Quirk. Two sisters, the irony was that they were completely different. In today's social media world with its many opportunities to register our "likes", Pentecost calls us beyond that, whoever we are, to ascribe greatness to the Lord, our God. Or, in phonetic Urdu, khudar harani chattan caro-y-bayan.

With every blessing,

**Rev'd Howard Robson**



## Church Services in June

		Service	Readings	Gospel	Reader	Gospel and Coffee	Prayers
4	Trinity	1st Sunday with Annie	Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end 2 Cor 13:11-end	Matthew 28:16-end	Gina	Julie	Jane
11	Trinity 1	HC Andrew	Hos 5:15 to ch6:6 Rom 4:13-end	Matt 9:9-13, 18-26	Linda	Sally	
18	Trinity 2	Lay led Jane & Michael	Exodus 19:2-8a Rom 5:1-8	Matt 9:35 to ch10:15	Martyn	Jenny/Paul	
25	Trinity 3	HC Andrew	Jer 20:7-13 Rom 6:1b-11	Matt 10:24-39	Gillian	Diane	
Jul 2	Trinity 4	1sr Sunday with Annie	Jer 28:5-9 Rom 6:12-end	Matt 10:40-end	Helen G	Penny	Jane

# Ooops!!

It appears that last month, someone on the rota wasn't able to take their turn... this makes the next person's mow all the more difficult. Even if the weather is bad, please make every effort to complete your task. You have a whole week to achieve this... and it doesn't rain all the time. It's looking great by the way as I write this!

If you can't make your slot, please try and arrange a swap. **Thank you.**

Thank you all so very much for helping!

Many thanks, Roy Shons 01296 682787 077752 043145 royshons@btinternet.com



## ST NICHOLAS LAWN MOWING ROTA

W/C	Name		
05th June	Tom & Harry Gadsby	07th August	Mike Alexander
12th June	Sophie & John Law	14th August	Caroline & Mike Lightfoot
19th June	Maggie & Chris Brandon	21st August	Mike & Sandie Joy
26th June	Sarah & Jason Keane	28th August	Ev & Gerry Griffiths
03rd July	Tim & James Taylor	04th Sept	Mark Cheetham
10th July	Martin Gibby	11th Sept	Kevin Shults
17th July	Jason & Vanessa Taylor	18th Sept	Gill & Gary Brazier
24th July	Susan & Mike Bush/Paddy	25th Sept	Geoff & Bernadette Johnson
31st July	David Bradbury	02nd Oct	James Francis
		09th Oct	VACANT

# VERY LAST CHANCE TO ENTER!

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



## £1500 Prize money won last year!

### New Draw Tickets Available NOW

### OG sellers are out and about.

**Tickets are still available for the next round of ten draws!**

**First draw of new round scheduled for May!**

**If** you want to buy a ticket online for this round of ten draws starting in May, 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.**



To see these pictures  
in full glorious colour -  
go to [issuu.com](http://issuu.com) and search  
for Cublington Crier

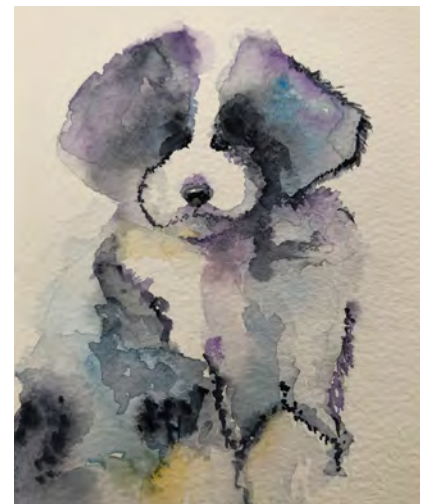
A first pastel by Gwyneira



Recent work and images shared by the group



Night scene  
by Penny



# Villages Art Group

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS (ANY LEVEL)

Come along and paint and sketch and learn together

- EVERY MONDAY 2-4pm (EXCEPT BANK HOLIDAYS):

**Venue :** Biggs Pavillion, Cublington **Dates :** Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)

Please come along with your paints, pencils, easels etc and join us working side by side for a couple of hours

Tea/coffee 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!**

# NEW TO THE VILLAGE? YOUR *Extraordinary* VILLAGE'S HISTORY... IN PICTURES



**NOW  
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The fascinating pictorial history of the village is currently still in stock - but now only five remain. It has not yet been decided whether we get a second reprint.

**"Cublington in Pictures Old and New"**  
Priced just £15 - (£10 from every sale goes to the upkeep of St Nicholas Church)

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

**So far over £310 has been donated to the church from sales.**

## Café Club Zest

Summer is coming, time to get out and make the most of life!  
Did you know singing can improve your mood, wellbeing and brain activity? You do not need to be good at singing to benefit.

Café Club Zest meets each month with the aim to introducing everyone to the benefits of singing, socialising and enjoying a delicious afternoon tea in friendly company. We are a welcoming group, open to all, but especially those who maybe are not as active as they once were.



Meeting next;  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
2.30pm at St John's Hall, Whitchurch  
Contact Jane 07739 985440



Calling all musicians

Could you help lead our sing-a-long at

## Café Club Zest?



At **Zest** we enjoy a sing-a-long of popular songs for about 45 minutes before a delicious afternoon tea. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 2.30pm but we are short of people to lead the singing. We are not expecting a concert just someone or a small group to lead the songs.

Keyboard available.

If you think you could help, please ring Jane on 07739985440

*Whenever you shop online...  
just one click helps raise funds for the village.*

**THANK YOU** to the 44 **AMAZING** supporters who have so far raised a **STAGGERING** £2,062.00 for Orchard Ground 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!**

1st - Gwyneira Waters - £319.04.

2nd - Sarah George - £304.53.

3rd - Martyn Waters - £239.63.

4th - Margaret Brandon - £201.68.

5th - Kevin Shults - £162.10.

6th - Bob Paine - £123.72.



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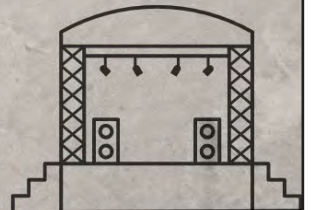
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**25TH - 27TH  
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# 18th Cublington Horticultural Show 2023

Saturday 2nd September, The Biggs Pavilion, Orchard Ground

Contact Sue Brown 01296 681622, email: [suebrownbottle@btinternet.com](mailto:suebrownbottle@btinternet.com)  
or Sandie Joy 01296 682446, email: [s.c.joy@btinternet.com](mailto:s.c.joy@btinternet.com).

## A big thank you to all our sponsors!

Come along and support the Horticultural Show as a competitor or spectator. Refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome.

There will be an overall winner of the Cublington Growers Cup. The Domestic Champion Trophy will be won by the person scoring the most points for that category. Best Exhibit in Show will be decided by our show judges. The Bakers Cup will be awarded for the best baked bread.

All entries must be home produced. All produce must be ripe and shown in a clean condition and polished to improve the look.

It is hoped that produce will be available to be sold after the show for Friends of St Nicholas but if you wish to keep your produce please remove it after judging.

### Judges Tips

Freshness is important.

Quality and uniformity.

All vegetables must be cleaned well.

Onions must have roots taken off.

Beans must have about 2mm stalks on.

Apples must have stalks on.

It is preferable for beets to have a straight root, so snip off any curly ones.

Flowers on courgettes is good.

Label your five named herbs in a terracotta pot.

## Carrot and Parsnip Cake

4 eggs  
200g brown sugar  
100g caster sugar  
250ml vegetable oil  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
2 tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp dried ginger  
1 tsp nutmeg  
½ tsp cardamom  
350g plain flour  
2 tsp baking powder  
Pinch of salt  
250g carrot, grated  
125g parsnip, grated  
100g pecans  
+ a few to garnish

### Cream Cheese Icing

200g pure icing sugar  
100g unsalted butter  
250g cream cheese  
Zest/juice of one lemon  
1 tsp vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius and grease and line a 24cm cake tin. Peel and grate carrots and parsnip, set aside.

Using electric beaters or a stand mixer, beat together eggs and sugars until light and pale – this will take about 5-7 minutes. Stream in olive oil, beating to combine. Add vanilla and all spices and beat to combine. Sift in flour, baking powder and salt and then fold together until just combined, do no overwork. Fold in carrots, parsnip and nuts and pour into the prepared cake tin.

Bake for about an hour and ten minutes, turning it halfway. It may take a bit longer to cook depending on your oven but keep an eye on it. As soon as a skewer comes out clean, you're good to go. Let the cake cool completely before assembling.

### Cream Cheese Icing

With electric beaters, beat your room temperature butter until soft and smooth. Add in your room temperature cream cheese and beat until smooth; there should be no more clumps of butter or cream cheese, super smooth.

Sift icing sugar into a separate bowl, and add to the mixer one tablespoon at a time, beating well between each addition. After you first add a spoon of sugar, beat on the lowest speed until just combined, then turn up to medium/high for a couple of minutes before adding the next scoop of sugar. Continue beating until all sugar is incorporated and it feels completely smooth when rubbed between two fingers. Add lemon zest, juice and vanilla and beat to combine.

Spread liberally on top and scatter with leftover nuts.



# Categories and Sponsors

## ***Vegetable Categories***

- 1 Vegetable tray, 4 kinds of vegetable displayed on a tray no more than 18" x 24", no more than three of each kind; could include any vegetable not mentioned below

### **Wonky Dog**

- 2 Three parsnips, foliage trimmed back to 3" leaving tops

### **Miranda and James Gregory**

- 3 Three carrots long or intermediate, foliage trimmed back to 2" leaving tops

### **Sue and Tim Taylor**

- 4 Three carrots short or stump rooted, foliage trimmed back to 2" leaving tops

### **Tim and Natalie Sheridan**

- 5 Three white potatoes

### **The Crier**

- 6 Three coloured potatoes

### **Vanessa and Simon Morgan**

- 7 Six runner beans, stalks attached

### **Available to sponsor**

- 8 Six of any other climbing bean, e.g. French, stalks attached

### **Lucy and Andy Peck**

- 9 Three beetroot with tops trimmed to 2". Leave root on

### **Sarah and Steve George**

- 10 Three courgettes, length 4" - 8"

### **Courgette Bob**

- 11 Five chillies

### **Jill and John Gregory**

- 12 Three onions with tops trimmed and tied

### **Cublington Allotments**

- 13 Five tomatoes maximum 1½", with calyx

### **Structured Growth Garden Design**

- 14 Five tomatoes on the vine

### **Jackie Farrands (Avon)**

- 15 Salad tray with 4 kinds of salad items. Name them please.

### **Available to sponsor**

- 16 Heaviest pumpkin

### **Available to sponsor**

- 17 Longest parsnip, measured to end of tap root

### **Vanessa and Jason Taylor**

- 18 Longest runner bean

### **Gwyneira and Martyn Waters**

- 19 Two of any other single variety of vegetable not listed in any other category

### **Available to sponsor**

- 20 Most oddly shaped vegetable

### **LETTERBOX4YOU**

- 21 Terracotta pot with five planted herbs. Name them please

### **Sue and Roger Bottle**

## ***Fruit Categories***

- 22 Ten autumn raspberries, stalks attached

### **Adept Driving School**

- 23 Three culinary apples, stalks attached

### **Sally and Joe Missen**

- 24 Three dessert apples, stalks attached

### **Susan and Iain Black**

- 25 Three pears, stalks attached

### **Cublington Tennis Club**

## ***Flower Categories***

- 26 Best single rose in a plain glass vase

### **Chris and Bron Jones**

- 27 Best flower arrangement in a plain glass vase, mixed garden flowers, not shrubs, to face all round

### **Gillian and Jan Antosiewicz**

- 28 Vase of dahlias, five blooms, can be mixed

### **Available to sponsor**

- 29 Tallest sunflower, measured in-situ. Do not cut them down. Judging will take place in your garden

### **Available to sponsor**

## ***Children's Categories***

- 30 Rock cakes

### **Julie and Doug Merriman**

- 31 Flower greetings card

### **Gill and Gary Brazier**

## ***Domestic Categories***

- 32 Plum chutney

### **Evelyn and Gerry Griffiths**

- 33 Orange marmalade

### **Penny and Dennis Allen**

- 34 Onion tart

### **Judy and Graham Dunn**

- 35 Carrot and parsnip cake

### **Honor and Hugh Vale**

- 36 Six white rolls

### **Debbie and Brian Knights**

- 37 Three chicken eggs

### **Sandie and Mike Joy**

## ***Virtual Pets***

- 38 Photograph your pet and name it

### **Windmill Veterinary Centre**



# PARISH NEWS

Main Contact :  
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## **Minutes of Annual Meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 9th May 2023 at Biggs Pavilion at 6.45pm**

### **Present:**

Cllr Cllr Gillian Antosiewicz (Chair from item5)

Cllr Hugh Vale (Chair until item 5)

Cllr Kevin Shults

Cllr Michael Reilly

Cllr Martyn Waters

**In attendance:** Mr M Joy (Clerk)

### **1. Apologies**

None

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th May 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### **3. Chair's Report**

Cllr Vale announced this would be his last report as he was standing down as chair.

The start of the year saw the beacon lighting celebrating the Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee.

Thank you to the councillors and clerk for their work for the parish council , Pippa Cheetham for her planning advice, Mainly Mowing Howard Gregory for his services, and the villagers who regularly mow areas of public grass particularly Mike and Sandie Joy , Barry Simms and Sarah Keane.

It was in late 1987 that the PC inherited land from the Biggs family , and shortly thereafter Orchard Ground Association was formed which created the magnificent facilities we have today. Thanks to everyone who has served on the committee and the current committee who are dedicated to continuing to improve the facilities.

Cllr Vale became chair in May 2007, and he thanked

all the clerks during this period – Lynn Body, Sheila Thorogood, Julie Merriman , Miranda Mercado Gregory and Mike Joy. There is no news of the appeal hearings concerning the planning applications on Wing Caravan Site and Lockharts Recycling Centre. During the year it was upsetting to see the roof taken off Ridings Cottage.

In the past years the PC has improved the playground and access to it, along with traffic calming projects and has always worked to create a community spirit and a safe and secure environment for the village and The meeting thanked Hugh Vale for all his hard work and the hours he commits to the village . His extensive knowledge of the village and guidance on matters is appreciated by everyone .

### **4. Accounts for Year ended 31.3.23.**

The end of year accounts was discussed. There was a surplus of £3,083.80 and the closing cash balance on 31st March 2023 was £21,702.75.

There was committed costs of legal fees estimated at £2,500 carried over to 23/24. The surplus funds are earmarked for traffic calming schemes and replacement of street lighting mercury lamps to LED.

### **5. Nominations and selection of Chairman**

Cllr Shults proposed Cllr Antosiewicz stand as Chair for the coming year, and this was seconded by Cllr Waters .

### **6. Nominations and selection of Vice-Chairman**

Cllr Antosiewicz proposed Cllr Vale to stand as Vice-Chairman for the coming year and this was seconded by Cllr Waters.



# PARISH NEWS

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## **Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 9th May 2023 at Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm**

### **Present:**

Cllr G Antosiewicz (Chair)

Cllr M Reilly

Cllr K Shults

Cllr H Vale

Cllr M Waters

Cllr D Blamires (Bucks Council)

**In attendance:** Mr M Joy (Clerk) and one

member of the public

Mr Ian Ashcroft of Lucy Developments and Mr Paul Southouse of Paul Southouse Architects attended the start of the meeting to discuss the proposed development of land adjacent to Walnuts 4 Aston Abbots Road, Cublington. A revised planning application, 23/01189/APP has been submitted which replaces the approved application 21/01248/APP. Mr Ashcroft gave a background to Lucy Developments and Mr Southouse presented the changes to the approved



permission. In summary the original application was for three detached and two semi-detached houses whilst the new application is for five detached houses. Design plans were distributed setting out the new plans with comparison to the old plans. The company has met neighbours to the site to explain the changes and a construction management plan. A discussion took place over the plans and approach to the project. The company hopes to start the development this summer and anticipated it taking 14 months to completion. Cllr Vale pointed out that hemlock was growing on the site which needs to be sprayed as it spreads very quickly.

### **1. Apologies**

Cllrs Bond and Cooper (Bucks Council)

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 7th March 2023 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

### **3. Declaration of Interest**

None

### **4. Reports**

#### **Bucks Council Councillors**

Cllr Blamires updated the meeting concerning the site clearance at the back of Silver Street. Bucks Council had written to the owners requesting clarification of their intentions. The owners confirmed they would be applying for planning. The owners are not allowed to do any work on the site until a planning application has been granted otherwise an enforcement notice will be issued. The Forestry Commission is continuing its investigation of the site.

The clerk asked the county councillors for assistance on the following matters:

1. The gate and fence at Orchard Ground had been damaged by a contractor (Hanson) of Transport for Bucks when the Stewkley Road was resurfaced in February this year. A claim had been made through the proper channels, but nothing is happening.
  2. It was felt the quality of resurfacing on the Stewkley Road was poor.
  3. A pothole was repaired last week just outside Orchard Ground entrance. It was the size of a laptop computer whilst there were numerous potholes at the entrance to Silver Street ignored. We had received numerous complaints from residents on the quality of the work.
  4. Repair work should have been completed on Church Path. This was first raised in July 2022.
  5. There is an issue with kerb posts concerning encroachment of council land outside New Dairy Farm which was raised in May 2022.
  6. Roadworks near Acorn Farm took over a week. Why did this work take so long?
- Cllr Blamires requested backup information for each query and the clerk said he would send an email to her.

### **5. Accounts**

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

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st March to 30th April 2023:

19/3 SSE	£91.82 Electricity
28/3 Clerk salary	£164.83
28/3 HMRC	£123.40 PAYE
28/3 Best Kept Village	£25
2/4 Fitzpatrick Woolmer Lectern for crossroads	£1,179
2/4 Autela Payroll payroll services	£83.27
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21/4 SSE	£112.68 Electricity
24/4 BALC	£57.86 Membership
27/4 Clerk Salary	£180.78

#### **5.2 To review the accounting statements to 31st March 2023.**

The end of year accounts was discussed. There was a surplus of £3,083.80 and the closing cash balance on 31st March 2023 was £21,702.75. There were committed costs of legal fees estimated at £2,500 carried over to 23/24. The surplus funds are earmarked for traffic calming schemes and replacement of street lighting mercury lamps to LED.

#### **5.3 To approve the accounting statements by resolution**

The meeting approved the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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

The resurfacing of the car park has been completed. Two disabled logos are to put on the tarmac. Signs to go up concerning 'Caution 5mph' speed and 'caution pedestrians. LED lighting has been installed. Coronation celebrations went well yesterday. North Field is looking nice with the blossom out. Care of the cricket outfield required when events held at OG.

#### **6.1 Draft Lease Considerations/New Charity**

It was agreed the clerk and Cllr Waters would arrange a meeting with Parrott and Coales to resolve their lack of response to us.

#### **7. Planning Permissions**

##### **7.1 19/04435/ACL Wing Caravan Site –**

application for certificate of lawfulness for existing caravan site -. case referred to Inspectorate – awaiting decision on a complex case.

##### **7.2 P0430/W/22/3300155 Lockharts Farm**

**Waste Recycling Facility** – case referred to Inspectorate – awaiting decision.

##### **7.3 23/00980/App – New Dairy Farm Stewkley Road Cublington LU7 0LS**

Erection of agricultural building and concrete hardstanding . No objection

##### **7.4 23/01100/App –The Old Rectory High Street Cublington LU7 0LQ**

Householder application for replacement wooden

greenhouse with a powder coated aluminium glasshouse.  
No objection

**7.5 23/01189/APP - Land Adj Walnuts 4 Aston  
Abbotts Road, Cublington**

. Erection of five dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaping (amendment to planning approval 21/01248/APP allowed by Appeal APP/J0405/W/21/3285501. The meeting was disappointed that the new application was for five detached houses and the new designs were not in keeping with the local surroundings. No objection but the points to be raised with the planning officer.

**8. Village Matters**

**8.1 Traffic**

Cllr Shults reported Speedwatch sessions continue and reported stats as below. It was felt the speed of traffic through the village has reduced significantly as a result of Speedwatch. Cllr Shults and his team were thanked for their excellent work.

**8.2 Street Lighting:**

Quotation has been received concerning replacement

of all mercury lamps with LED, but there are some queries which Cllr Antosiewicz will clarify with the contractor.

**8.3 Trees and lectern**

Awaiting an exact date for delivery of lectern. Hopefully, it will be in place before the end of the month with an official unveiling. We are waiting to hear on a grant application from the local Community Board.

**8.4 Kerb Posts concerning encroachment of council land.**  
With Bucks Council.

**8.5 Coronation** The picnic organised by Orchard Ground Association went well.

**8.6 Best Kept Village Competition**

We have entered this year's competition. Hanging baskets will be put up at the bus stop. Judging will be taking place in June and July.

*The next meeting of the Parish Council and will take place on Tuesday 11th July 2023 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.*

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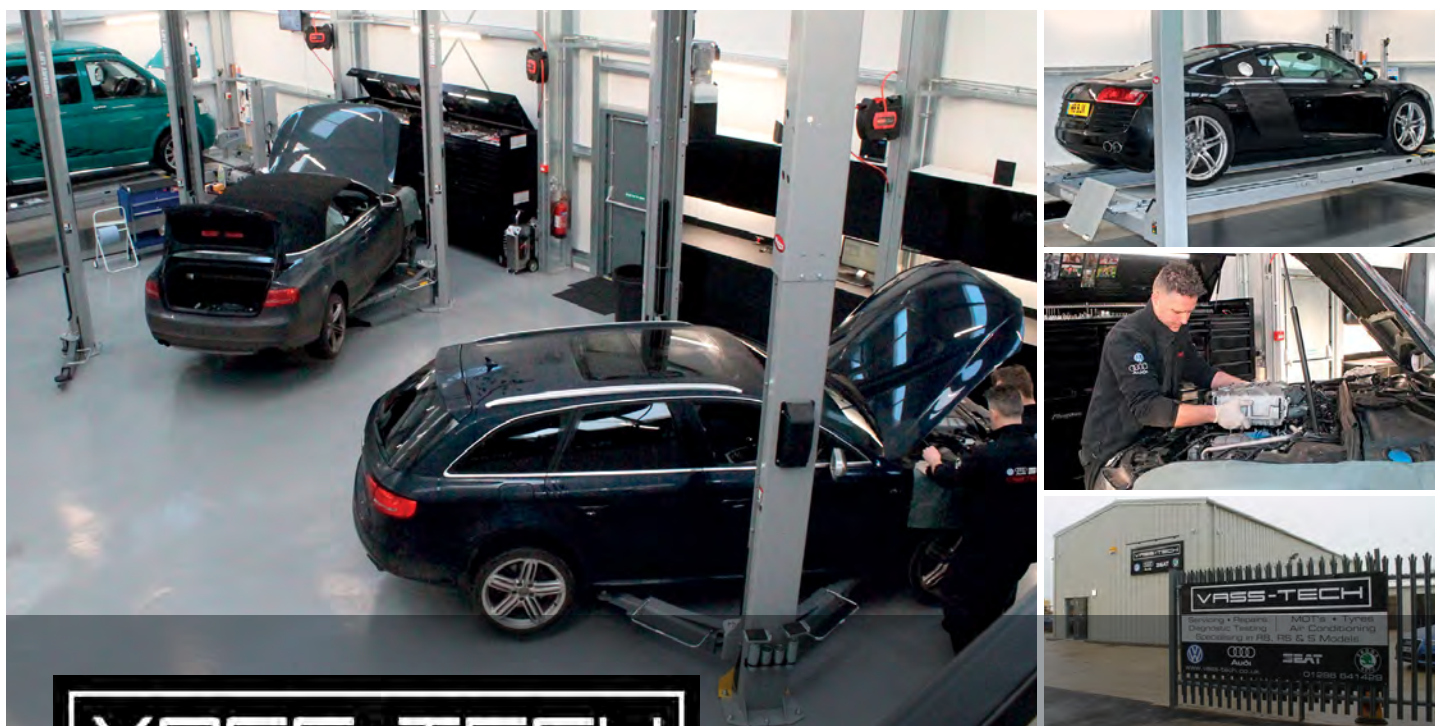
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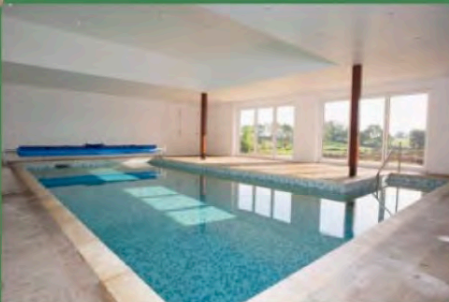


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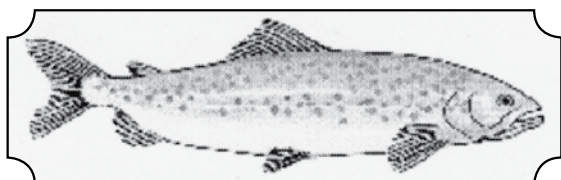
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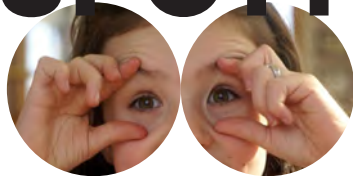
## Coronation Celebrations...

To mark the Coronation of King Charles III the children had lots of fun, making and decorating crown cookies, manipulating clay to make a coronation coin memento and of course designing their own crowns to wear for our King and Queens tea party!





# SPOTTED!



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

## Spotted

Villagers enjoying the Coronation Picnic at the Biggs Pavilion... a great time was had by all. Several very appreciative accounts of the proceedings have reached me. Well done Colin and Miranda and the OG committee for organising and to all those who helped out with cakes and arrangements



## Spotted

Traction engine 'Emma' coming through the village



## Spotted

Swarms of bees over the weekend of 20th May... see article elsewhere.



## Spotted

One man went to mow, went to mow a meadow... well sythe actually!

Dennis Allen spotted with his sythe on North Field... looking good. Want to help with some traditional skills? Come along!