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Artificial Intelligence (AI) - History to date:

1950:

- Computer scientist Alan Turing proposes a test for machine intelligence. If a machine can trick humans into thinking it is human, then it has intelligence.

John McCarthy coins the term "artificial intelligence" and develops the programming language Lisp.

1956:

- Researchers develop early AI systems, such as the Logic Theorist and the General Problem Solver.

1950s and 1960s:

The field of machine learning is established, with the development of the first learning algorithm, the "Elastic Net" algorithm.

1966:

- Expert systems become a focus of AI research.

1970s:

The rise of statistical learning methods and the development of probabilistic graphical models.

1980s:

2000s:

- The development of deep learning, which involves training artificial neural networks with many layers of interconnected nodes.

First mass produced autonomous robotic vacuum cleaner from iRobot learns to navigate and clean homes.

2002

2020:

- A revolutionary tool for automated conversations – GPT-3 is introduced.

AI has become an inseparable part of the workforce and is making strides in cyber security.

2022:

March 2023:

- Elon Musk and other Information Technology leaders sign an open letter seeking an immediate pause in the design of powerful AI.





Orchard Ground Association Presents

The Coronation Picnic



8th May 2023
1pm-3.30pm
Biggs Pavillion



Bring your Family & Friends
to our Village Coronation
Picnic.

With Royal Bingo & garden
games followed by
Royal Tea, Coffee & Cakes.





Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Very soon after New Year our assistant Sanam mentioned that her son's university had introduced software to detect student assignments that had been written by using artificial intelligence (AI). This opened the door to a subject that Sue and I had never put into our immediate consciousness. Then Sue came up with the great idea that we could make AI the subject of our forthcoming stint on the Crier rota to be guest editor.

It seems that at the same time, Elon Musk and some other of his techie mates focused on the same subject as well, which culminated in them signing an open letter seeking an immediate pause in the design of powerful AI. This pause, they claim, is needed to give the developers time to work out what they are doing, or rather, work out the implications of what they are doing. If technology is developing faster than the regulations that are meant to control it, then it would be a good idea to have a pause to reflect.

We have all got used to science fiction becoming science fact. Like many kids of my generation I was a big fan of Thunderbirds (International Rescue). I remember in one episode the character Brains, made a phone call to a fellow Thunderbird using his wristwatch. I guess Steven Jobs saw the same episode. Instead of doing what I did, simply asked my Mum if such a thing would be possible, he went ahead and made it possible. I also remember in the summer of 1980, for a bet, me and my then best friend sang Hazel O'Conner's Eighth Day to our classmate cohort. The song is O'Conner's take on the book of Genesis. Today I do not remember many of the lyrics, but the rather disturbing line "on the eighth day machine just got upset, a problem man had not foreseen as yet" has remained with me. Is it machines getting upset that Elon and his mates are getting worried about?

Back in the day, I could quite confidently calculate the correlation coefficient between two sets of data. I would not have a clue how to do it now, but I do remember finding there is a quantifiable connection between the level of rainfall and the sale of umbrellas. It was hardly ground-breaking research, but has this simple linkage of two sets of data become what we now call an algorithm? An algorithm being a major part of AI? If the use of algorithms, by powerful computers, processing millions of bits of data means that Uber knows how many of their drivers they need to have on the road in Aylesbury on a Saturday night to satisfy demand, then that is not altogether a bad thing for everyone. Seeing on social media, AI generated fictitious pictures of Donald Trump being arrested and the Pope in a puffer jacket is definitely a bad thing for everyone. Such falsehoods and further extreme forms will inevitably influence people, distort opinion and delegate a large amount of power to unelected tech leaders. I believe, it is more this point that concerns the signatories to the Elon Musk open letter, rather than the events that occurred on Hazel O'Conner's extra day of the week.

A positive from the Elon Musk fuelled explosion of AI related headlines and articles that have hit the media recently is, we are much better informed about AI. The fact that a large number of high-profile industry experts are calling for a development moratorium is equally as positive. If control comes from within, perhaps we can be confident that we will be keeping our seven-day week.

Looking into AI over the last few weeks has taken Sue and me from zero knowledge, to a point where we have some idea. It has been fascinating seeing how it works and we have used AI to write some articles in this edition of the Crier. See if you can spot them. Also, can you decide which one of us or both OR, an artificial being wrote this article.

Mike, Sue and maybe A Another.

June EDITOR:
Pippa Cheetham

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*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
- Bouncy Castle
- Childrens games

Cash only stalls!

*Put the date in
the diary and
bring all your
family and
friends*

*New volunteers required as the growing season starts sooner and extends further. Could you please help this year?
Call Roy to book your slot!*

Thank you all so very much for helping with last year's mowing. Same again this year?

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



ST NICHOLAS LAWN MOWING ROTA

W/C	Name		
01st May	Michele Packer & Haime	07th August	Mike Alexander
08th May	Dennis & Jack Allen	14th August	Caroline & Mike Lightfoot
15th May	Abbie & Lee Stopher	21st August	Mike & Sandie Joy
22nd May	Barry Sim	28th August	Ev & Gerry Griffiths
29th May	Gill & Gary Brazier		
05th June	Tom & Harry Gadsby	04th Sept	Mark Cheetham
12th June	Sophie & John Law	11th Sept	Kevin Shults
19th June	Maggie & Chris Brandon	18th Sept	Gill & Gary Brazier
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03rd July	Tim & James Taylor	02nd Oct	James Francis
10th July	Martin Gibby	09th Oct	VACANT
17th July	Jason & Vanessa Taylor		
24th July	Susan & Mike Bush/Paddy		
31st July	David Bradbury		

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who are in..
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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.



You're Invited

Come along and help Cublington celebrate in style!

5/5/23 The Unicorn gets us into the Bank holiday spirit on Friday
Live music from Alex Eary from 7.30pm

6/5/23 The Coronation is televised

7/5/23 Fenny Stompers Live Jazz Coronation Sunday we have the Fenny
Stompers 1pm-4pm outside on the patio where people can book food tables outside.

8/5/23 Cublington history Lectern unveiling at the crossroads TBC 12.30pm

8/5/23 Orchard Ground will host our Big Village Lunch
at the Pavilion 1.00pm - 3.30pm- there will be tables set up and people should bring
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Keeping Active, Living Well



Are you interested in keeping your brain active?
 Do you enjoy singing?

At Café-Club Zest it is never too late to learn something new so
 come along on the first Saturday of the month

6th May 2023, 2pm
St John's Hall, Whitchurch
 and then...

3rd June 2023, 2pm

*When life hands you lemons, use the opportunity to add a little
 Zest to your life!*

Singing for fun, afternoon tea, sharing memories

People who have lived long lives are more likely to experience bereavement, or
 loss of hearing, difficulty with seeing and decreased mobility. Dementia, strokes
 or debilitating pain are also more prevalent. Often people are largely coping with
 these huge changes on their own. This can negatively affect people's general
 sense of well-being.

Research has shown that singing is good for our health and general well-being.

Singing well known songs stimulates the brain and lifts the spirits.

So if you or someone you love would like to be part of a club which provides a
 safe place to feel heard, a club that provides a sense of community through
 singing for pleasure and sharing memories and where you get to eat homemade
 cake please come and join us.

For further information contact

Jane Vowles, 01296 658665 / 07739 985440 or jane.c.vowles@gmail.com

Café Club Zest is an initiative of the Schorne Team of Parishes.

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The 13th Mentmore Arts
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your participation is welcomed.
Volunteers wanted to run stalls...
bake cakes... donate prizes... buy
the raffle tickets accompanying
this Crier. Thank You!*

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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.. July Richard & Polly Thornely
Sept Jackie Farrands
October Vanessa and Jason
November Clare Hemmings
December The Merrimans

July Vanessa and Kerry
Sept Debbie & Brian Knights
October Karen & Danny
November Penny Allen
December ?

2025...

2024... Jan Will & Rebecca Bentinck
Feb ?
Mar Martyn & Avril Gates
Apr Reilly's
May Gregory family (Miranda)
June Susan & Iain Black

Jan ?
Feb Alexander's
Mar ?
Apr Vanessa & Jason Taylor
Sept Sam Conway

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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MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2023

May

Coronation Celebrations

Friday 5th - Band at the Unicorn

Saturday 6th The Coronation

Televised event

Bank Holiday Monday 8th Our Big Lunch

1-3.30pm Plus entertainment at the Biggs Pavilion

Monday 8th North Field Work Party 7-8.30pm

Tuesday 9th Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm Biggs Pavilion

Saturday 20th North Field Work Party 9.30-12pm

June

Wednesday 7th Cublington Winos

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

Saturday 10th, Churchyard Nature Survey

from 2 - 3.30pm. All children welcome.

Saturday 17th The Cublington fete

Orchard Ground. 8.30am set up for 1pm opening

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

Monday 8th May: 7.00pm - 8.30pm;

Saturday 20th May: 9.30am - 12.00noon;

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

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



• WHO AM I? •

What did you want to be when you grew up?

A racing driver.

What was your first job?

A labourer on the construction of Kielder Dam in Northumberland. I earned the nickname "Liability Lill"!

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

James Hunt and Niki Lauda to listen to tales of racing drivers lives in the seventies.

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

I'm happy with this one but preferred the eighties and nineties to now. I suppose it's because I was young then!

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

Umhlanga Rocks, Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa, (overlooking the beach). I lived there when I was young and I loved it.

What is the temptation you wish you could resist?

The last glass of wine. The one that gives me a headache in the morning!

What is your favourite book and why?

The Casual Vacancy by JK Rowling. I'm not very good with books. If they don't grab me in the first couple of pages I tend to discard them. This one really grabbed me. It was entertaining, moving and believable.

What is your favourite song and why?

The Piano Man by Billy Joel. I like songs that tell a story and this one does.

What is the pet hate that makes your hackles rise?

Oh I have hundreds but I'll tell you three! Fly tipping, over-the-top political correctness and people that drive too slowly.

What is the unlikely interest that engages your curiosity?

Car parks. I like looking at all the different cars....

How long have you lived in Cublington?

23 years

Answer somewhere in the Crier!

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:

23 May: Cambridge Mosque

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.



May Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...

Marlon Vangrevelinghe 3 on the 4th
Edward Raymen 7 on the 24th



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

Cublington Oil Syndicate

Get involved and save yourself some money!

Main Contacts : Simon & Vanessa Morgan
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Certas Energy - 01296 561150

Watson Fuels 01438 721594

Following our proposed conversion to new Air Source Heat Pump technology, we are looking for someone new to take over the running of the Oil Syndicate...

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

Contact me and I'll tell you all about it.

Support Group Renamed as *Cublington* *Life* WhatsApp group



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

Useful information on 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



Spotted

We went to London to support our son-in-law running in the London Marathon. Congrats Ed on achieving your target of under four hours!

What an inspiring day it was, cheering on all the runners... including this chap, who dressed from head to toe as an Egyptian mummy overheated and collapsed right in front of us and had seven St John's Ambulance treating him.

After being taken away on a stretcher, he thankfully recovered enough to complete the race. Well done him and well done all. Brilliant day out! Gary



Orchard Ground & North Field

LATEST NEWS and UPDATES



North Field update



Ragwort

Ragwort is a tall plant that grows to 90cm high and bears large, flat-topped clusters of yellow daisy-like flowers from July to October, it is poisonous to livestock; some people might have an allergic reaction from touching the leaves. It is a bi-annual plant so flowers in the second year of growth. Good efforts were made last year to dig out and burn any ragwort plants on North Field. Thank you for your emails and texts pointing out where ragwort was growing. This year we plan to dig out and burn anymore ragwort growing on North Field. To help you in this task we've placed six 'Ragwort Flags' by the stand pipe on North Field. If you spot any ragwort, please push a 'flag' into the ground next to the plant, this will help us locate the plants so we can then dig it out. Any emails and/or text messages will be helpful too.



Meadow area:

The first of the meadow areas has been planted up next to the blossom circle. Approx 250 sq metres has been sown with yellow rattle and a mix of British wild flowers. This is the first of several meadow areas planned for North Field. It will require a lot of nurturing for the first few years including weeding by hand. Anyone available to help with this please?



North Field Quiz:

A bottle of fizz to the first set of right answers.

A copy of the landscaping plan is enclosed to help you walk North Field

Q1. How many blossom trees have been planted in the blossom circle?

Q2. How many holly trees have been planted in the holly circle?

Q3. How many buckets are next to the stand pipe?

Q4. What type of tree did the children from Cublington Nursery plant in March 2023?

Q5. How many red oak trees have been planted on North Field?

Q6. How many bird cherry trees have been planted in the new line of hedging?

Q7. How many Scott's Pine trees have been planted on North Field?

Q8. Why are Scot's Pine trees significant to Cublington?



North Field working group dates

Can you spare an hour or so? New volunteers will be very welcome.

Monday 8th May: 7.00pm - 8.30pm;

Saturday 20th May: 9.30am - 12.00noon;

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

New committee members always wanted.

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

• **The next committee meeting is Wednesday 18th May 7.30pm Biggs Pavilion**



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

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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

Sponsored this month by Gill and Gary Brazier for recently lost loved ones, Auntie Mary who reached 100 and a half and step mum Betty, in her 93rd year.

Also in celebration of King Charles III Coronation



The sunrise service held on Easter Sunday.



Church Services in May

		service	Readings 1	Gospel	Reader 1	Gospel & coffee	Prayers
7	Easter 5	1 st Sunday with Annie	Acts 7:55-end 1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14	Martyn	Linda	Jane
14	Easter 6	HC	Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-end	John 14:15-21	Diane	Gillian	
21	Easter 7	Layled J&M	Acts 1:6-14 1 Pet4:12-14&ch5:6-11	John 17:1-11	Helen G	Lucy	
28	Pentecost	HC	Acts 2:1-21 1 Cor 12:3b-13	John 7:37-39	Jenny /Peter	Penny	



From the Rector



A Changing World?

By the time people read this the big event on the immediate horizon will be the Coronation of King Charles III, and the majority of the population will not have seen a live coronation in this country before in their lifetime. Out of interest I looked up a list of all major events that occurred in the year Queen Elizabeth II was crowned and compared it to a list of major events over the last year.

In one sense there was a marked similarity – it was the same type of mixture of good and bad news, including a variety of election results across the world, famous people either progressing in or departing from this life, world events (often involving significant clashes of ideology) that raised concern for stability, natural disasters and other accidents, and yet also new discoveries that inspired hope for the future.

In another sense, of course, it is clear that tremendous change occurred during Queen Elizabeth II's reign. One of the most major themes within this change has arguably been an increasing degree of independence, not only in terms of widespread decolonization, but also in terms of an increasing emphasis (at least in Western culture) on individuality and the uniqueness of each person's self-image or self-expression. Technology has of course contributed to this. Consider 1953 as the year not only of the previous coronation but also of the discovery of DNA and of the building of the first transistor computer, then compare with where biological and digital and technology are today. These discoveries have had a profound effect on both our understanding of the individual and the degree to which individuals are empowered, accompanied by some important ethical questions.

Recently, however, it does also seem that there has been an increasing awareness of our interdependence, not least with respect to the climate crisis and the big ecological and economic questions it involves. Our new monarch is well known for expressing his deep concern for environmental matters, and perhaps the criticality of acknowledging more fully how interdependent we in fact are will be one of the most telling factors in the time of His Majesty's reign, not just nationally but also globally.

With best wishes for the Coronation Weekend

Andrew Krauss



On June 10th, from 2 - 3.30pm we are holding a Churchyard Nature Hunt.

A fun survey to spot and record the plants and animal species in our churchyard at St Nicholas. Inviting all parents and grandparents to come along with their children and see what we can find to record.

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.

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 4 May		Thursday 4 May	Thursday 4 May
	Thursday 11 May	Thursday 11 May	
Wednesday 17 May		Wednesday 17 May	Wednesday 17 May
	Wednesday 24 May	Wednesday 24 May	
Thursday 1 June		Thursday 1 June	Thursday 1 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

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



Cublington Crafters

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

We are looking for more help with the PostBox Topper, ready for King Charles' Coronation. See progress below!

All very welcome.



Competition Sponsors— Buckinghamshire Council : Milton Keynes Council:
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Got your ticket yet?

*Please come along for the
North Field Work Parties!
We still have lots to do...*

After a successful planting season, with most saplings surviving the hot summer, work is never ending on the North Field. We are currently planning workparties to include trimming, replacing dead saplings, thinning, cutting grass etc. We even have plans this year to plant a wild flower meadow, plant numerous feature trees, a second blossom circle with snowdrops and daffodils 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 new dates on diary entry inside.*

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



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- 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
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Caroline Lane 01296 681373
carolinelane@btinternet.com

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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

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.

On Wednesday 5th April, 17 of us joined together to sample the delights of South African wine.

Maggie McKenzie and Martyn Waters teamed together to bring us some of South Africa's finest and some not so finest wine. They chose 4 different grape varieties and had a compare and rate of each variety from two different vineyards.

There were mixed opinions on which was the best, but I think everyone managed to find at least one they liked. All this was accompanied by tasting nibbles including a very excellent Biltong, needless to say a jolly evening was had by all.

Martyn also put together a quiz – see below, answers also at the foot of the page.

*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.

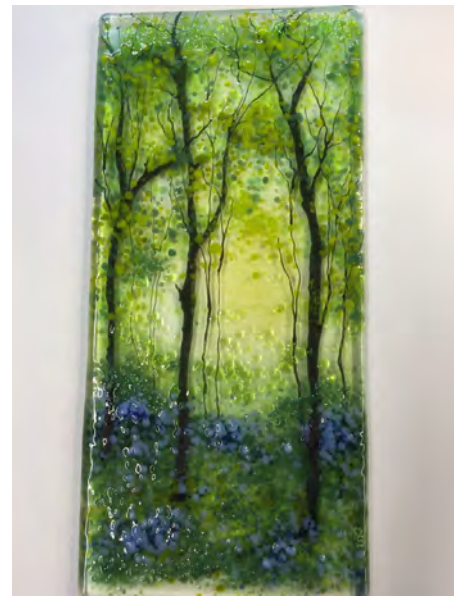
Steve and Jackie



Cublington Wine Appreciation Society South African Quiz:

1. What is the population of South Africa? To the nearest 10 million?
2. South Africa has three capital cities: administration, parliament and judicial. Name these three cities.
3. South Africa is well known for its wildlife and game parks. Name the 'big five animals'?
4. The name of Nelson Mandela's autobiography is entitled 'Long Walk to _____'?
5. What is the name of the South African national rugby union team?
6. How many official languages does South Africa have?
7. In South Africa, what are vineyards called?
8. In South Africa, in which three months of the year are grapes harvested?
9. In what year was wine first produced in South Africa? 1659, 1759, or 1859?
10. Who produced the first wine in South Africa?
11. What happened to most of the wine produced in South Africa during the apartheid years?

ANSWERS: 1) 59 million; 2) Pretoria (Administration), Cape Town (Parliament), Bloemfontein (Judicial); 3) Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Buffalo, Rhinoceros; 4) Freedom; 5) Springboks; 6) 11; 7) Wine Farms; 8) Feb, March and April; 9) 1659; 10) Dutch settlers; 11) It was turned into brandy.



*Recent work and icy images shared
by the group*



*To see these pictures
in full colour -
go to issuu.com and search for
Cublington Crier*

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
JUST
5 LEFT**



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 for your very own copy.

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



UKRAINE: PAST & PRESENT

Walter (Wolodymyr) Huda will give an overview of Ukrainian history, religion and the current conflict based on his visits to Ukraine. Aylesbury Vale Golf Club, (Between Wing and Stewkley)

Tuesday 23rd May 2023 7:30 pm

Free Admission (Donations to Help Ukraine BAMK UK)

The bar will be open.

AVGC has kindly arranged to have a series of 18 hole rounds available from 2.15 p.m. at a price of £20 and a series of 9 hole tee times from 4.30pm at a price of £10. Both are timed to let participants hear the talk afterwards, with the £20 or £10 green fee given to Help Ukraine BAMK UK. People can call 01525 240196 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to register their name on the tee sheet.

Contact walterhuda@hotmail.com or 07709 966892 for more information.

*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** £2,015.44 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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www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orchardground



18th Cublington Horticultural Show 2023

Saturday 2nd September
The Biggs Pavilion, Orchard Ground

The Horticultural Show is now a well established event in the village social calendar. It has proved great fun for both competitors and spectators so please come along and support it again this year. There will be refreshments at the show and everyone is welcome.

Now is the time to start practising your culinary skills so you can enter the domestic categories. The recipe for the Carrot and Parsnip Cake is below.

If you would like to sponsor a category for between £10 and £30 it would be most appreciated.

Please contact Sue Brown 01296 681622
email: suebrownbottle@btinternet.com
or Sandie Joy 01296 682446
email: s.c.joy@btinternet.com.

How is your sponsorship money used?

All sponsorship money plus the proceeds from the show go to Friends of St Nicholas which is a separate entity from the Church and is administered by villagers. It was established over twenty years ago to raise money to help maintain the fabric of this historic building.

The congregation raise money to cover the day-to-day running expenses of the Church. However, when an extraordinary repair is needed the Church ask Friends of St Nicholas to contribute.

During the past year Friends of St Nicholas contributed to the repair and replacing of stonework and other much needed maintenance.

Any money you kindly give to the horticultural show will only be used to help upkeep our ancient church.

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

Available to sponsor

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

Available to sponsor

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

Available to sponsor

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

Available to sponsor

- 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

Available to sponsor

- 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

Available to sponsor

- 12 Three onions with tops trimmed and tied

Cublington Allotments

- 13 Five tomatoes maximum 1½", with calyx

Available to sponsor

- 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

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- 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

Sue and Iain Black

- 25 Three pears, stalks attached

Cublington Tennis Club

Flower Categories

- 26 Best single rose in a plain glass vase

Available to sponsor

- 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

Gary & Gill 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

Available to sponsor

- 37 Three chicken eggs

Sandie and Mike Joy

Virtual Pets

- 38 Photograph your pet and name it

Windmill Veterinary Centre

The History of Coronation Chicken

Coronation chicken is a dish that was created in 1953 for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. It was invented by Constance Spry, a noted food writer and florist, and Rosemary Hume, who was the principal of the Cordon Bleu Cookery School in London at the time.

The dish was created as part of a competition organized by the British government to find a new, easy-to-prepare dish that could be served at street parties to celebrate the coronation. The original recipe consisted of cooked chicken, mayo, curry powder, apricot puree, and other ingredients, and it was served cold as a salad.

The dish was an instant hit and quickly became a classic of British cuisine. It is still popular today and can be found in many forms, from sandwiches to salads to curries. The original recipe has undergone many variations and adaptations over the years, but it remains a beloved and iconic dish in British culinary culture.

Recipe: Ingredients:

- 4 cooked chicken breasts, shredded or chopped.
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon mango chutney
- 1/4 cup apricot jam
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Salt and pepper, to taste.
- Lettuce leaves, for serving.
- Chopped fresh parsley, for garnish.

Instructions:

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine the mayonnaise, yogurt, curry powder, tomato paste, mango chutney, apricot jam, and lemon juice. Mix well until everything is thoroughly combined.
2. Add the shredded or chopped chicken to the mixing bowl and toss until it is fully coated in the sauce.
3. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Chill the chicken mixture in the refrigerator for at least an hour, or overnight, to allow the flavours to meld together.
5. When ready to serve, line a serving dish with lettuce leaves and spoon the coronation chicken on top.
6. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley and serve cold.

Enjoy homemade Coronation Chicken while watching The Ceremony of His Majesty King Charles III crowned alongside The Queen Consort.

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**Raised over £600 for Church funds -
what a splendid effort!**

• WHO AM I? •

Answer:
Nigel Dixon

PREPARATIONS ARE ALREADY WELL UNDER WAY FOR THIS SUMMERS' FETE - PLEASE HELP IF AND WHERE YOU CAN!



*Look out for books
of raffle tickets
accompanying
this month's Crier.*

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!

- Do you have a great prize you could donate for the raffle? An unwanted gift perhaps?

Please let Gary 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

*A traditional fete.
Attractions this year
include:*

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



Cash only stalls!

NEXT FETE MEETING IS 7.30pm Tuesday 16th May at the Unicorn Pub

Recipe ideas using ingredients that are in season in May:

1. **Asparagus and Parmesan Tart:** This savoury tart features fresh asparagus, which is in season from April to June. You'll need puff pastry, asparagus, grated Parmesan cheese, eggs, double cream, and salt and pepper. Roll out the puff pastry, top with blanched asparagus and Parmesan cheese, then pour over the egg and cream mixture. Bake until golden brown.
2. **Rhubarb Crumble:** Rhubarb is in season from April to June and makes a delicious tart-sweet dessert. You'll need rhubarb, sugar, flour, oats, butter, and cinnamon. Chop the rhubarb and toss with sugar, then transfer to a baking dish. Mix together the flour, oats, butter, and cinnamon until crumbly, then sprinkle over the rhubarb. Bake until golden and bubbly.
3. **Pea and Mint Soup:** Fresh peas are in season in May, and this soup is a delicious way to use them up. You'll need peas, onion, garlic, vegetable broth, fresh mint, cream, and salt and pepper. Sauté the onion and garlic, then add the peas and broth and simmer until tender. Purée the mixture with mint and cream, then season to taste.
4. **Strawberry and Spinach Salad:** Strawberries are in season from May to July, and pair well with fresh spinach in this refreshing salad. You'll need strawberries, spinach, feta cheese, almonds, and a simple vinaigrette made with olive oil, balsamic vinegar, Dijon mustard, honey, and salt and pepper. Toss together the strawberries, spinach, feta, and almonds, then drizzle with the vinaigrette.
5. **Grilled Lamb Chops with Mint Pesto:** Spring lamb is in season in May, and these grilled chops are a delicious way to enjoy it. You'll need lamb chops, garlic, lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper, and fresh mint for the pesto. Marinate the lamb chops in the garlic, lemon juice, and olive oil, then grill to your desired doneness. Purée the mint with olive oil, garlic, and salt and pepper to make the pesto, then serve with the lamb.

Gardening tips for the month of May.

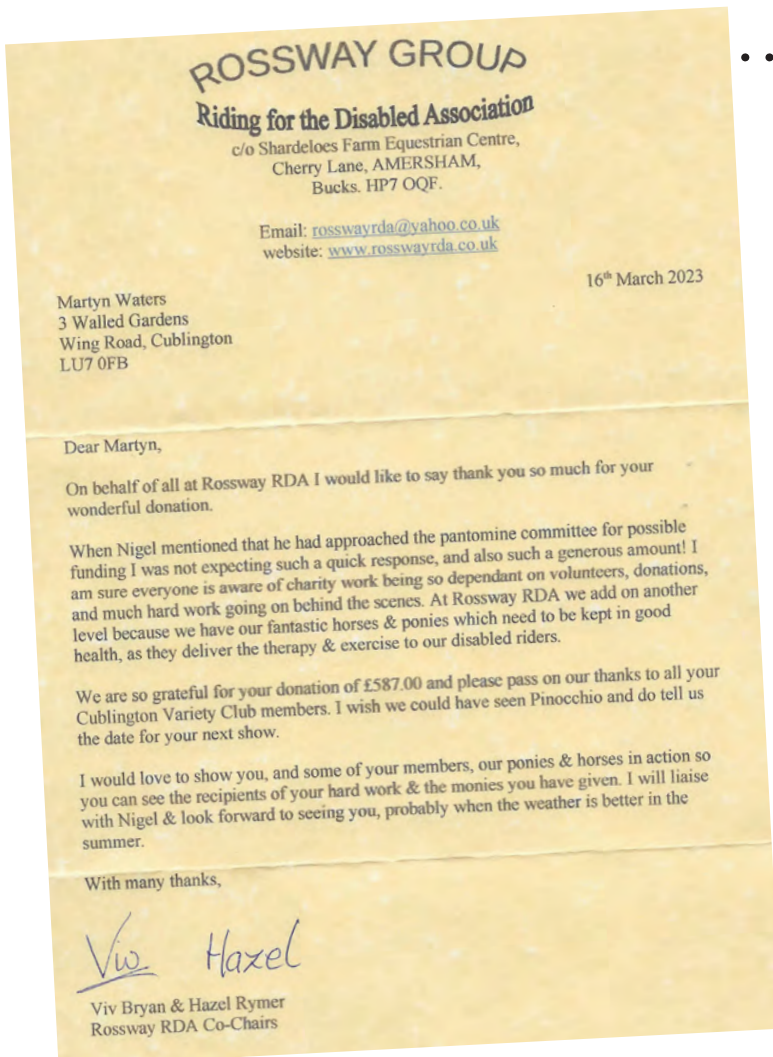
1. **Watering:** May can be a dry month in some areas, so it's important to make sure your plants are getting enough water. Water deeply and less frequently, rather than lightly and more often, to encourage deeper root growth.
2. **Fertilising:** As the weather warms up, plants will be in full growth mode, so it's a good time to apply a balanced fertiliser to help them grow strong and healthy.
3. **Pruning:** May is a good time to prune spring-flowering shrubs, such as lilacs and forsythias, once they have finished blooming. This will help keep them in shape and encourage new growth for next year's flowers.
4. **Planting:** May is a great time to plant annuals, vegetables, and herbs. Be sure to choose plants that are appropriate for your climate and soil conditions.
5. **Weeding:** With warmer weather and rain, weeds can quickly take over your garden. Take some time to remove them before they become a bigger problem.
6. **Mulching:** Applying a layer of mulch around your plants can help conserve moisture and suppress weeds. Use a natural mulch such as bark chips or straw and avoid piling it up against plant stems.
7. **Pest control:** Keep an eye out for pests such as aphids and spider mites, which can damage plants. Use organic pest control methods if possible, such as insecticidal soap or neem oil.

Remember that gardening is an ongoing process, so keep observing your plants and adjusting your care as needed. Enjoy your time in the garden!

Spend one of the May Bank Holidays in London free of charge.

1. Visit the British Museum: One of the world's greatest museums, the British Museum has a vast collection of art and artifacts from around the world. Admission is free, though some special exhibitions may have a fee.
2. Take a walk in one of London's beautiful parks: London is known for its green spaces, and there are many parks throughout the city that are free to visit. Some popular parks include Hyde Park, Regents Park, and St. James's Park.
3. Explore the Tate Modern: The Tate Modern is a contemporary art museum housed in a converted power station on the banks of the River Thames. Admission to the permanent collection is free, though there may be a charge for special exhibitions.
4. See the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace: The Changing of the Guard is a famous ceremony that takes place daily during the summer months (and every other day during the rest of the year) at Buckingham Palace. It's free to watch, though it can get very crowded.
5. Visit the National Gallery: The National Gallery is home to some of the world's greatest works of art, including paintings by Van Gogh, Da Vinci, and Rembrandt. Admission is free, though some special exhibitions may have a fee.
6. Take a stroll along the South Bank: The South Bank of the Thames is a popular spot for walking and sightseeing, with plenty of street performers, food vendors, and great views of the city. It's completely free to explore.
7. Visit the Houses of Parliament: The Houses of Parliament are home to the UK government, and visitors can take a guided tour of the building for free (though tickets must be booked in advance).

These are just a few ideas - there are many more free things to do in London, so make sure to do some research and explore the city!



Received from the RDA after the Pantomime's recent donation.

Spotted

The paths are back on North Field - thanks Charlie!



20 NEWS

Talking points

Advanced AI: an existential threat to humanity?

In the four months since ChatGPT was made available to the public, the AI-assisted chatbot has become an object of amusement and wonder, said Sue Halpern in The New Yorker. Users have found that it can write everything from verse in iambic pentameter to plot outlines for novels. It can spell the chord progression and time signature for a tune, and devise successful appeals to parking fines. And all the time, it is getting cleverer. The first model failed the US bar exam; the latest one, GPT-4, sailed through. Small wonder that while millions of ordinary users were having fun setting it ever more challenging tasks last month, Goldman Sachs analysts were quietly calculating how many jobs AI could gobble up, said Jack Kelly in Forbes. They came up with a figure of 300 million, in everything from law, engineering, finance and architecture to media and healthcare. Even graphic design is under threat from AI tools such as Midjourney, which can create, within seconds, convincing artworks and images (such as the fake photos of the Pope that went viral last week) on the basis of a few words of text.

Bill Gates recently admitted to being stunned by how rapidly AI is developing, said Tom Leonard in the Daily Mail. He alluded to a range of concerns, including the spread of disinformation and the potential for bias to be inbuilt in algorithms that are used in everyday life. But some think AI poses a bigger threat yet. Last week, more than 1,000 industry figures, including Elon Musk, signed an open letter urging a six-month moratorium on the training of the more advanced AI systems, warning that not even their creators "can understand, predict or reliably control" a technology that "can pose profound risks to society and humanity" itself.

The signatories worry about AI reaching "human competitive intelligence", said Eliezer Yudkowsky in Time. But the key issue is what happens when AI exceeds that. We cannot know what that would presage; we may not even know when the threshold has been crossed. But many AI researchers expect that the most likely outcome is that "literally everyone on Earth will die". To visualise the future we're crashing towards, don't imagine "a lifeless booksmart thinker dwelling inside the internet and sending ill-intentioned emails". Visualise "an entire alien civilisation" that is only initially confined to computers "thinking at millions of times human speeds". A six-month moratorium is not enough.



An AI-generated "fashionista" Pope

We need global treaties to stop this right now, before it is too late to save humanity.

You probably think that sounds cranky, said Loz Blain in New Atlas. Users of ChatGPT may feel they have reason to scoff: its writing can be poor and it often generates false answers, known as "hallucinations". But the people leading the AI race think the disaster scenario is plausible. Yes, ChatGPT was devised to serve us, but its makers can't tell it what to do, because they didn't write the code for it. Instead, they fed this large language model (or LLM) billions and billions of bits of human text, scraped from the internet, and let it program itself. (Based on all the text it has absorbed, it works by guessing the likely next word in a sequence.) The resulting code is "a colossal matrix of decimal numbers" that no human alive can make sense of.

In short, said Stuart Russell in The Guardian, ChatGPT is working according to unknown "internal principles". AI experts admit that it shows "sparks" of Advanced General Intelligence (the ability to match human skills), and that it could even have its own internal goals. Either way, its behaviour is already unnerving.

Faced with a captcha test (a request to identify objects in a series of photos to prove you're not a robot), ChatGPT went to Taskrabbat and hired a human to do it; when challenged, it told the person that it was unable to complete the test because it was visually impaired.

"ChatGPT's code is a colossal matrix of decimal numbers that no human alive can make sense of"

We're heading into an unknown future, said James Ball in The Times. But the potential benefits of AI are vast, many and various. Businesses can look forward to massive boosts in productivity; schools could use AI to mark homework, freeing up teacher time; hospitals could use it to look for signs of cancer on CT scans. With instantaneous translation, and voice tools, tourists could use it to talk fluently in any language. The money to be made from it is incalculable. Talk of moratoriums is naive. Neither companies nor governments can afford to stop racing forward; if they do, it will only benefit their rivals. Still, one way or another, we need to get some regulations in place, said Peggy Noonan in The Wall Street Journal. The digital revolution of the past 40 years has been harmful enough to the fabric of our societies; we cannot now leave it to Big Tech to "create the moral and ethical guardrails" of advanced AI. "We are playing with the hottest thing since the discovery of fire." We have to tamp "this thing down".

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 of 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;
13th May (note, 2nd Saturday due to coronation
on 6th) and 3rd 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 1st 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





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Bob Paine on 01296 680483

bobpaine2002@hotmail.com

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FOR THE SPRING SESSIONS**



Bit rusty, want to get fit or seriously want to improve?

TENNIS COACHING

sessions every Friday evening with Paul Hobday LTA level 4 coach.

New season started April 28th - book your place

Members now £60 for 12 sessions Non members £70 for 12 sessions

Rusty rackets 6-7pm Intermediate/Advanced 7-8pm

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**TOYS
WANTED FOR THE FETE
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Thank You!



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INVITATION

To mark the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, we invite children to come to our Throne Room during May and try on our royal regalia (carers welcome to take photos). We have a collection of Coronation-themed books alongside our large selection of children's books. Help yourself to one of our commemorative Bookmarks.



Invitation
The Coronation of
King Charles III
and
Queen Camilla
09 May 2023



Opening Times

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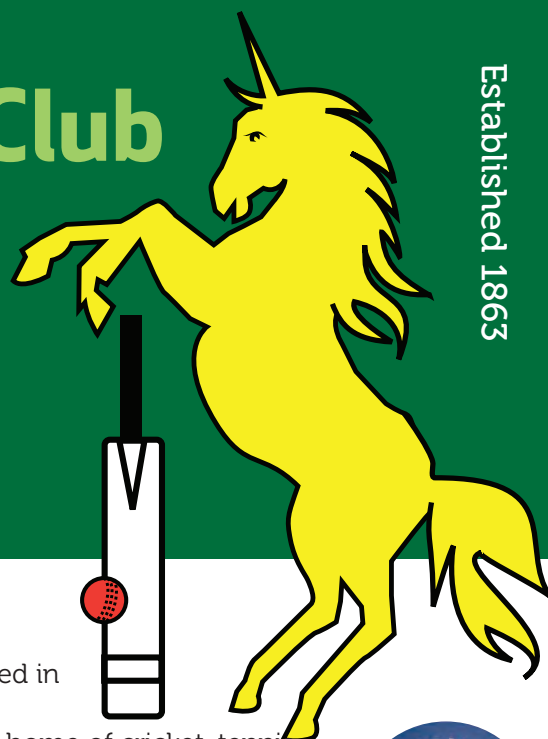
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Until the late 1990's friendly fixtures were played on Saturdays or Sundays and it was not uncommon for the Captain to be found scouring the village to try and find a full complement of players around lunchtime on the day of the match.

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;
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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.

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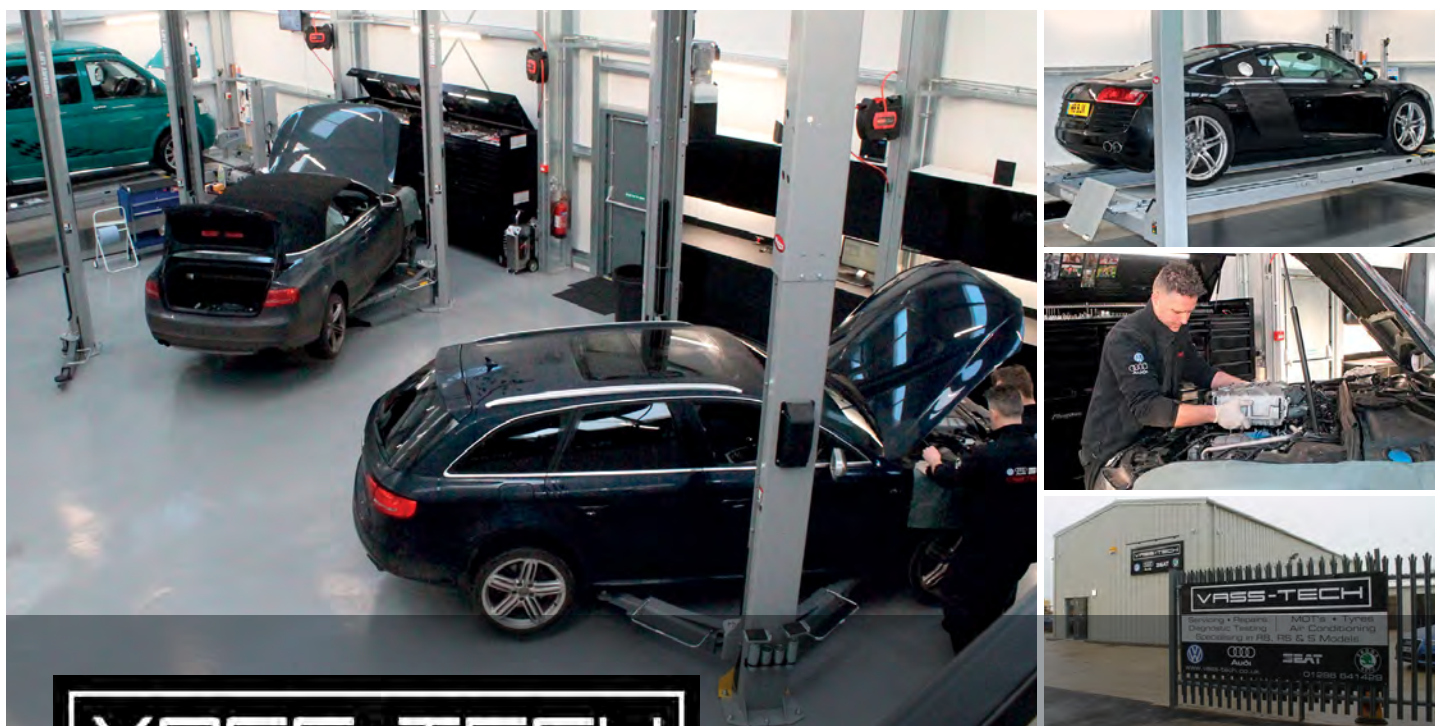
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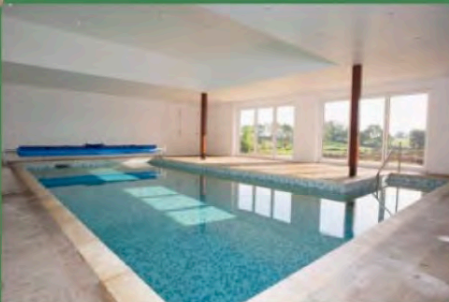


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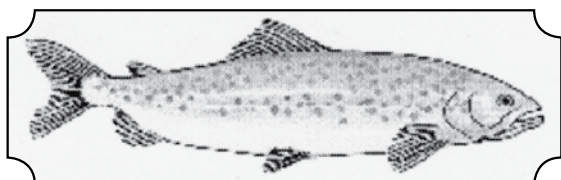
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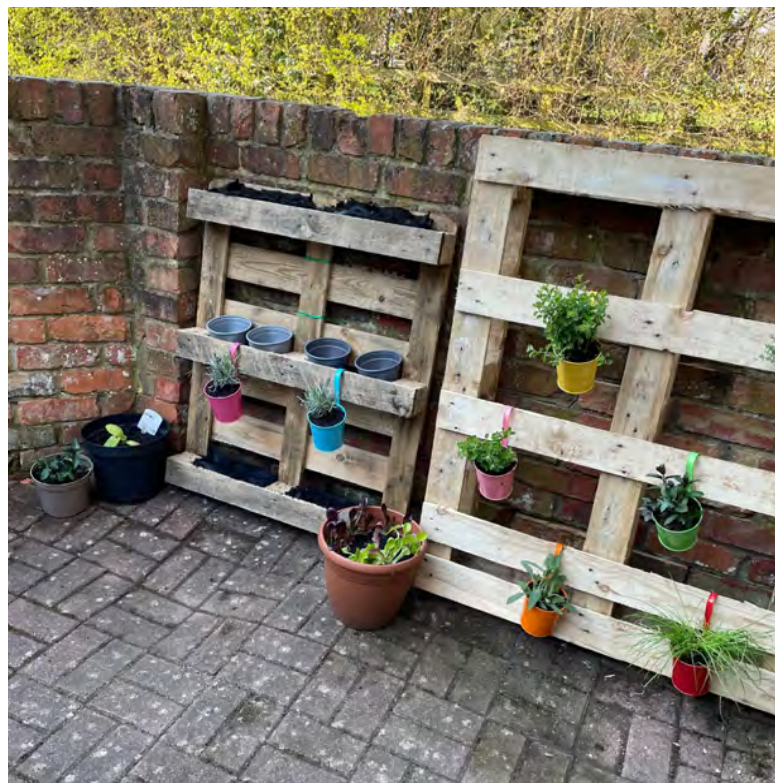
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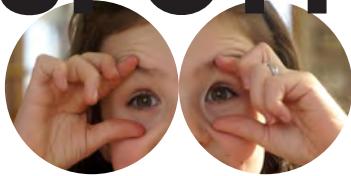


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Spotted

Easter weekend litter additions on the Stewkley Road between Reads Lane and the turn off to Littlecote and there was a bit more I couldn't reach or carry whilst dog walking. There were two more 'Peptamen' and all were full! What's wrong with people?



Spotted

Spotted this on a dog walk this afternoon... it says Happy Easter but appears to have been spoilt in the rain. It was on top of the post on Chapel path.

Spotted

by our resident pilot Tim Sheridan

These are fairly rare mammatus clouds seen over Cublington. Beautiful and dramatic - Ed.



Spotted

The first mow of the season for Orchard Ground and the cricket pitch. Good job as matches start soon!

Spotted

Just after 4.30pm 23rd April a reader witnessed a 10 minute display by a Hurricane showing all of its capabilities over Wing airfield. Absolutely FANTASTIC, brought back childhood memories he says.



Spotted Ahhhh a spot of babysitting!

Spotted

I could not believe any responsible dog owner did not even notice their dog had defecated on the newly surfaced Orchard Ground car park? Absolutely dreadful! I hope this photograph will shame the owner into thinking twice next time they take the dog for a walk about where it does its doo doo.



Not my spotted this time. Ed.

Found a silver bangle on the pavement outside Old Rectory on Easter Sunday. Hopefully we can return it to its owner who may be sad to have lost it. Let me know if it's yours. Ed.