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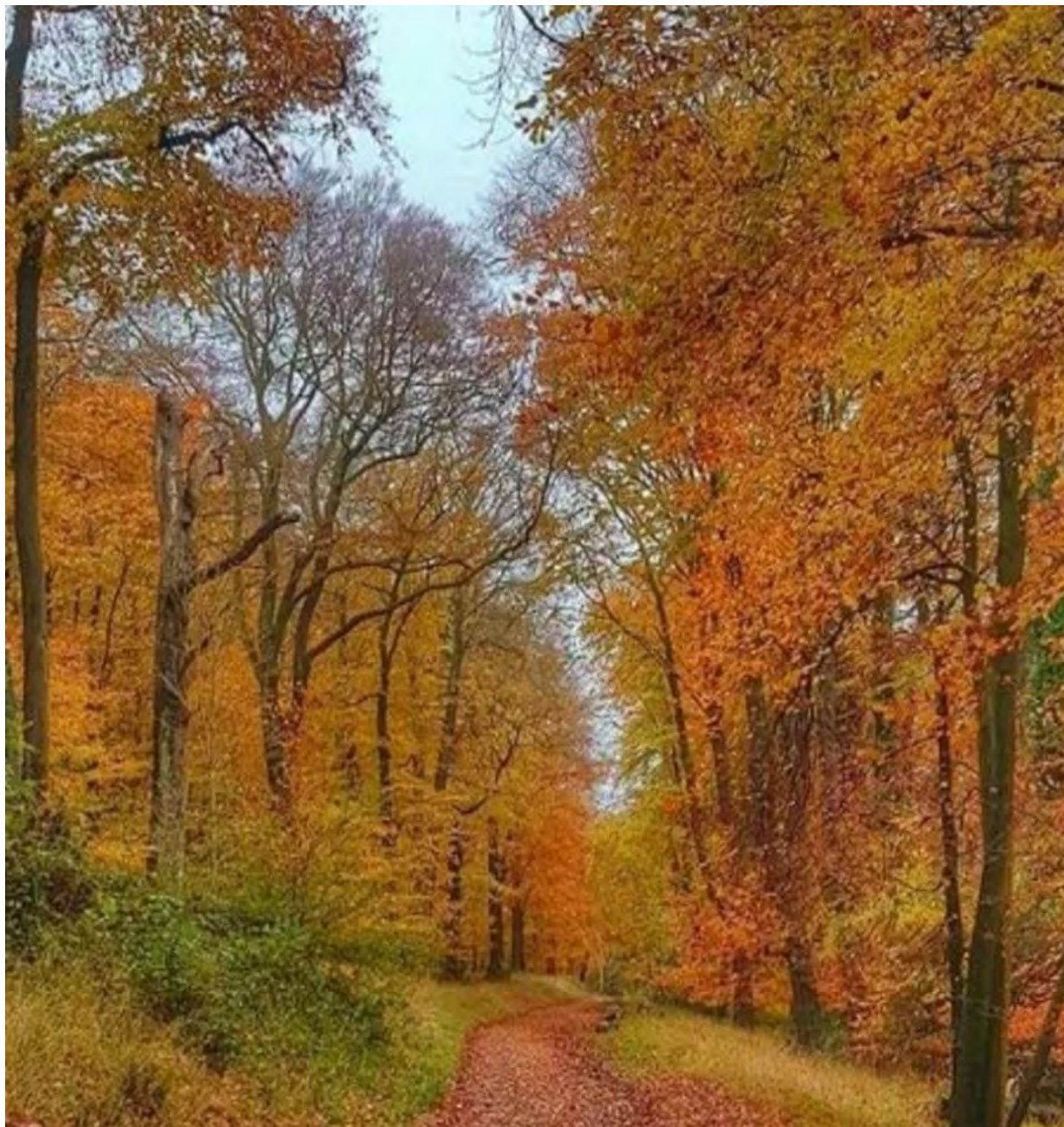
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# THE CUBLINGTON CRIER

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



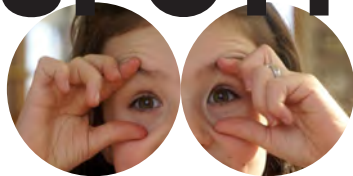
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# SPOTTED!



**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

Flytipping at the end of the Wing Road (Wing end)... disgusting and anti social.



## Spotted

New fence round the playground footpath - very smart.



## Spotted

Nice to see the hedge neatly trimmed all the way up the Wing Road, well done!

## Spotted

Lots of Halloween decorations going up round the village... Spooky!



## Spotted

What a shame the grass verge down Ridings Way has been trashed by unthinking vehicle operators. If this is the start of contractors visiting the site, I really hope it's an integral part of the planning permission to restore the verge to pristine condition on completion.



## Spotted

Activity at Ridings Cottage with a mini digger clearing the entrance. The precursor to work starting perhaps? No planning application noted in PC minutes as yet.



## VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARISH LUNCH

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

*If you would like to come, please let Gina (ginareilly@aol.com)  
Julie (julie.merri5@gmail.com), Penny allen (djandpallen@gmail.com),  
or Ev(evelyn.griffiths@btinternet.com) know.*

***Free ticket only - limited places.***



It's crazy to think that 4th November marks the 10 year anniversary that Darren and I moved to Cublington. It feels like only yesterday we had to make an extremely embarrassing phone call to a locksmith explaining how, after only owning the house for 2 hours, we'd locked ourselves out! Luckily, we must have honest faces as he didn't seem too phased.

Given it being our anniversary month, it seems very apt to have the privilege of being guest editor for the Crier.

When I first signed up to be the guest editor for November I thought, "aside from Guy Fawkes Night, Remembrance Day and Darren's birthday, what happens in November?!" A quick internet search taught me how wrong I was! There are a plethora of celebrations and events held across the world, a selection of which are shared later in this edition.

'Tis almost the season to be jolly... although if you're anything like me, the novelty of warming myself in front of the wood burner soon wears off, and the dark mornings and evenings, and cold, miserable weather start to drag me down. Once the excitement of Christmas is over, I'm willing Spring to arrive. Research has shown that one in three people in the UK suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). And women are 40% more likely than men to experience symptoms of the condition, sometimes referred to as "winter depression". We've compiled some information and tips from websites, such as the NHS.uk and Mind.org, on how to get through the winter months and cope with SAD, which we hope will help anyone who is affected.

One of our favourite things to do this time of year is enjoy the last of the autumnal colours; a walk around the ancient woodland at Ashridge Estate being a personal favourite. Even the drive there along Beacon Road from Ivinghoe Beacon is spectacular when the autumn colours are at their peak. Supposedly if you catch a falling leaf before it hits the ground, you'll have good fortune for the year ahead. I'm sure we got a few strange looks last year as we were frantically chasing falling leaves and mostly failing to catch anything. Whilst we did catch a few, the jury's out as to whether the myth is true, although it's certainly good fun trying! Why don't you give it a go this Autumn... what have you got to lose?

**Claire & Darren Hemmings**

December EDITORs:  
The Merrimans

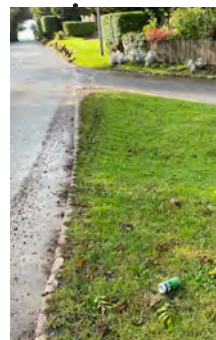
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15th November**

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page Colour £35 Inserts £15 village, £25 non village. Copy deadlines by the 15th of each month. **Please supply all artwork as PDF or hi res JPEG.**

## Best Wishes

Sad to report that James Gregory slipped whilst out walking down by the ford and broke his ankle last week. Urgent appeals for medical help were posted on the Cublington Life What'sApp group and the village duly rallied round. After an interminable wait for an ambulance, eventually the air ambulance attended and whisked James off to MK hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.



## Litter

Several times I have walked down the High Street and noticed litter on the verges having been strewn from passing cars. I cannot be the

only one to see it as I don't walk the village very often.. If you see litter please pick it up, let's all take pride in our village even if motorists obviously don't. Thank you.

## The Crier online...

No longer available  
at issuu.com

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

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



## Important notices....

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

Similarly, please do not expect the production team of Gary & Gill to remind you to send information that appears every month. Please set yourself a diary reminder and send it in good time. Thank you.

The Who Am I? feature is, we believe, well liked, but despite repeated appeals, sometimes directly, we are unable to publish this any more as we have now run out. Do please get in touch if you have not already done one.

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



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

## The Crier Editorial Rota

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

2025... Jan ?

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 Josie & James

Feb Alexander's  
Mar Mountfield family  
Apr Vanessa & Jason Taylor  
May Jenny & Andy Brown  
June Julie King & Ian  
July Sandra and Nigel  
Sept Sam Conway  
Oct ?  
Nov. Richard & Polly Thornely  
Dec ?

2026...

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

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*More volunteers  
required please!*

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

*See report in Parish Council minutes*



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

I hold a directory of tradesmen who have been recommended by someone using them in the village.

You can pass on recommendations in confidence or even better if you are happy to show off their excellent handiwork to others or be called to provide a reference, please let me know that as well.

Contact Tom Gadsby on 07527 989639

*What could be easier?*



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

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

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**

**Cublington**  
**Crafters**

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

*Everyone very welcome.*



**Join the Cublington Life WhatsApp group**

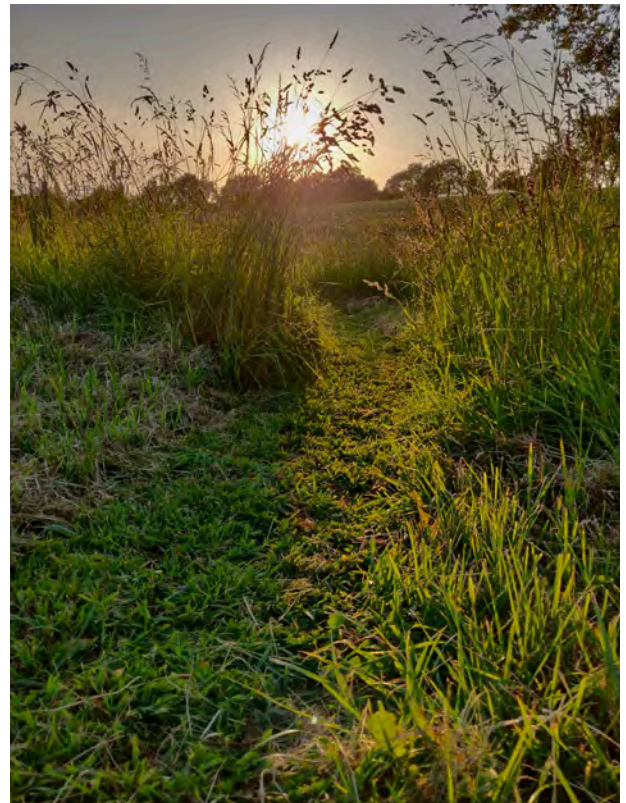
Useful information on fuel costs/power cuts/ broadband issues and the like get posted on here.

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



*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 work-parties 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.



**Please contact Martyn Waters**  
for any further information:  
[martyn.waters@icloud.com](mailto:martyn.waters@icloud.com). M: 07973754356

**IS IT JUST ME??....**

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



**Support your local...**

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

**Sloe Gin Competition**

*Friday 8th December*



*Spare a thought for  
pets this fireworks night!*





## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



# 2023

## November

**Wednesday 6th**

**Cublington Winos Call My Bluff**

7.30 pm Biggs Pavilion £10 per person.

**Saturday 18th Cabaret Evening**

Biggs Pavilion

**Wednesday 22nd Orchard Ground AGM**

7.30 pm Biggs Pavilion. All very welcome.

## December

**Cublington Advent Windows**

**1st-24th** See map next month

**Chatty Cafe Monday, 4th**

*Every first Monday of the month All welcome.*

10-11.30 am Biggs Pavilion

**Wednesday 6th Cublington Winos**

7.30 pm Biggs Pavilion

**Friday 8th Sloe Gin Competition**

The Unicorn - Entries by 6pm please

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

12.30 for 1 pm at the 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

**Saturday 4th November: planting** 9.30am - 12.00noon;

**Saturday 18th November: planting** 9.30am - 12.00noon;

**Saturday 2nd December: planting** 9.30am - 12.00noon;

**Saturday 16th December: planting** 9.30am - 12.00noon;

Tasks will include removing any ragwort plants, cutting back docks and checking tree ties and tree stakes. Please feel free to come along and see at the work that the volunteers are doing.

As an added incentive, working group mornings usually end up with bacon rolls, tea and coffee.

**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!

*Last month's was the last one unless you send us your offering.*

• WHO AM I? •



## *Rental Rates*

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

*£8 per hour*

**Outside Cublington Clubs and organisations** regularly using the facilities. *£10 per hour*

Discounts for block bookings

**Dances, discos & parties**

(There should be at least one adult present for teenage parties)

*Cublington residents £70 Non Villagers £100*

**Weddings etc.** (Whole day - 9.00am - midnight)

*Cublington residents £250 Outside of village £300*

A refundable deposit of £25 is required at time of booking.

Deposit will be returned if no costs are incurred with regard to cleanliness or damage to property, fixtures or fittings.

**Available for parties and special events**  
**Booking events now!**

**Online booking diary:**  
**[www.ogpavilion.keepandshare.com](http://www.ogpavilion.keepandshare.com)**

**Find a date you want and contact**

**Bob Paine on 01296 680483**

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

**to book it!**



## **CRAFTY CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Aston Abbotts village hall**

***Saturday December 9th*** between 1 and 4 pm

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

***All proceeds will go to The Alzheimer's Society***

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





## Cublington Winos

### Wednesday 8th November

The next Winos' evening will be on Wednesday, 8th November at 7 for 7.30pm at the Pavilion. It will take the form of a fun Call My Bluff evening. There is still space if anyone would like to join us. The cost is £10 per person. If you would like to join us please email me on [sally.missen@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.missen@btinternet.com).

The following get together will be **Wednesday 6th December** and a few of the guys have agreed to host.

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

Steve and Jackie



Still happening!

## CALLING ALL DOG OWNERS and DOG WALKERS

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





## Cublington Oil Syndicate

Get involved and save yourself some money!

**Main Contact: Alison Head**  
**[cublingtonoil@gmail.com](mailto:cublingtonoil@gmail.com)**

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



# WHY NOT JOIN YOUR LOCAL TENNIS CLUB?! we play all year round!

Tennis is the perfect sport for all round fitness, cardio health and mental well-being.

## Why not SIGN UP for coaching with Paul Hobday

This term until Friday 15th December

Paul Hobday is again offering coaching sessions on Friday evenings - 10 sessions left. If you still want to join in we can offer a slight discount with 10 sessions left..

**First session** - Rusty Rackets and improvers 6-7pm

**Second session** - Advanced and team 7-8pm

**Members price now £55** (£5.50 a session),

**Non-Members now £65** (£6.50 a session)

### 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)

- 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 Winter 4 league teams in ADTL
- Fun Club Sessions and Tournaments

### 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



### Orchard Ground

As reported in the Parish Council minutes, A grant application has been made to FCC Community Action Fund (formally Wren) for solar panels in the name of CPC on behalf of Orchard Ground for £23,500. This was declined. Sundry plumbing work has been carried out, and legionella maintenance work is being completed. Repairs to loose bricks outside the pavilion have been completed, roof tiles replaced by the cricket club and weedkiller is being regularly applied to the carpark.

The Tree Council has offered OG to make another application for £2,000 of trees.

### Draft Lease New Charity

The final draft lease has been received. An application can now be made to the Charities Commission for registration of the new charity.

### North Field

Volunteers continue to meet and work on the North field area, planting more trees, replacing dead saplings that haven't survived the difficult conditions this year. It is quite amazing what these Cublington volunteers have achieved in just 2 years. Another 50 volunteers have also helped with community planting events, with the 7 Red Oak trees and 9 Scotts Pine trees which were planted to commemorate the life and reign of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Volunteering for the North Field is very flexible, recognising that people have other commitments.

Whilst most of work happens on Saturday mornings, other volunteering happens at other times too. The work parties on Saturdays run from 9.30am to 12.00 midday and finish with tea/coffee and bacon rolls courtesy of Jenny Brown.

Please feel free to drop in on any of the dates below to have a chat to any of the volunteers, or joining in on one of the planting days. This volunteering has a social dynamic and is a great way of meeting new people and catching up with friends.

### Working Groups

The past few weeks has see the work teams on North Field replacing dead whips and clearing grass from around the saplings. Huge thanks to Hugh Vale for topping the majority of the North Field enabling us to keep it under control. Thank you to all those who have 'flagged' the ragwort and reported the whereabouts of this invasive plant.

### Saturday 4th November: planting

9.30am until 12.00 midday:

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Working group mornings usually end up with bacon rolls, tea and coffee.

### Please contact Martyn Waters.

[martyn.waters@icloud.com](mailto:martyn.waters@icloud.com) or M: 07973754356 for further information about the working groups.



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

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

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

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

email: [Martyn.Waters@icloud.com](mailto:Martyn.Waters@icloud.com)

### Orchard Ground AGM Wednesday 22nd November

7.30 pm Biggs Pavilion. All very welcome.

### New committee members always wanted.

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



# November 2023 Events & Celebrations

Here are some key dates and events happening this November in the UK and around the world.

## 1<sup>st</sup> - World Vegan Day

The joys and benefits of veganism are advocated on this dedicated day, highlighting just how easy it is to go for this plant-based lifestyle.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> – World Jellyfish Day

A day to appreciate and celebrate jellyfish, which are not, in fact, a fish at all. Due to climate change, overall jellyfish numbers are increasing, however some species are on the endangered list.



## 5<sup>th</sup> - Guy Fawkes Night

When the British celebrate the Gunpowder Plot conspirators failure to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605. Also known as Bonfire Night or Fireworks Night. It is celebrated with fireworks and the burning of an effigy on a bonfire, known as a Guy.



## 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day

The day when we remember those members of the armed forces who gave their lives in conflict. The date was chosen to commemorate the end of hostilities of the First World War on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918.

## 12<sup>th</sup> - Diwali

Diwali is the Hindu festival of Lights, which is celebrated with fireworks, dancing, music, the decoration of homes and feasting. The most important aspect is decorating with lights, especially the traditional Diwa candles.



## 13<sup>th</sup> - Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week. All you have to do is wear odd socks to school or work.



## 15<sup>th</sup> - Steve Irwin Day

Celebrated each year on 15<sup>th</sup> November, Steve Irwin Day is an annual international event honouring the life and legacy of the one and only Crocodile Hunter, and to highlight his passion for animal conservation.

## 21<sup>st</sup> - World Hello Day

Anyone can participate in World Hello Day simply by greeting ten people. This demonstrates the importance of personal communication for preserving peace.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> – Doctor Who Day

Also known as TARDIS day, this is the anniversary of the first ever transmission of Doctor Who.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving

US national holiday which is a celebration of the successful harvest and other blessings of the past year.

## 24<sup>th</sup> - Buy Nothing Day

Held to coincide with Black Friday, this is an international day of protest against consumerism, where people are encouraged to buy nothing at all that day.







## 26<sup>th</sup> Nov to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - National Tree Week

The UK's largest annual tree celebration, where the UK's conservation sector, volunteer groups and tree-lovers come together to plant thousands of trees to mark the start of the tree planting season.

## 30<sup>th</sup> - St. Andrew's Day

This is the annual celebration of the patron saint of Scotland, St. Andrew. While it is not a national holiday, it is usually celebrated with traditional Scottish food, music and culture.



WING  
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## Remember, remember... that we are now open on Mondays

### Calling all crime fiction readers

We have received a generous donation from a Wingrave resident of the full collection of bestselling DCI Ryan mysteries by L.J. Ross, set in north-east England and published from 2015.

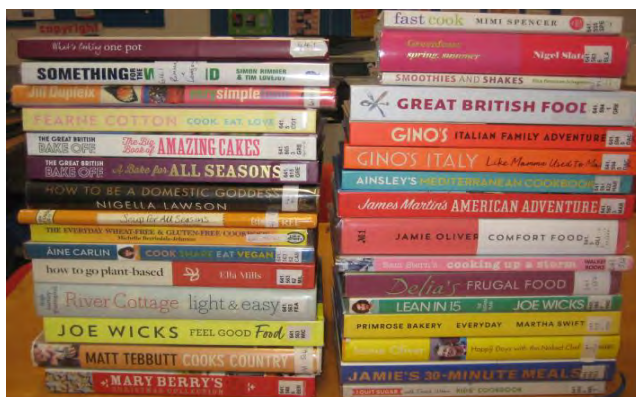
The second book in the series is titled *Sycamore Gap* with a picture of the iconic tree on the cover. The location is about 30 miles from where the author was born and grew up. Check them out at [www.fantasticfiction.com](http://www.fantasticfiction.com)

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Cookery books are expensive, but we have all these in the library. Come in, be inspired, and find something different to cook.



## Opening Times

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

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## ‘ART AT WINGRAVE’ 2023

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS...

HOSTED BY FIELD VIEW AND HOME FARM

CASTLE STREET, WINGRAVE, BUCKS. HP22 4PT

***November 18th -20th 10.30 am – 4.30 pm***

We’re pleased to invite you back to ‘Art At Wingrave’ from Friday 24th – Sunday 26th November, 10.30 am – 4.30 pm, just in time to find those special and individual Christmas gifts – or simply to have an enjoyable browse. (Free Event)

During the week-end Julie Pugh’s lovely Studio will also be open for her successful, annual pre-Christmas showing of ‘One of One’ Jewellery at Home Farm, Castle Street.

And at Field View, Castle Street we will be hosting an exciting collection of works from a dozen local Artists and Makers – and expect to meet new Artists too!

From the beginning of November, A6 leaflets detailing the artists and showing examples of their work will be available in locations locally and at the Wingrave Shop. Look forward to seeing Ceramics, Ceramic and Paper Sculptures, Textiles, Glass Art, Designer Lamps, Pencil and Pastel Portraiture, Photography, Furniture Design, Hand-turned Wood, Mixed Media Paintings.

So here’s the perfect occasion for that spot of enjoyable browsing; keep the dates free, bring a friend, head down Castle Street and pay us a visit: a warm welcome is guaranteed along with something mulled to drink and yummy cake of course (Proceeds from refreshments to Breast Cancer Research).

See you there – well ‘here’ in fact...

***Andrew and Margaret Liversidge, Field View Studio***





# CUBLINGTON CABARET EVENING



## *Anything Goes!!*

**SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

**7.00PM - BIGGS PAVILION**

Tickets for the 'one and only Cublington Cabaret' are just £10 per head to include a two course meal. Tables mostly of 8. Wine and beer available to purchase on the night.

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

If you would like to book tickets please email [jackie.farrands@btinternet.com](mailto:jackie.farrands@btinternet.com) or message 07968 672707.

Anybody wishing to perform, please also use the same contact details. Just to confirm any performers need to also buy a ticket (we don't always know everyone involved in each act)



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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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**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

the following message should have been included for sponsoring the church lights during October but we didn't receive it in time...

*With fondest love and great memories to mark the birthday of Mike Sargent from his wife Bx"*



## Church Services in November

		service	readings 1	gospel	reader 1	gospel + coffee
5 Nov	All Saints	1st Sunday with Annie	Rev 7:9-end 1 John 3:1-3	Matt 5:1-12	Sally Prayers: jane	Martyn
12	RemembranceHC	Howard	Amos 5:18-24 1 Thess 4:13-end	Matt 25:1-13	Julie	Gillian
19	2nd before Adv	lay led Sarah & Steve	Zeph 1:7, 12-end 1 Thess 5:1-11	Matt 25:14-30	Diane	Penny
26	Christ the King	HC Howard	Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-end	Matt 25:31-end	??	Helen G



Thank you all so very much for helping out this year!

We're always after new recruits if you'd like to volunteer.

Many thanks, Roy Shons 01296 682787 077752 043145 [royshons@btinternet.com](mailto:royshons@btinternet.com)



## ST NICHOLAS LAWN MOWING ROTA



# "Chatty Café"

We are planning to hold informal coffee mornings on the *first Monday in the month* from 10-11.30 am in the Pavilion. It will be open to everyone, children welcome, and be a chance to chat to friends old and new over coffee/tea and cake and biscuits. There will be a small charge of £2 to cover costs.

*The first coffee morning will be on Monday, 4th December, so please put it in your diary and just turn up.*

*Maggie and Sally*

## BABYSITTING DIRECTORY - *all listed are 14+*



Alice Gadsby - 680452\*

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Katie Keane 688133 or  
07803939530

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Izzy Law - 688019

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Maisy Parsons 01296 68230  
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Charles Powell 01296 680467



\* School or Uni holidays only

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

*We would like to  
encourage you to join in...*



## Villages Art Group CALLING ALL ARTISTS

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

*Come along and paint and sketch and learn together*

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

**Venue :** Biggs Pavilion, 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.*





## From the Rector



### Remembering

As we move into November, our thoughts turn to Remembrance or Armistice Day. For those who take part, it is a poignant occasion when our world briefly stops and we remember; and we recite the names on our war memorials. And therein lies a challenge. We could be related to one or more individual whose name we recite and we may have been told about them from within our family, but in many cases, they are unknown to us (I used to know a woman whose three great uncles, brothers, are listed, but she never knew them). As time progresses, even family memories will fade and the challenge is thus how to remember? What is it we are remembering?

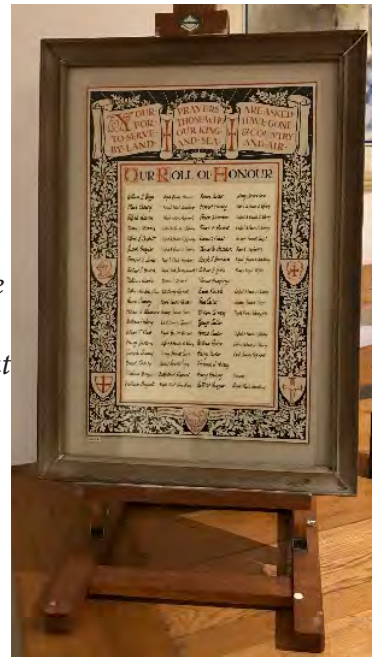
I suggest our starting point is to remember their humanity and this is where local history projects come to the fore. Discovering and recording the lives of the fallen local to our community suddenly emphasises that they were real people; Stewkley school has an excellent such project on display in the school foyer. Also, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records their stories and maintains their graves, including the graves of those who died after the war from injuries sustained during it. Most of the churchyards in our group have graves monitored by the Commission.

But it isn't just the stories prior to joining up, it's also what they did once there. I think one of the most arresting is the Christmas Eve football match in 1914. The story of that camaraderie is well known, but how surprised was I to learn of a second truce! Easter 1915 on the eastern front on the shores of the Vistula River. For four days, Easter eggs were exchanged and placards in German and Russian proclaimed Christ is Risen! Significant I think, these happening at major Christian festivals.

The war to end all wars turned out a vain cry, but as we grapple with a world steeped in turmoil remembering the humanity of the fallen is how we meet the challenge of them not being known. And, perhaps, we might give some thought to how something bigger than war seems to have walked the battlefield on at least two occasions.

*With every blessing,*

*Rev'd Howard Robson.*



## November Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...

Henry Hodgson is 12 on the 25th



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



## Beating the Winter Blues

I'm lucky enough to be sat in my garden on an uncharacteristically warm October evening as I write this. There's not much I enjoy more than sitting outside when the weather is nice and feeling the warmth of the sun on my face. It's something I'm going to miss terribly as we head into winter.

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that comes and goes in a seasonal pattern. It's sometimes known as "winter depression" because the symptoms are usually more apparent and severe during the winter, although some people can experience it in the summer.

Research has shown that one in three people in the UK suffer from SAD, and women are 40% more likely than men to experience symptoms of the condition. The exact cause of SAD is not fully understood, but it's often linked to reduced exposure to sunlight during the shorter autumn and winter days.

There are a number of things you can try to help improve your symptoms:

- Try to get as much natural sunlight as possible – even a brief lunchtime walk can be beneficial.
- Make your work and home environments as light and airy as possible.
- Sit near windows when you're indoors.
- Take plenty of regular exercise, particularly outdoors and in daylight.
- Eat a healthy, balanced diet.
- Make time to do things you enjoy or try a new hobby.
- Do things that make you happy – why not put your Christmas decorations up early if that makes you smile.
- Learn ways to relax, such as mindfulness or spending more time in nature.
- Plan things to look forward to, such as a meal out with friends.
- If possible, avoid stressful situations and take steps to manage stress.
- Don't suffer in silence – reach out to friends and family so they understand how you're feeling and can support you.
- Try using a SAD light box or a dawn simulator alarm clock which lights up gradually to fill your bedroom with a glow.
- Celebrate winter for all the things you love about it, rather than getting bogged down in the negatives.

If you are struggling to cope, consider speaking to your GP who may offer one or a combination of the following treatments:

- Light therapy – where a special lamp called a light box is used to simulate exposure to sunlight.
- Talking therapies – such as cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) or counselling.
- Antidepressant medicine.

Please visit [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) for more information and support.



# 100 CLUB DRAWS

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



## *£1500 Prize money won last year!*

### **November 2023.**

- 1st Prize - £50 - John Gregory.**  
**2nd Prize - £40 - Imogen Lackey.**  
**3rd Prize - £30 - Lucy Clunie.**  
**4th Prize - £20 - Steve Jenkins.**

**If** you want to buy a ticket online for the next round of 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.**

## *Wednesday Evening Wanderings...*



Our regular Wednesday Wanderings will start from the wall of the Unicorn (times vary during winter months) and we would be back by sunset. Hopefully some of you without work commitments will be able to join us for an hour or so. Please call Andy on 07762439443 if you want to join the walk.

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**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**  
**Oh no it isn't...**  
**Oh yes it blooming well is!**

## Panto rehearsals have started...

We still have a wide range of roles to fill, both in front of the audience and back stage if there are any more volunteers out there?

***Thursdays from 19th October, using the Unicorn initially, 8pm. Read through and parts will be assigned during the first two weeks, WE NEED MORE ACTORS!! or it will be a very poor matter!***

jane

JaneA2000@aol.com

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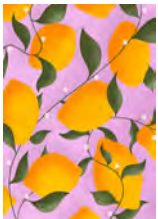
Christmas  
Gift idea?



## ARTISTS of Cublington

Pack of 5 blank A6 size notelets

with envelopes **£4**



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Thank you very much to all involved in the fantastic Cublington Artists Exhibition for their very generous Donation to Friends of St Nicholas.

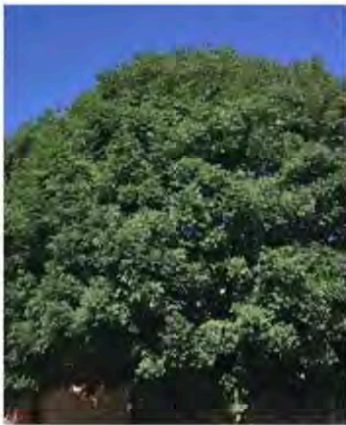


# Ash Dieback: The Silent Pandemic

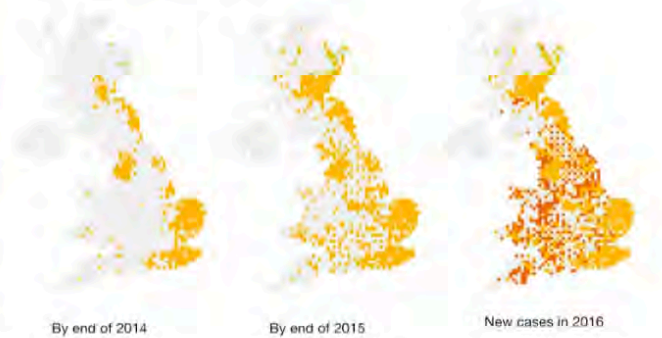
Tring Woods is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and is one of the standout treasures of the Chiltern Hills. The vibrant autumn display by the turning beech, ash, birch and cherry offer a feast of colour. Red kites and buzzards flicking in and out of view as they pass overhead, whilst the decaying leaf matter provides a wide ranging banquet of delights supporting fungi at this time of year.

This ever changing seasonal dance, unique but always familiar, is under threat. A disease of our most beloved ash trees is becoming a blight to our landscape and holds no prisoners. A simple stroll through a local woodland will deliver, to the discerning eye, glimpses of infected and stressed mature trees. However, visit a woodland at the front lines of the conflict and picture is more forthright; row after row of dead trees.

Ash is one of Britain's 32 native species of trees. As our third most common tree, they are a vital part of the ecosystems in our woodlands and hedgerows, as well as a durable wood found in our homes. Ash dieback disease, caused by the fungus *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*, was first identified in the UK in 2012. With over a 90% mortality rate, a recent study by the University of Oxford indicated the cost will exceed 15bn to remove all infected trees. The current picture suggests mature trees are more robust to the infection, but younger trees have less resources, and subsequently have little resistance. The stark reality of the disease is clear to see in the photo below of the same tree before and after becoming infected.



Confirmed ash dieback infection sites since first detection in 2012  
Guardian graphic; Source: Forestry Commission



This is what has unfortunately happened in Tring Woods. Ash dieback has struck, and the well-trodden paths snaking their way up the escarpment are littered with semi-mature dead ash trees. The bronze hue of the smooth bark is a pertinent sign of the infection, along with a diamond shaped lesion and the obvious 'dieback' of the branch tips on the more resilient, mature trees.

In our current climate of a blame and claim culture, actions must be taken. The nearby nature reserve of Pavis Wood, run by Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT), has already conducted large scale felling of infected trees within falling distance of footpaths and boundaries to the tune of £400k, with this figure only set to increase. This ground zero approach deeply scars the woodland, leaving a broken ecology similar to the frowned upon logging practices in distant countries. But what choice do they have. The trees are dead...



If you're unfamiliar with this conflict, I would ask you make a visit to a nearby woodland and see for yourself the devastation unfolding before our very eyes, as ash trees are now unfortunately becoming an endangered species.



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**THANK YOU** to the 44 **AMAZING** supporters who have so far raised a **STAGGERING** £2,229.22. 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 Sarah George - £432.97.  
2nd Gwyneira Waters. - £340.68.  
3rd Martyn Waters - £274.58.  
4th Margaret Brandon - £203.25.  
5th Kevin Shults - £168.33.  
6th Bob Paine - £125.80.



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

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# CUBLINGTON'S 7<sup>TH</sup> ADVENT TRAIL ADVENT WINDOWS 2023



The seasonal lead up to Christmas is nearly here! Cublington welcomes the time with the Advent Windows Trail from 1st December to Christmas Eve.

Be part of this festive event, volunteer a window, some decoration (help available if requested) and switch on the light!

*\*\*New windows very welcome -  
let's make it the biggest yet!\*\**



Please send an email to Jane on [Janea2000@aol.com](mailto:Janea2000@aol.com) if you are able or would like to take part.

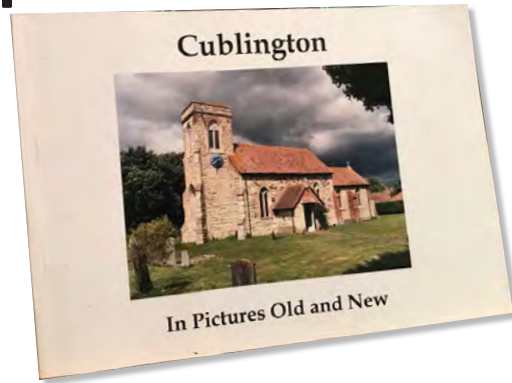
Several already have! Be a part of the fun! Trail being finalised right now! Do it!

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IN PICTURES**



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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"***

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

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Yes it's that time of year again!

**THE CUBLINGTON CRIER**



***Xmas Greetings page***

Every year the Crier publishes villager's Christmas Greetings so they don't have to send expensive cards to all their friends in the village.



To take part - All we ask is you contribute what you would have spent on Christmas cards to your own chosen charity.



Deadline for greetings to the Crier is 15th November.  
Don't be late! Do it now!

Hardcopy (handwritten) or scans as jpeg or pdf are all acceptable! ❄️ email [info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk](mailto:info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk)







Having said that I couldn't access the bin collection data anymore in last month's edition, Jenny Brown told me of the Bucks CC bin collection app ( who knew?!). This displays the collections neatly in one place. So here you are for the whole of November. *Thank you Jenny.*

## LAST GARDEN BIN COLLECTIONS

This year's garden waste collection service is nearly over, with the **final 2023 collection taking place on the 29th November**. Your service will be automatically renewed in January, unless you wish to cancel it. An invoice for the 2024 service will be sent in November, allowing all garden waste customers to renew and pay for their 2024 subscription by January.



## Carol Service

*Sunday, 17th December, 4.00pm*



**AGM** 7.30pm Biggs Pavilion Wednesday 22nd November.

*All villagers welcome - please come along and support the Orchard Ground Committee - your views and involvement are invaluable.*

*We are all volunteers running OG for the benefit of the community.*

*Refreshments provided ( yes this is a bribe)*

## BUS SERVICE

We have been advised that single fares are now capped at £2.50 per journey until November 2024.

***PLEASE USE YOUR BUS OR LOSE IT!***

### *Weekdays*

The 9.12am & 11.12am to Leighton Buzzard - Return 11.40am, 1.40pm

The 11.57am & 1.57pm to Aylesbury - Return 2.30pm & 4.10 pm ***All services need more support.***

*Saturdays*

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

## ***GIVE IT A GO!***

## WORD TEASER

A 'Countdown Conundrum' with a twist!

Find the answer to the clues, which are all connected to the village.

The first letter of each clue will give you part of an anagram which needs to be unjumbled.

You'll find the answers elsewhere in the Crier.

Good luck!



- 1) Where you will find the budding Andy Murray's of the village (6,4)  
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- 2) Enjoy a tipple with this mythical creature (7)  
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- 3) The resident Saint of the village (8)  
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- 4) Where you can read the Crier on the internet (5)  
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- 5) A place where you will find lots of newly planted trees (5,5)  
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- 6) Editor of the Crier (4,7)  
-----
- 7) A place where events are held (5,8)  
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- 8) The postal town for the village (8,7)  
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- 9) A recreational walking route which goes through the village (5,9,4)  
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- 10) You'll often hear the applause and cheers of spectators watching this sport at the weekend (7)  
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**Write the first letter of each clue in here to get the anagram that needs solving:**

[illegible]





# PARISH NEWS

Main Contact :  
cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

## Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 12th September 2023 at Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm

### **Present:**

Cllr G Antosiewicz (Chair)  
Cllr H Vale  
Cllr M Reilly  
Cllr M Waters  
Cllr K Shults

Cllr D Blamires (Bucks Council) for item 4  
Cllr A Bond (Bucks Council) for item 4

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

### **1. Apologies** None

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

The minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd July 2023 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

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

None .

### **4. Reports**

#### **Bucks Council Councillors**

The community board representative is carrying out road trips around the villages. There was no obvious day or time which would be convenient for Cublington so it was suggested the representative should be present at our village fete. The meeting went through the points requiring assistance from our county councillors.

1. CPC had carried out the repairs to the gate post and fenced damaged by a contractor of Bucks Council. It raised an invoice for the works to Bucks Council stating non settlement would result in taking the Council to the small claims court. This communication was copied to the litigation department and Cllr Steve Broadbent who is the Cabinet Member Bucks Council responsible for Transport. No response has been received and the meeting agreed to proceed with legal action against Bucks Council.

Cllr Diana Blamires said she would try once again to get Cllr Broadbent to review the case.

2. A summary of points discussed at Local Area Technician site visit was discussed. A schedule of outstanding points was produced which will be

updated regularly to monitor action points. Reads Lane and Ridings Way are roads that are priority roads for resurfacing and Cllr Blamires will raise this request with Highways Dept.

3. The County Councillors felt there was little more they could do concerning Red Brick recycling unit.

Cllr Blamires reported on a presentation she had made to Bucks Council on the importance of appropriate provision for children and young people with ADHD.

Wingrave has had a request for 20mph speed zone turned down.

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

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st July to 31st August 2023:

1/7 Zurich Insurance	£1,875.63
1/7 G Antosiewicz expenses	£30.00
flowers H.Vale	
3/7 Autela Payroll	£54.58
payroll services	
8/8 Wickstead	£720
maintenance playground -cableway	
8/8 MW Jenkins	£891
– Orchard Ground gate repair	
21/7 SSE electricity	£109.54
28/7 Clerk Salary July	£180.57
15/8 Mainly Mowing	£453.75
– mowing and hedge cutting	
27/8 Clerk Salary August	£180.77
28/8 Wickstead	£123.77
– replacement porthole	
21/8 SSE electricity	£189.29

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

There was a surplus of £78.88 for the period to 31st August 2023 with closing cash balances of £21,781.63. The forecast to 31st March 2024 is a deficit of £5,641.12 and cash reserves of £16,061.63.

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

A grant application has been made to FCC Community Action Fund (formally Wren) for solar panels in the name of CPC on behalf of Orchard Ground for £23,500. A decision from FCC will be made by the end of August. Sundry plumbing work has been carried out, and legionella maintenance work needs to be completed.

The Tree Council has offered OG to make another application for £2,000 of trees.

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

The final draft lease has been received. An application can now be made to the Charities Commission for registration of the new charity. Parrott and Coales is ceasing to trade at the end of September, and they apologised for their poor service on this matter. Our files will be transferred to Kidd Rapinet.

## **7. Planning Permissions**

**7.1 19/04435/ACL Wing Caravan Site** – application for certificate of lawfulness for existing caravan site. The Inspectorate held an informal hearing last week – appeal has been refused.

**7.2 22/009963/AGN Walnuts 4 Aston Abbotts Road**  
Erection of general-purpose agricultural building for storage of implements and winter fodder – Appeal under Section 78 – appeal has been refused.

**7.3 23/02119/APP - The Old Stables Reads Lane Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LE**  
Erection of two detached dwellings – no objection.

**7.4 23/02005/APP - Broncott Reads Lane Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LE**  
Householder application for detached garage- no objection.

## **8. Village Matters**

### **8.1 Traffic Period 1.6.23 – 11.9.23**

Count Speeders 30mph	146
% of All records	100%
Max Speeder 30mph	52mph
Count all Sessions 30mph	27
Avg Speeder per Session	5
Total number of vehicles passing	1719
Number sessions with vehicles passing	32
Avg Vehicles passing per session	53
Avg % speeders/session	8%
Session time at roadside	30.5 hours
Avg offenders per hour	4.8

Cllr Shults and his team were thanked for their excellent work. There is a need for more volunteers.

**Lockharts** – Bulk Transfer Limited is parking lorries on the site which is not registered as an operating centre. Clerk to report to Vehicle Operator Licensing.

**Red Brick Farm** – it was felt the number of lorry movements are exceeding the number allowed under the conditions of planning application. Clerk to contact Enforcement Dept .

### **8.2 Street Lighting**

The LED replacement quotation was deficient in detail, so the contractor has been asked to come out and survey the existing lights to enable a comprehensive quotation.

### **8.3 Trees and hedges**

It was noted there were still hedges and trees that needed cutting throughout the village. The Local Area Technician had been asked to establish which landowners were responsible for trees and hedges throughout the village. It is important all paths are accessible, and streetlights are clear of tree/hedge branches.

### **8.4 Playground Maintenance**

Wickstead had completed maintenance work on the cableway. Further work is required and a quote for £1,248 has been received from Wickstead. Clerk to obtain quotations from other companies/individuals. A replacement porthole has been delivered and fitted. There were other minor deficiencies highlighted which will be looked at.

### **8.5 Waste Bins**

Bucks Council has changed its contractors concerning dog waste bins. The broken bin at OG will be replaced once a new contractor is in place. The general waste bins locking system have deteriorated over the years and Bucks Council has requested the bins are replaced with ones that have metal locks. The clerk felt the bins in other villages were no better than ours, so he suggested we leave the matter.

### **8.6 Best Kept Village and Community Award**

Cublington has won a community award and runner up in the best kept village award. There will be a formal presentation of the awards at the next meeting on 14th November. The chair suggest Cllr Reilly accepts the Best Kept Village Award and Cllr Waters accepts the community award on behalf of the parish council to reflect their hard work in these areas. It was suggested we provide light refreshments for the presentation and open the meeting to residents.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council and will take place on Tuesday 14th November 2023 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.**



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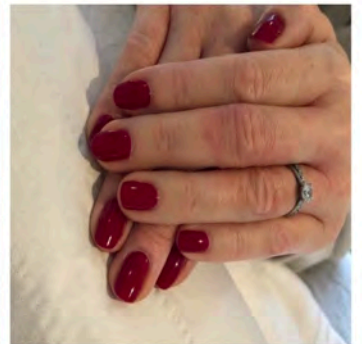
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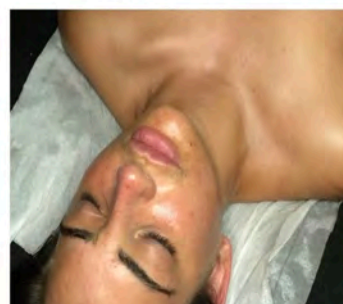
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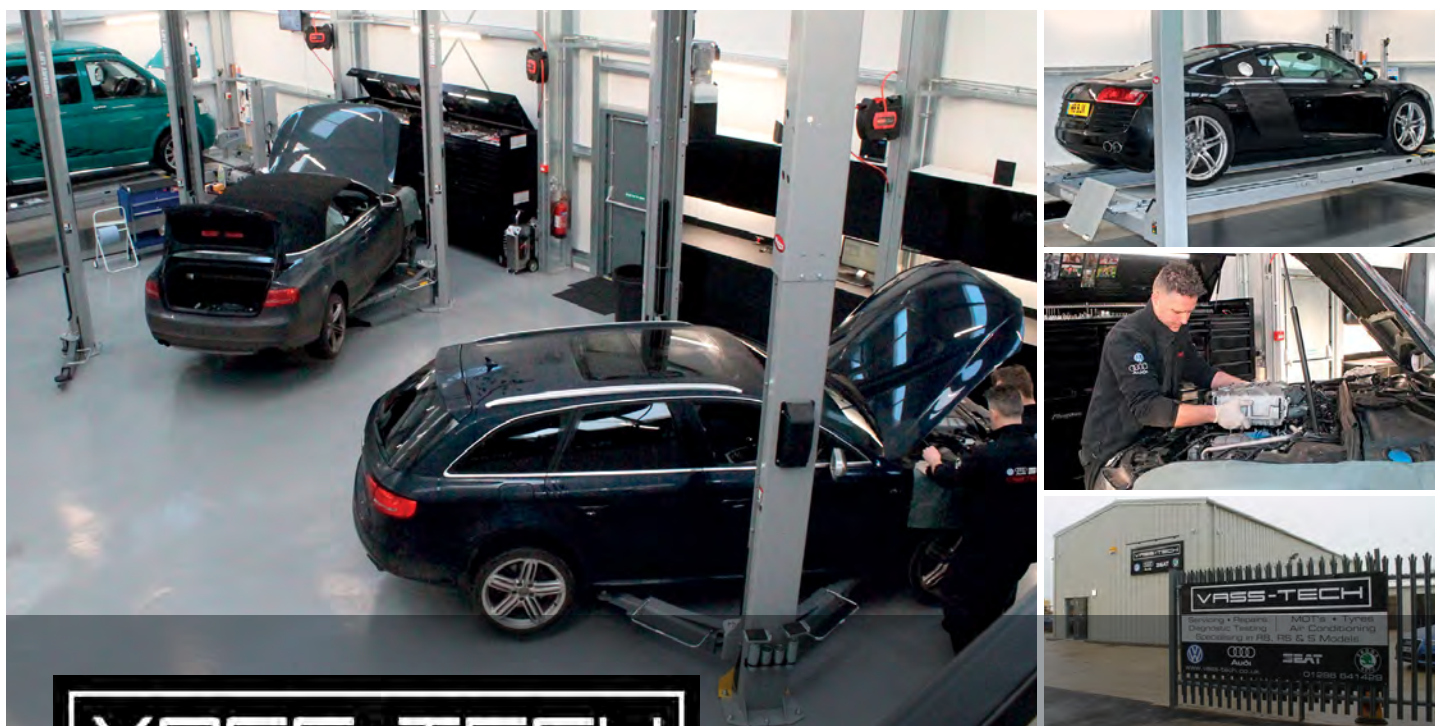
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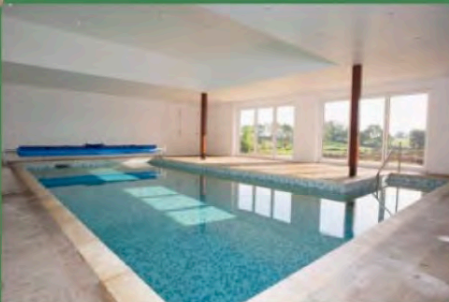


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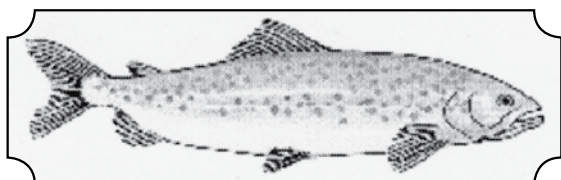
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We love being able to get out in the village so do give us a wave if you see us. So many learning opportunities arise from our trips out, from size and colour of passing vehicles to recognising numbers and of course understanding the world around us.

With this being the first term of a new academic year we have also been getting to know all about ourselves and thinking all about 'me'

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