

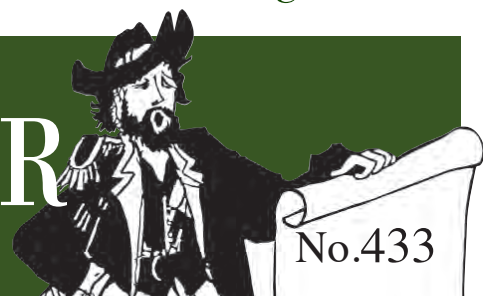
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'Another super village event'



'Amazing to have so much talent in one village'

The Third Exhibition of the Artists of Cublington at the Biggs Pavilion has been a great success. Nearly 200 people visited the show throughout the weekend and were able to view a variety of work by 15 artists. Some exhibited works were for sale and many were purchased.

A big thank you to all the helpers and to the numerous people who made cakes. An enormous amount of cake was consumed throughout the weekend and thank you to everyone who made generous financial donations.



I was surprised to be asked to write this review as my knowledge of art is not a thing I would put near the top of a resume. But then I thought about the expression, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. And a view from a non-arty person may just be the ticket and certainly less analytical!

I never got to previous shows, so I was amazed at the standard and diversity of the work on display. After all, it's not like we are a big village with thousands of residents, so how we managed to find so much talent surely makes a mockery of the ratio of artists to resident percentages (if there is such a thing).

As I entered the hall, I could tell that this wasn't a show just about individual artists from the village but much more of a collective effort. The hall was well laid out, the displays professionally mounted, and all the artwork was displayed at a height that seemed to work for all. As I wandered around it became very clear, very quickly, that a great deal of time, effort and love had been poured into the work and wow, such variety. From portraits (a particularly good Mr Brandon kept his eyes on me as I went past), landscapes, sculptures, photography, tapestry, pottery, cyanotypes (using light reactive paper), jewellery, felting, stained glassing (I did say I wasn't an expert) and loads of fabulous paintings in many different mediums depicting just about anything you can think of. Speaking to one of the artists, he told me that one of his pieces had taken nearly a year to complete, which got me thinking about all the other artists and how much collective time must have been spent to put this show together.

I spoke with many of the exhibitors, and all of them exuded the same quiet modesty, as though their incredible talents were nothing out of the ordinary. Well, all I can say is thank-you, for what was an amazing display of art showing that the village of Cublington has a deep well of hidden talents. And who knows, maybe there is more out there waiting to be discovered?

Finally, these shows don't just happen, they need support. The cakes didn't bake themselves, there was always someone on duty with a helping hand throughout the opening hours. The marketing of the event needed to be organised and probably loads of other things I haven't even thought of. After all, I was always told that a thing well done is worth doing and I know you all done good!!!!

Simon Morgan



Hello, I can't believe that it is the October edition of The Crier already. It feels as though this year has gone so quickly - maybe that is a true sign that we are getting older! As the summer comes to a close, we can feel a subtle shift in the air. The mornings are crisper, the evenings cooler. The days begin to shorten, and the sunlight takes on a golden hue. It's the start of the change, the beginning of the transition from the days of summer to the cozy embrace of autumn. The first hints of autumn can be seen in the changing leaves, a preview of the vibrant tapestry that is about to unfold.

And now, as summer fades away and the vibrant colours of autumn emerge, it's time to prepare for the harvest season, and this includes the Cublington Harvest Festival Auction in the village, one of our favourite things in the village event calendar. For those who haven't been, it may have slightly 'Vicar of Dibley' vibes but it is also enormous fun. The evening kicks off with 'Traffic Light' soup and cheese and wine. And then the auction gets underway, led by the dashing auctioneer, Tom. We are lucky enough to have many villagers who have allotments, the produce of which they donate to the auction. There are also some talented bakers in the village (and beyond - Mrs Gadsby Senior's authentic Apple Strudels always go down a storm) who also supply auction lots. My one word of warning though is that whatever we have bid on, every year we have come away with several marrows or squash that I have no idea how to use, so to help with this we have included a tasty recipe in this month's Crier. Watch out for the date of this year's festival and come along, just make sure you bring your bidding head and a sense of fun!

The Harvest Festival always feels like a fitting end to the Summer and is the perfect transition to, dare I say it as time flies by, Christmas! On that note, we will look forward to the cozy evenings, crackling fires and warm jumpers and embrace everything that Cublington has to offer (apart from the muddy dog walks) until we get to the Spring months. We hope to see you at the auction!

Vanessa & Jason

November EDITOR:
Clare Hemmings

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Welcome to

Jane & Stuart, who bought the Old Post Office (Romy's one) after driving past it for years and liking it. They are the church lights sponsors this month, Thank you and welcome.

Also to Donna-Louise who's also starting a Holistic Wellness business in the village. Welcome.

Would be Thespians?

Calls for any would be thespians to join in the fun at the annual Cublington Panto. See ad elsewhere... go on, you know you want to. I'm told it's actually a lot of fun.

Apologies

To the church as their information was omitted from last month's Crier. Down to the fact it was sent in August and I didn't look down far enough in the folder. My bad.

Well done

To all those who organised the Horticultural Show - a great annual showpiece village event!

Well done also

To all those who organised and exhibited at the latest Art Exhibition. "Such a talented village" was one of the many comments overheard!
I wholeheartedly agree.

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IS IT JUST ME??....

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

We, both Gill and I, have recently had to deal with O2 and Lloyds bank re-spectively and we both are totally exasperated by the total lack of good customer service. I won't bore you with details but you really couldn't make some of it up, but it's all true. The default seems to be to try and navigate artificial/automated secu-rity. Then when that fails and you get to speak to a human, at the first sign of difficulty the line goes dead. This has happened to me about five times over the last weeks trying to get an explanation as to why the bank had stopped three cheques. Coincidence? I don't think so, which is why I now have a complaint underway and will take it all the way to the ombudsman if I have to.
Anyone have a similar tale to tell?

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!

2023.. December The Merrimans

2025...

2024... Jan Will & Rebecca Bentinck

Jan ?

Feb Abby & Lee Stopher

Feb Alexander's

Mar Martyn & Avril Gates

Mar Mountfield family

Apr Reilly's

Apr Vanessa & Jason Taylor

May Gregory family (Miranda)

May Jenny & Andy Brown

June Susan & Iain Black

June Julie King & Ian

July Vanessa and Kerry

July Sandra and Nigel

Sept Debbie & Brian Knights

Sept Sam Conway

October Karen & Danny

Oct ?

November Penny Allen

Nov. Richard & Polly Thornely

December Josie & James

Dec ?

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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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

Doing a great job everyone!



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?



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

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

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:

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.



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. M: 07973754356

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

Autumn Crafts for Children

Upcycled fox

This fantastic fox is made from a cardboard toilet roll tube and two cupcake cases – simply add beads or googly eyes to bring him to life.

Takes 30 mins plus drying time

You will need

- newspaper
- orange paint
- paintbrushes
- toilet roll tube
- 2 white cupcake cases
- 3 black beads
- glue

What to do

1. Lay down newspaper to protect the work surface. Paint the toilet roll tube orange and leave to dry.
2. Open both cupcake cases out flat, fold both in half, then a quarter and then in half again. To make the face, open one of the cases back out so that it is in a quarter-fold with a crease down the middle. Glue the inside folded quarters flat together. To make the tail, glue the second case together so you have a thinner cone shape.
3. Paint the two folded cupcake cases orange, leaving the tips unpainted for the tail and nose. Leave to dry, then turn over and paint the undersides. Leave to dry.
4. Once the body is dry, create the ears by pressing the top front and the top back of the tube in towards the centre.
5. Glue two beads onto the face for eyes and another for the nose. Stick the fox's face to its body and glue the tail in place at the back, pointy side out.



MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2023

October

Sunday 1st Harvest festival

9 am St Nicholas Church

Monday 2nd Harvest festival Auction

6.30pm St Nicholas Church

Wednesday 4th Cublington Winos

7.30 pm Biggs Pavilion

Friday 27th St Nicholas Quiz Night

6.30 for 7pm start Biggs Pavilion

NOW FULLY BOOKED

November

Saturday 18th Cabaret Evening

Biggs Pavilion

December

Wednesday 6th Cublington Winos

7.30 pm 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.

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

NORTH FIELD WORK PARTIES



Saturday 21st October: maintenance 9.30am - 12.00noon;

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

Date for the diary

CABARET EVENING

This year's cabaret will be held on Saturday 18th November at the Biggs Pavilion.

The theme will be 'Anything Goes!'

If you would like to be involved in the entertainment then please contact the compère Brian on brian.b.knights@gmail.com

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Cublington Winos

Greeting from the winos (hic!).

Our next get together is Wednesday 4th October hosted by Sally and Joe together with Gillian and Jan. The following meeting will be Wednesday 6th December and a few of the guys have agreed to host.

4th October, 6th December.

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

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

Steve and Jackie

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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!

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cublingtonoil@gmail.com

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• WHO AM I? •

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

A vet. I grew up on a farm and was familiar with many farm animals and various pets.

2. What was your first job?

Electrician. I was an apprentice in a steelworks but hated it.

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

Mick Jagger because my teenage geography teacher said their music was just noise. I'm now 73 and they're still going strong... and he'd bring his entourage.

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

AD800's because I am fascinated by Vikings, and would like to meet one.

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

I've lived in a lot of places, and wherever I've been I've enjoyed it.

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

I have no real temptations because I give in to everything!

7. What is your favourite book and why?

Where the Lion Feeds by Wilbourn Smith - actually his first book. I was growing up in South Africa at the time and it really struck home.

8. What is your favourite song and why?

I Can't Get No Satisfaction - refer to previous answer above.

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

Volunteer Committees.

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

Motorcross, I used to have a Yamaha 175 and loved performing Rooster Trails - spinning the back wheel and throwing up mud!

11. How long have you lived in Cublington?

15 years about 50% of the time..



St Nicholas Harvest Festival Service

Sunday October 1st
9.00am followed by

St Nicholas
Auction of produce
Monday 2nd October
6.30pm

St. Nicholas Church QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 27th October at
the Biggs Pavilion**

? 6.45pm for 7.00pm start
Tables of 6

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? Ticket to include a hot supper
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New members always very welcome.

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Orchard Ground & North Field

LATEST NEWS and UPDATES



Orchard Ground

It was reported in the September edition of The Crier that Cublington had been awarded the Dashwood Trophy for the best runner-up in the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition. It has transpired that Cublington is to be awarded another trophy for outdoor recreation facilities, designated nature conservation, and community involvement particularly with the community orchard and North Field, scoring maximum points in the two categories for these headings.

Another 'feather in the cap' for Cublington and an acknowledgement of the volunteering that has gone into these the upkeep and development of these assets for residents of the local community. More details soon.

North Field

A number of 'North Field Hero' awards have recently been made to 29 volunteers who have helped out over the past 20 months since planning permission was granted. Volunteers have helped in the early days marking out the orchard and planting 65 fruit and nut trees; planting 2,500 tree whips into woodland and copse areas and 500 hedging whips provided by the Woodland Trust and Conservation Volunteers to create a new hedge line and to help restore existing hedging; planting out the blossom circle with crab apple, hawthorn and flowering cherry to which snowdrops and bluebells have been added; planning and maintaining the footpaths with regular mowing; marking out and planting the first meadow area, and also undertaking various maintenance tasks around the orchard and blossom circle, and in the copse and woodland areas with several volunteers learning how to use a scythe. It is quite amazing what these Cublington volunteers have achieved in just 20 months. In addition, another 50 volunteers have helped with community planting events, most recently 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. 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 seen the work teams on North Field cutting out dock plants and the ragwort. Thank you to those who have 'flagged' the ragwort and reported the whereabouts of this invasive plant.

Saturday 21st October: maintenance

9.30am until 12.00 midday:

Saturday 4th November: planting

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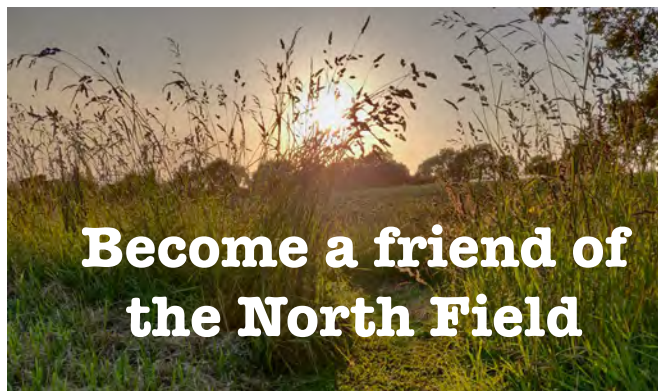
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9.30am until 12.00 midday:

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Please contact Martyn Waters.

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

Thank you for your support for Cublington's North Field project.

Martyn Waters



The Biggs Pavilion

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£8 per hour

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Cublington Crafters

IN AFRICA

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

Everyone very welcome.

Hi, a few photos from the sessions that we have been involved with, in Vaalwater. The ladies are very enthusiastic, and we are gradually persuading them that skills can be transferred from one item to another and 'exact' doesn't always matter! They now have items for local sale and patterns to expand ranges. Next is to ensure that their work is effectively labeled, linking it back to the group and their aspirations.

Jane, Diane, Jenny and Michael





HARVEST FESTIVAL

Origins, facts and customs

The Harvest Festival is a long-standing tradition and celebrates a successful yield for farmers across the country. Today, it focuses on charitable giving, specifically sharing food with those who do not have access to basic provisions.

In Britain, thanks have been given for successful harvests since pagan times. Harvest festival is traditionally held on the Sunday near or of the Harvest Moon. This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox. The celebrations on this day usually include singing hymns, praying, and decorating churches with baskets of fruit and food in the festival known as Harvest Festival, Harvest Home, Harvest Thanksgiving or Harvest Festival of Thanksgiving.

The Harvest Festival tradition pre-dates Christianity and dates back to the pagan times and the name derives from the Old English word 'Haerfest' meaning 'Autumn'. Today's church celebrations only began in earnest in Victorian times, when the Reverend Robert Stephen Hawker invited his parishioners to a special harvest thanksgiving service at the church in Morwenstow, Cornwall in 1843.

Customs and traditions:

An early harvest festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the harvest season on 1 August and was called Lammas, meaning 'loaf Mass'. The Latin prayer to hallow the bread is given in the Durham Ritual. Farmers made loaves of bread from the fresh wheat crop. These were given to the local church as the Communion bread during a special service thanking God for the harvest.

Nowadays the festival is held at the end of harvest, which varies in different parts of Britain. Sometimes neighbouring churches will set the Harvest Festival on different Sundays so that people can attend each other's thanksgivings.

Until the 20th century most farmers celebrated the end of the harvest with a big meal called the harvest supper, to which all who had helped in the harvest were invited. It was sometimes known as a "Mell-supper", after the last patch of corn or wheat standing in the fields which was known as the "Mell" or "Neck". Cutting it signified the end of the work of harvest and the beginning of the feast. There seems to have been a feeling that it was bad luck to be the person to cut the last stand of corn. The farmer and his workers would race against the harvesters on other farms to be first to complete the harvest, shouting to announce they had finished. In some counties the last stand of corn would be cut by the workers throwing their sickles at it until it was all down, in others the reapers would take it in turns to be blindfolded and sweep a scythe until all of the Mell was cut down.

Corn dolls are also traditionally made for the Harvest Festival using the last sheaf of the harvest. This doll is then kept until spring to ensure a good crop the following year. This doll is then sacrificed with a hare (one hiding in the crop). The doll is meant to symbolise the goddess of the grain. Nowadays a hare made of straw is sacrificed instead.

Some churches and villages still have a Harvest Supper. The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as *We plough the fields and scatter, Come, ye thankful people, come and All things bright and beautiful* but also Dutch and German harvest hymns in translation helped popularise his idea of harvest festival, and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service. On 8 September 1854 the Revd Dr William Beal, Rector

of Brooke, Norfolk, [2] held a Harvest Festival aimed at ending what he saw as disgraceful scenes at the end of harvest, and went on to promote 'harvest homes' in other Norfolk villages. Another early adopter of the custom as an organised part of the Church of England calendar was Rev Piers Claughton at Elton, Huntingdonshire in or about 1854.

As British people have come to rely less heavily on home-grown produce, there has been a shift in emphasis in many Harvest Festival celebrations. Increasingly, churches have linked Harvest with an awareness of and concern for people in need of basic provisions and for whom growing crops of sufficient quality and quantity remains a struggle. Development and Relief organisations often produce resources for use in churches at harvest time which promote their own concerns for those in need across the globe.

Encyclopaedia Britannica traces the origins to "the animistic belief in the corn [grain] spirit or corn mother." In some regions the farmers believed that a spirit resided in the last sheaf of grain to be harvested. To chase out the spirit, they beat the grain to the ground. Elsewhere they wove some blades of the cereal into a "corn dolly" that they kept safe for "luck" until seed-sowing the following year. Then they ploughed the ears of grain back into the soil in hopes that this would bless the new crop. In the early days, there were ceremonies and rituals at the beginning as well as at the end of the harvest:



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Baby Yaga: The Witch in the Woods, and a train ride with Dracula!

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Seasonal Recipe

Lentil-stuffed roast squash



Note: for this one, you don't have to use a butternut squash specifically. This also works well with other types of squash, including pumpkins - just make sure you adjust the cooking times for the size of the veg!

You will need:

- 75g lentils (either green or red, uncooked)
- 1 medium butternut squash, halved lengthways and flesh scooped out (preferably homegrown!)
- 1 litre stock (ensure this is correct for your kind of lentil)
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 sprig fresh rosemary
- Juice of ½ a lemon
- ½ a courgette, diced
- 2 garlic cloves
- 4-5 sundried tomatoes, diced
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 bay leaf
- 50g peas (homegrown is best, otherwise frozen is good)
- A few leaves of fresh sage
- Feta cheese (for garnish, optional)

Method:

1. Preheat your oven to 200°C and place your halved, scooped out squash on a parchment-lined sheet, cut face down. Bake this for 55-60 minutes.
2. In the meantime, prepare the filling. Saute the onions and garlic in a saucepan with about the olive oil until soft and fragrant. Add the courgette and sundried tomatoes and cook on a medium heat until the courgette has softened a little.
3. Add all the other ingredients except for the peas and lemon juice and place a lid on the pan. Leave to simmer for as long as your lentils require to cook (12 minutes for red, 40 minutes for green). If there is still a lot of liquid remaining, simmer for a while with the lid off to reduce.
4. When the filling is ready, add the peas in and stir through, cooking for a further 5 minutes, and pick out the rosemary and sage. Then take it from the heat and set aside.
5. After the baking is complete, take the squash out of the oven. Careful – it will be hot! You can check to make sure it's cooked through by turning it over and piercing with a fork – it should go through the skin easily. Turn it back over and scoop out some of the soft flesh – leaving about a half inch border around near the skin.
6. Mix the scooped squash into your lentil mix and spoon it back into the squash 'bowls' – top with feta or any other cheese you fancy and it's ready to serve!



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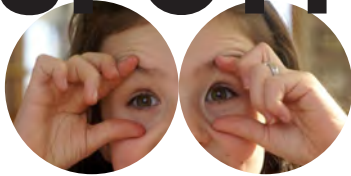
Venue: Biggs Pavilion, Cublington Dates: Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)

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.

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

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

I walked past this coke can discarded on the verge down the bottom of Ridings Way and left it to see if anyone would be a good citizen and pick it up. I lasted three days before I gave in and picked it up myself. Amazing how unseeing we can all be.

Spotted

Lots of artwork appeared round the village on telegraph poles during the week before the Art Exhibition - see review elsewhere.

Spotted

The hedge line massively improved down the Wing Road. Now the speed sign is working much better.

Spotted

All the wonderful judges and helpers who make the Cublington Horticultural Show such an integral part of the village social calendar.



Spotted

A sign of climate change? - a house down Ridings Way looks like it should be in Italy with its bold new colour!

Spotted

Huge traffic problems outside the pub one Saturday in September. Inconsiderate parking meant through traffic just had nowhere to go. Indeed, it is reported that a pedestrian was even hit by a car later that evening. Suggestions please for a solution?



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! Oh no it isn't...

Oh yes it blooming well is! (sorry the oldies are always the best)

Panto rehearsals are starting...

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

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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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Jane Bassett would like to sponsor the church lights in October as she "would love to see the church lit up to help brighten the dark cold winter evenings ahead".



Church Services in October

Oct	1	Trinity 17	1st Sunday with Annie	Ezek 18:1-4, 25-end Philippians 2:1-13	Matt 21:23-32	Martyn	Sally
				Lessons	Sidesman	Reader lessons	reader gospel
	8	Trinity 18	HC Andrew	Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14	Matt 21:33-end	Penny	Jenny/Paul
	15	Trinity 19	lay led Jane & Michael	Isaiah 25:1-9 Philippians 4:1-9	Matt 22:1-14	Gillian	Diane
	22	Trinity 20	HC Andrew	Isaiah 45:1-7 1 Thess 1:1-10	Matt 22:15-22	Helen G	Gina
	29	Last after Trinity	?benefice	Lev 19:1-2, 15-18 1 Thess 2:1-8	Matt 22:34-end	Lucy	Linda

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



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W/C

Name

02nd Oct

James Francis

09th Oct

Andy Peck



The Great Harvest

It's the time of the year when many churches are celebrating harvest festival, an occasion to remember two things: the harvesting of the earth that we undertake (along with its relation to questions of supply, need, distribution and social justice), and the harvesting that we ourselves don't do because only God can. The harvesting of the earth under God's direction is a theme we find in the Book of Revelation, the last book in the Bible. Coincidentally this is a book that one of the discussion groups in our benefice is currently studying in some detail.

It is a style of literature that makes use of particular forms of imagery and symbolism (some of which requires a bit of unpacking) both to inspire and to challenge. The Book of Revelation combines images and scenes of awesome promise and inspiration along with others that are, to put it mildly, very challenging. It addresses the tension between God's sovereign rule and the presence of evil and looks towards a resolution of history, aiming to unveil the truth from a position not dominated by certain worldviews and powers of the time in question.

It proceeds to make a connection to the concept of harvest, the drawing or gathering in that God alone can ultimately do, certain aspects of which we may not even yet see – at best we see them 'partially', as St Paul says in one of his letters. One thing that becomes clear on reading the Book of Revelation one chapter after another, without decomposing it into isolated extracts, is that the 'seeing' in question is manifold. Reorientation is needed for greater clarity of vision. The people who would originally have received the text of the Book of Revelation were communities who would have recognized the significance of the imagery used and many of the historical figures and tensions of their day to which the seer was pointing. Our discussion group has been thinking about the relation of the text to the situations and tensions we find in today's world, because the theme of harvest, both that which is achievable by us and that which God alone can effect, remains as relevant now as it did back then. That ongoing relevance may be seen as an invitation to be received and explored in communities wanting to seek truth and orientation towards God's call on humanity, while being realistic about our human condition, our partiality and our capacity to do things that may hinder a harvest, both literally and metaphorically.

With prayers for our communities, the world and the harvest

Andrew Krauss



October Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...

Katie Keane is 15 on the 7th

Aida Dean is 9 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

100 CLUB DRAWS

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



£1500 Prize money won last year!

As we didn't publish in August, when Bob sent them to me I was on holiday and paid no heed. I then published September's winner as August's. Anyway for clarification, these are the correct winners over the last three months. Cheers all. Gary

August 100 Club

- 1st Prize - £50 -** Di Grace .
2nd Prize - £40 - Louise Taylor.
3rd Prize - £30 - Lexie Geal.
4th Prize - £20 - Steve George.

If you want to buy a ticket online for the next round of then please contact me direct at bobbaine2002@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.

September 2023.

- 1st Prize - £50 -** Gill Uden.
2nd Prize - £40 - Gill Brazier.
3rd Prize - £30 - Mark Darlington.
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October 2023.

- 1st Prize - £50 -** Alison Head.
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The English Channel Swim Adventure.

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Our team, 4 Buoys and 1 Gull was comprised of Jaquie Dixon, Justin Fowler, Simon Bradford, Mark Gabriel and Harry Gabriel. We took 15 hours and 4 minutes to complete the swim. We had three 1-hour swims each, swimming to beat the tidal pull which could've swept us past our goal and too far along the coast. We made it and landed near to Cap Gris Nez. We were all allowed to swim into the beach just behind the team member who's swim it was and celebrate as a team.

We collected a pebble each as a memento.

It was the most amazing epic adventure but also the toughest, I've never ever worked so hard !!!!

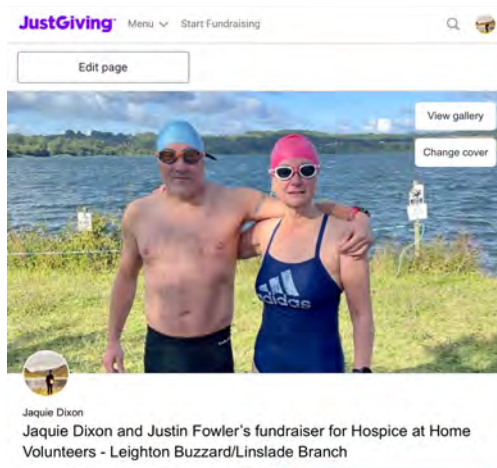
The final swims were in jellyfish infested waters !! Everyone apart from me got stung multiple times. Justin got stung in the face several times and apart from a bout of Tourette's, he ploughed on, no choice, he had to get through the tide !. Our team had a lovely camaraderie, looking after, and encouraging each other. We had a whiteboard to let the swimmer know how much time they had left, at various intervals... and we all came to long for this whiteboard to appear, and all of us, in our heads were saying "where's the bloody whiteboard !", but the shouting and clapping by our team members kept us all going. I'll never forget this day, ever.....

Finally, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all who donated to our charity, Hospice at Home Volunteers, the donations will help us enormously. We are currently in the process of setting up a new service for our clients, where a local beautician will do home visits and give our clients or their carers a gentle massage or a manicure or pedicure...a treat from us.

I'm also starting to buy some pieces of equipment such as wheelchairs to loan out to clients, as we find, sometimes, clients are put on waiting lists for much needed items which is very frustrating, so we'd like to step in and help whenever we can and loan items out, free of charge.

So..... **THANK YOU !!!!!!!**

Officially bonkers!! But well done!



Wednesday Evening Wanderings...



Our regular Wednesday Evening Wander 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.



St. Nicholas Church

Newsletter

As normal during August, St Nicholas did not open for services, as so many people are away on holiday, but as September arrives the door is once more open and ready to welcome everyone who enters our beautiful village church. Come along to the weekly Sunday service at 9am and join in with worship and singing, which always benefits from massed voices.

After each service (around 9.45am) teas and coffees are served and you are always welcome to drop in and join us afterwards for a chat and to socialise.

June saw the churchyard Nature Hunt which was part of the Church of England's "Churches Count on Nature" week. This fun event gave an insight into the diversity of everything living and sharing the churchyards and burial grounds throughout the country. An interesting and informative few hours were spent rooting around to see what we could find to record and one family with 4 young girls were delighted to spot the honey bees which had recently moved into a small hole in the outer tower wall. We counted 45 different plants, grasses, trees and a few insects, birds and animals. We included moles as although we didn't see them we could count lots of molehills proving they are there!

A very enjoyable afternoon cream tea and crafts sale was also held in June. Lots of people were able to enjoy tea and fantastic cakes while they relaxed and chatted in the shade of the lime trees on what was a warm and sunny afternoon. Donations were split between the church and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Many of you may have noticed Rev. Howard doing a great job running the Coconut Shy side stall at this year's successful Cublington fete. **We are very grateful to the generous donation from the fete committee and all of the support given by Friends of Nicholas.**

On **9th September we are supporting the Bucks Historic Churches Trust (BHCT) Ride and Stride day.** This is an annual event and it would be lovely if as many villagers as possible joined in this year. You can walk, cycle or ride on horseback visiting as many churches on your route as possible. You can get sponsors or donate yourself and information and forms, which will need completing, are available from Penny Allen 01296 682006. Half of the money you raise will be returned by BHCT to your nominated village church.

We are planning on holding a fundraising Quiz Night on Friday 27th October and a hot supper will be included in the ticket (tables of 6). Book early from Penny Allen at djandpallen@gmail.com

Also looking ahead to the Autumn **we would like to invite you to our Harvest Festival service on Sunday October 1st** and all are welcome to bring donations of fruit, vegetables, preserves or baked products which will be **auctioned off on Monday 2nd October at the church.** There will be a simple supper at 6.30pm followed by our traditional enthusiastic auction so come along and we will see if we can improve on last years record total.

Like any ancient building our church needs care and maintenance so that it can continue to stay open as a safe place of worship, community events and also host christenings, weddings and funerals. St Nicholas PCC also have commitments to pay for the provision of clergy and running of the church and we are supported in this by donations and fundraising.

2022 brought unexpected maintenance expenses and within the next few years it looks like we will be having to afford the replacement of the roof tiles. This will put huge pressure on our limited funds and although we will be applying for grants they will only cover part of the costs. Donations and regular support will therefore be very important to enable the church to continue to be maintained at the heart of Cublington village life. This year we registered St Nicholas with the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) which is an independent charity designed to support churches and allow them to receive a regular monthly tax efficient source of income. This enables much more effective budgeting throughout the year.

If you feel you would like to support the church on a one off or regular basis, however small, please search on line at www.parishgiving.org.uk for more information or pick up and complete one of the PGS forms that are always available in the church. If you need any information to enable you to complete the form please contact Penny Allen at djandpallen@gmail.com



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You will need

- pinecone
- light brown felt
- small square of card
- glue
- scissors
- small pink pom-pom



What to do

1. Cut two small circles from the felt to make ears, then cut a small square from the felt that's about the same size as the base of the pinecone. Stick the felt square to the card and cut out a small base with two indented feet at the front.
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-
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-
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-
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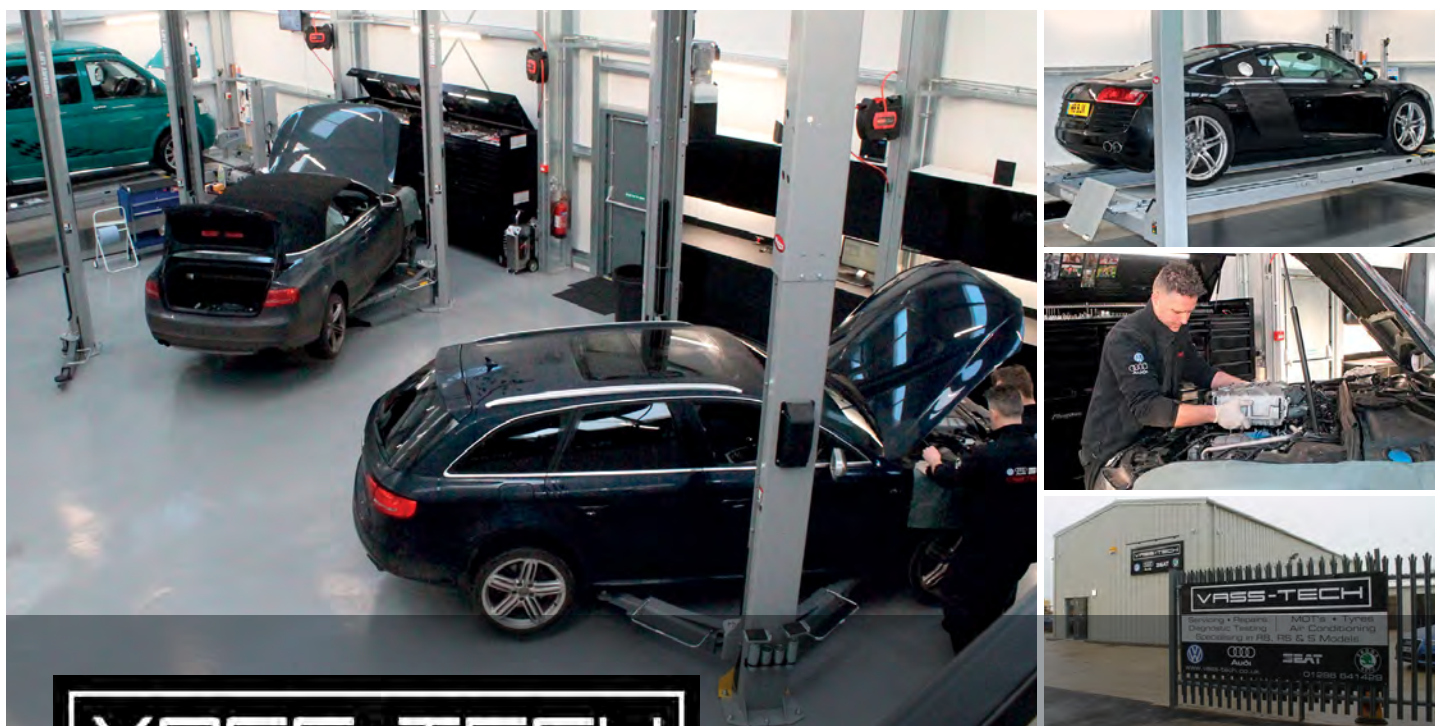
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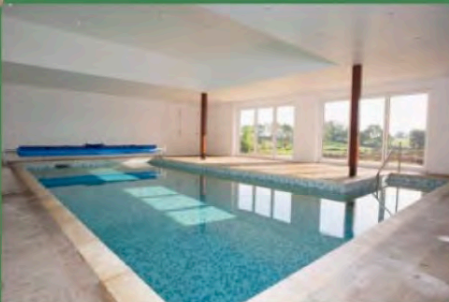


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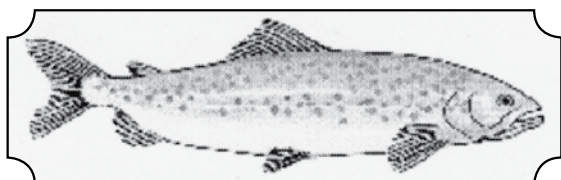
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