

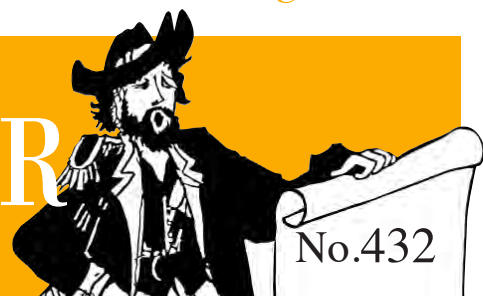
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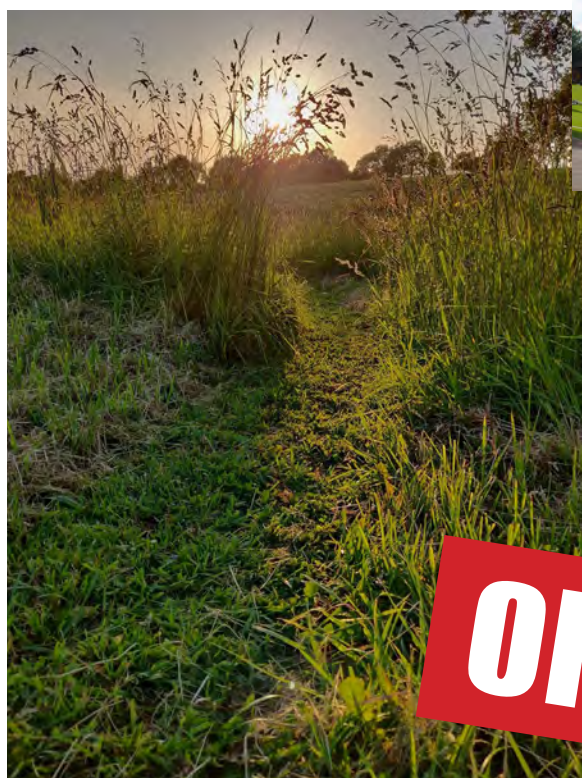
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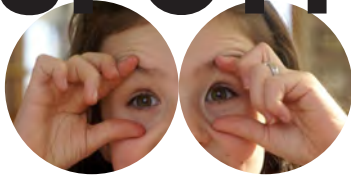


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SPOTTED!



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

Following the theft of the hanging baskets at the crossroads bus stop we have new replacements. This time with added security. Cublington Parish Council wish to thank CUBLINGTON GROWERS for donating these lovely baskets of blooms.



Not Spotted

Sadly no owl chicks this year, but there were stock doves in the box, which are an 'amber' list bird, so they have been rung and added to the BTO register.



Spotted

Following news of the break in at George and Helen's down Ridings Way, a suspicious blue car had been spotted. Turns out the registration didn't match the make and model and a successful arrest was made and property recovered.

Well done Colin... so villagers - it pays to keep a look out. Keep those eyes peeled and send in those spottedts!

Spotted

Thought this might be of interest for next month's Crier in the Spotted section, but won't be offended if you don't agree!

I saw the two moths on the front wall of our garage. After doing some research, found they are Red underwing moths.

Spotted

What a whopper - the biggest sunflower i've seen in the village... but will it win?!



Spotted

A young owl was spotted caught in the cricket nets. Have no fear, it was successfully released and went on it's way!



Spotted

New fence and gatepost at the entrance to Orchard Ground. Well done to the Parish Council who having got nowhere in the months since a contractor, doing the road, knocked it down. The PC have paid for the work and are now claiming it back.



When the moth opens its fore-wings the red-and-black hind-wings are revealed, and may startle a predator as the moth escapes.

The red underwing moth flies at night, and may be seen on trees drinking sap that oozes from a wound in the bark.





Use it or lose it. A phrase which can be used on many occasions. Sometimes we can perhaps actually make a difference by 'using it', but unfortunately there will be other occasions when there is nothing we can or should do.

Our wonderful pub is one of the 'use it's' that could make a difference. It is very sad to see both the Royal Oak in Aston Abbots and the Queens Head in Wing close down in the last few years. In fact Aston Abbots used to boast two pubs, but the Bull and Butcher closed down years ago. With great enjoyment we therefore try to support the Unicorn - perhaps a bit too much on some occasions!

However there are so many other 'use it or lose it' opportunities. For example the local bus is often empty. Supermarkets try to get you to use self-service tills, rather than actually employing people to serve you, so go to a cashier. Cash - we took our family to Paradise Wildlife Park a week ago and tried to buy ice-creams for all. The card machine had stopped working and they were turning people away. I had cash, so thought we would be Ok to buy ice-creams without the use of the card machine, but we were told they don't accept cash. This, I believe, is becoming more and more common. Unfortunately I don't think much can be done about the cash issue though.

The other main 'use it or lose it' could well be your fitness. It is widely known that exercise is good for us all. There are a number of options within the village, such as North Field which is great to walk around, Tai Chi, tennis courts, cricket and table tennis. I started playing tennis just a couple of years ago and really enjoy it. We try to play with friends once a week and also take part in the Friday evening coaching. I also went out horse riding this week on a proper hack, including cantering. This was the first time in a number of years and as of today, 3 days later, still have muscles which I can feel have had to work harder than normal. However I consider myself reasonably fit as we try to join the brisk walkers on a Friday morning and until recently when we very sadly lost both of our dogs, had to walk them twice a day. I recently had a 'big' birthday (no not 70!) and am feeling it takes more effort to do some things. However I will continue to play tennis as much as possible (then go to the pub for a refreshing drink), perhaps walk along the canal (with a pub lunch), walk with the brisk walkers (then a pub lunch) - can you see the theme here - I am keeping myself fit together with supporting local hostelrys and will hopefully continue to do so for many years to come.

So hope you all try to 'use it or lose it' in whichever way you can.

Jackie Farrands

Oct EDITOR:
Vanessa and Jason

NEXT COPY DEADLINE is - 15th Sept

Thanks

to everyone who did that little bit extra so Cublington came Runner Up in the Best Kept Village Category.

Well done!

Congratulations

to Joe and Sally Missen who have just celebrated 50 years in the village!

Welcome to

Clive - Gwyneira's new assistance dog. You're sure to see them out and about getting accustomed to village life.

Please don't

tip your garden rubbish at Orchard ground. There is evidence some people are dumping their cuttings over at OG. Please don't - take it to the dump - it's free to do so and will mean we don't have to clear your stuff away.

Thank you.

Don't forget

to support the Horticultural Show - bake a cake, make some bread, make some jam... probably too late to make some chutney, but join in. It's a great social event.

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COMMENT

I've had several conversations recently with people who are worried about cash disappearing from society. Many older people don't engage with technology and need to have cash to live. They simply don't trust the concept of digital payments, and you can't blame them. A friend relayed a story where he had paid for a car park by scanning a QR code, only to get a parking ticket. This has happened to him twice. He has now found out that some scammers had printed their own QR code on a sticker and were diverting funds via a fake website to their own bank account. Until such time as the banks can stop this sort of thing, people are much safer with cash. News also that Barclays in Leighton is closing its branch. I bet they claim lack of footfall - but surely they never reopened fully after covid so one never knew when it was open. I visited many times only to have to revisit because they were closed. *Bonkers... and then Di posted this... a recurring theme.*

I had just spent an hour in the bank with my father, as he had to transfer some money. I couldn't resist asking:
"Dad, why don't we activate your internet banking?"
"Why would I do that?" he replied.
"Because then you won't have to spend an hour here for things like that transfer."
You can even do your shopping online. Everything will be so easy!"
I was so excited about introducing him to the exciting world of online banking.
He thought for a minute, then answered "If I do that, I won't have to step out of the house?"
"Yes, yes" I said. I told him how even grocery can be delivered to your front door now, and how Amazon delivers everything!
His answer left me speechless.
He replied "Since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends. And I have chatted for a while with the staff who know me very well by now."
You know that I am alone. This is the company that I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank. I have more than enough time, it is the physical touch that I crave.
Two years ago I got sick. The shop owner, where I buy my fruit, came to see me and sat by my bedside and cried.
When your mum fell down few days ago during her morning walk, our local grocer saw her and immediately brought his car to rush her home, as he knows where I live.
Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online?

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.. November Clare Hemmings
December The Merrimans

2025...

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

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

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Thanks. **Contact: Sandie Joy 01296 682446**

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From the Friends of St Nicholas

Thank you very much to all those involved in organising and helping at the fete for the very generous donation to Friends of St Nicholas.
It is very much appreciated and goes towards the upkeep of our lovely church building.

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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

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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

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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

Limited Edition Cublington Tote Bags

£10 each or 2 for £18

All proceeds go to village causes

*20 already sold, Over £200
donated to the
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Interested? Then please contact me.
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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



What could be easier?



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orchardground

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

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

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2023

September

Saturday 2nd The 18th Horticultural Show

Biggs Pavilion - see ad elsewhere.

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

Biggs Pavilion

November

Saturday 18th Cabaret Evening

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

9th September; 23rd September; 25th October;

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!



Cublington Oil Syndicate

Get involved and save yourself some money!

Main Contact: Alison Head
cublingtonoil@gmail.com

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YourNRG 01525 643019

Certas Energy - 01296 561150

Watson Fuels 01438 721594

Use cash - not everyone owns a smart phone.

• WHO AM I? •

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

I imagined I would follow in my father and uncle's footsteps and become an architect but got side-tracked along the way.

2. What was your first job?

A greengrocer for three years whilst attending college.

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

Christopher Wren and Norman Foster. I think their opinions on each other's buildings would be enlightening to hear.

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

The Victorian era when Britain's inventiveness and engineering skills, coupled with a can-do attitude led the world.

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

Somewhere close to the South West Coast path. Walking by the sea never fails to invigorate mind and body.

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

Ranting and raving at the stupidity and short-sightedness of politicians' thinking.

7. What is your favourite book and why?

Well three actually! Hilary Mantel's Thomas Cromwell trilogy – Wolf Hall, Bring Out the Bodies and The Mirror and the Light. History brought to life par excellence. 2000 pages of literary joy.

8. What is your favourite song and why?

Almost any song by the Rolling Stones from the sixties. They bring back the days when I heard them play in clubs and pubs.

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

Too many to mention but particularly people that are inconsiderate to others.

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

Refraction of light through glass.

11. How long have you lived in Cublington?

18 years.

Cublington Winos

Greeting from the winos (hic!).

We had a really enjoyable evening on 2nd August with a change from the normal format of trying different wines with a few nibbles. Instead of this four of us prepared food to accompany Cava, white, rose, red wine and port with foods such as olives, blinis with smoked salmon, duck wraps, meatballs and cheese board. We also had some new members join us which was great. If anybody else would like to join the Cublington Wine Appreciation Society - we meet the first Wednesday of every other month in the Biggs Pavilion. 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.



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

4th October, 6th December.

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

Steve and Jackie

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



Caption Competition?....

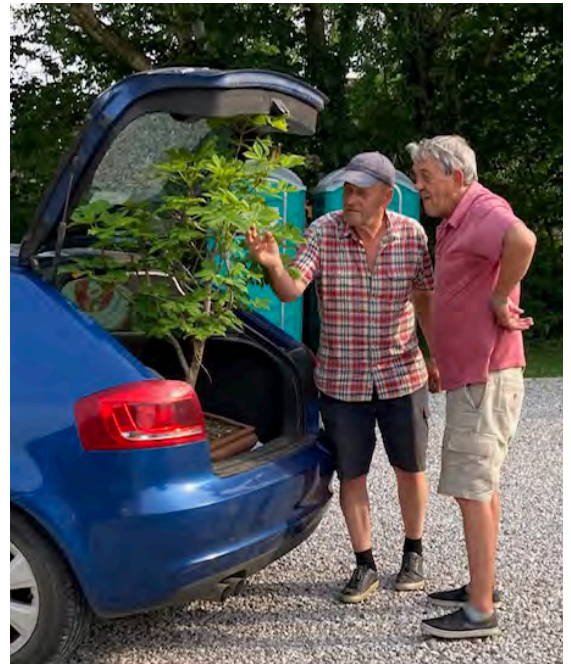
Remember this from the last issue...here are the entries...

That's not a bad price mate, but I gave up smoking that stuff years ago.

"What do you mean it was only six inches high when you left home?"

"I don't care what you say Gary, that is not a palm tree"

"Are you sure you're a gardener Gary, 'cos stroking it won't make it grow"



PLEASE

Picked up in the middle of Orchard Ground cricket pitch! Not my dog!! This has got to stop!

JUST STOP IT!



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.***



Orchard Ground & North Field

LATEST NEWS and UPDATES



Orchard Ground

Progress has been made for Orchard Ground to become a registered charity. The land for Orchard Ground and North Field were bequeathed to the Cublington Parish Council by Alice Biggs in 1991. Charitable status will help to further protect this important asset for our community and open up other possible grant funding opportunities. Cublington Parish Council will remain as the owners of Orchard Ground and North Field acting as a landlord with a revolving lease to Cublington Orchard Ground the name of the proposed charity. Cublington Tennis Club, Cublington Tennis Club and the village allotments who are all based on Orchard Ground will continue to function as they do now and will have protected status within the lease.

Several people have already spoken about their interest in become Trustees of the proposed charity. If you would like to know more about the proposed charity and/or becoming a Trustee, please contact Martyn Waters. martyn.waters@icloud.com or M: 07973754356.

'Jewel in the Crown'

Both Orchard Ground and North Field scored highly in the recent 'Best Kept Village' competition where Cublington was awarded second place. Comments were made as to the tidiness of Orchard Ground and the community orchard areas on North Field testimony to the work of the teams of volunteers who work on the upkeep on the tennis courts, cricket field, allotments and the community areas.

Bob Paine and Martyn Waters recently met with the CVO of The Clare Foundation to explore the possibilities of a grant from this charitable trust. He described Orchard Ground and North Field as a 'jewel in the crown' for the village of Cublington asking how a village of just 375 people can have such an amazing community asset, testimony to the efforts of the volunteers linked to the various clubs and interest groups based at Orchard Ground.

North Field

The working group have been busy over the summer months trimming around the orchard trees, cutting back some areas of tall grasses especially in the meadow areas, removing dock plants from around the field, trimming the footpaths and checking tree stakes and deer netting. Further such work will take place in September and October preparing for the next planting season which will start in November. People walking North Field will have seen several people using scythes to cut the grass around the orchard which has helped

to speed up the process especially with the wet summer and the speed at which the grass has been growing. Conservation Volunteers have offered North Field 300 tree whips including hedging whips, these will be delivered in early November. The North Field group are exploring the possibilities of some storage on North Field for equipment which is currently stored in various garages in the village. Also possible funding from The Tree Council for a number of more mature trees which will complete the blossom circle. A Tree Council paid for the red oaks and Scotts pines which were planted on North Field earlier this year.

Saturday working dates for September and October, 9.30am until 12.00 midday:

9th September;

23rd September;

25th October;

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

Please contact Martyn Waters.

martyn.waters@icloud.com or M: 07973754356 for further information about the working groups.



June saw the 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.



WHY NOT JOIN YOUR LOCAL TENNIS CLUB?!

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

SIGN UP for coaching with Paul Hobday

FROM Friday 8th September
- Friday 15th December

Paul Hobday is again offering coaching sessions on Friday evenings.
A total of 14 sessions.

First session - Rusty Rackets and improvers 6-7pm

Second session - Advanced and team 7-8pm

Members price £70 (£5 a session),

Non-Members £84 (£6 a session)

Please commit to the full set of sessions, then we can continue to keep the price reasonable.

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Caroline Lane 01296 681373

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



Opportunities to volunteer.

Scout Groups across Buckinghamshire are looking for adults to volunteer. The reason for this is that there is a massive demand from children, young people and teenagers wanting to join.

Nigel Taylor, lead volunteer for communications said, "We are looking for volunteers to work with people under the age of 18, and we are also looking for adults to support Groups in other ways, for example looking after the finances or the headquarters."

He added, "If we can recruit some adults to help run Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers then we can take lots of those young people off our waiting list and we can provide great opportunities for them and to learn numerous skills. Whatever time people want to give, we would be able to find them a role."

Adult volunteer Lucy said, "Volunteering with Scouts has been so positive for me. It's given me the opportunity to work with children and adults and this has built my confidence. I used my experience of working with Beavers (boys and girls aged 6 to 8) to get a job working in a Forest School. I've also made lots of friends and developed my organisational skills." Nigel added, "We will provide you with lots of opportunities to have fun yourselves; whether this is visiting the local fire station, having a bird of prey sit on your arm, getting a permit to steer a narrowboat or taking Explorer Scouts to a World Scout Jamboree."

If you would like to know more about volunteering, please visit www.scouts.org.uk/join

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Fete Gazebos available for use by villagers.

For a small donation...

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

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

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

Contact gary@cublington.com in the first instance if you would like to use them.





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.

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Online booking diary:

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Find a date you want and contact

Bob Paine on 01296 680483

bobpaine2002@hotmail.com

to book it!

Wednesday Evening Wanderings...



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



Fancy a game of boules or "petanque"?

Pierre is your man... pierre.vangrevelynghes@gmail.com

*Use the pub... it adds value to your home.
If you don't use it - we might lose it!*

New Opening Times from this month. Summer Reading Challenge is coming to an end.

**Join us on Monday afternoon 4th September
from 2 pm**

for light refreshments and a warm welcome as we launch our Monday afternoon opening hours. If you haven't visited us before, come in and see what the library has to offer you.

We are collecting used Postage stamps for

**Children's
Heart
Foundation**



Opening Times

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



The Summer Reading Challenge

Ends on 16th September. Read 6 books to collect your certificate and medal at the podium.



A GREAT PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Have your children found COSMO?

Cosmo the cat is Naveen's mascot, helping him inspire others. Collect an entry form from the library and find Cosmo in 6 locations around Wing. Return the completed form for a chance to win one of 11 prizes.

Closing date Saturday 9th September



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Answer:

Roger Bottle



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Thank you

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH LIGHTS SPONSORS

The church spotlights are lit in September - but no one has sponsored them again for the second month running

Sad to say that the church may have to switch the lights off if no one comes forward.



Church Services in September

Sept	3	Trinity 13	1st Sunday with Annie	Jer 15:15-21 Rom 12:9-end	Matt 16:21-end	Jenny/Paul	Gillian
	10	Trinity 14	HC Howard	Ezek 33:7-11 Rom 13:8-end	Matt 18:15-20	Linda	Helen G
	17	Trinity 15	Lay led Sarah & Steve	Gen 50:15-21 Rom 14:1-12	Matt 18:21-35	Gina	Lucy
	24	Trinity 16	HC Howard	Jonah 3:10-end of ch4 Philippians 1:21-end	Matt 20:1-16	Diane	Julie
Oct	1	Trinity 17	1st Sunday with Annie	Ezek 18:1-4, 25-end Philippians 2:1-13	Matt 21:23-32	Martyn	Sally

From Annie Cooper



Your church is here for you.

This month Annie Cooper has written this message:

One of the great things about being a Licensed Lay Minister is that I get a chance to get to know all 8 villages in the Cottesloe Team. And you are all different. Not just bigger or smaller. A little community might have a big issue to deal with. A big community might be divided on issues which matter. Some of you are blessed with schools, shops, pubs. Some not. I really enjoy being part of the church communities, taking services, visiting, and helping where I can with fetes, garden parties, quizzes and the like. I even got to be part of the band which played for the Cublington fete this year.

All of our church communities, though not large like many town churches, somehow manage to raise enough money to pay for the clergy who are there for everyone - not just the church goers. They are also responsible for the upkeep of the buildings. No small task when our churches have been in the centre of the villages for centuries and need constant maintenance. Sometimes there is an urgent need to find lots of money for work which cannot be put off. And sometimes we want to make changes which will make our buildings more useful - for church use but also to meet community needs.

We are very thankful for the help you give by supporting our fundraising efforts. Please feel free to ask for help from us - Revd Howard, Revd Andrew, Revd Pam or myself - we are here to serve everyone who lives in our patch, through the good times and the rest.

God bless!

Thank you all so very much for helping this year!

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



ST NICHOLAS LAWN MOWING ROTA



W/C	Name	02nd Oct	James Francis
04th Sept	Mark Cheetham	09th Oct	Andy Peck
11th Sept	Kevin Shults		
18th Sept	Gill & Gary Brazier		
25th Sept	Geoff & Bernadette Johnson		



September Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...

Logan Treagus is 12 on the 20th



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!

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Cublington Crafters

The Crafters meet every Friday

3.30pm - 5pm in the Unicorn.

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Villages Art Group

CALLING ALL ARTISTS (ANY LEVEL)

Come along and paint and sketch and learn together

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

Venue: Biggs 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!



Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th September

The 3rd Artists of Cublington Show

to be held at the Biggs Pavilion

Approximately 18 artists exhibiting - some new faces!

Make sure you come along!



Date for the diary

Bucks Best Kept Village

Cublington was Runner Up

Well done all!



Dear Michael

Thank you for entering this year's Gurney Cup. Cublington came Runner Up to Weston Underwood. It wins the Dashwood Trophy for the Best Runner Up (who hasn't won a trophy in the past five years) and also the Community Award Certificate for the commendable community issues you are pursuing. Well done. We usually arrange for the Chairman of the Competition, Bill Chapple, the Vice-Chairman, Carol Hayward, and myself to attend a Parish Council meeting in the Autumn to present the awards.

I attach the Judges marks and notes. We will also issue a Certificate of Merit. The Standards were very high.

Best wishes

Clive Parker
Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village
Competition Administrator

VILLAGE/TOWN Cublington			Score	Possible Marks
1	Cemetery/graveyard (separate or attached to a place of worship)	Well kept. Pretty garden at front and RHS where ashes are interred.	18	20
2	Green, playing field, children's play area, outdoor recreation facilities, designated nature conservation area	Excellent. All areas around Biggs Pavilion well looked after. New surface on car park. Community orchard well looked after.	35	35
3	Floral displays, hanging baskets, tubs, planters, flower beds etc	Good efforts made. Planters on fences noted at side of the road	13	15
4	Community facilities (Village Hall, Community Centre, Church Hall)	Attention had been paid to weeds. Area at side of the hall was commendable. Last year's comments acted upon resulting in a beautiful kitchen garden. Well done! (The nursery had planted a tree, also noted)	19	20
5	General environmental features (hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream, pump etc.)	Pond was in excellent condition. Some hedges were overgrown but privately owned and not in PC control. A very small amount of litter.	18	20
6	Shops and Pubs	Flowers in baskets good at pub. Car park well kept. Garden areas well maintained.	20	20
7	Bus stops, bus shelters, public seating, dog bins, notice boards, information signs	New information signs on both greens. Noticeboards in good condition with BKV posters	20	20
8	War memorial (Please include a photograph if the memorial is inside a locked building)	Inside church, seen by judges	18	20
9	Quality of Competition entry - up to date and detailed map with features highlighted	Detailed map with areas highlighted, albeit following last year's criteria. Details of grass cutting responsibility given (Bucks CC with communal areas by volunteers and contractors)	9	10
10	Evidence of community engagement (eg website, newsletter, magazine, posters and general community involvement in the competition)	Plenty of evidence of community engagement and involvement in the competition. Details in Cublington Crier re a churchyard nature survey, community orchard and BKV notice. Judges liked the 'Spotted' page, a really good initiative.	20	20
Additional Notes			A very well deserved second place. Clear evidence of community involvement and last year's comments acted upon.	190 200



But in complete contrast...

Sadly our village, or rather dog owners are lowering the standards and from the village which was an example of cleanliness it becomes littered with dog poo on every corner. This is so sad. I will save readers from seeing some rather disgusting examples.

ED - I agree it's been a bug bear of mine for some time now - such a shame people don't care more.

They leave it in the most obvious places too. How can they fail to see (probably wearing headphones and miles away?) or really just don't care?! Scandalous.

100 CLUB DRAW

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



£1500 Prize money won last year!

August 2023.

- 1st Prize - £50 - Gill Uden.**
- 2nd Prize - £40 - Gill Brazier.**
- 3rd Prize - £30 - Mark Darlington.**
- 4th Prize - £20 - Reece Buckingham.**

**Tickets are still available for the
REMAINING SIX draws!**

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.

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

(sorry the oldies are always the best)

Panto rehearsals

will be starting in **October** and we have a wide range of roles to fill, both in front of the audience and back stage.

We hope to start on 12th October, weekly read-throughs initially there is a Last Thursday Of The Month meeting at the pub on Thursday 28th September, a get-together to meet and discuss our plans!

jane

JaneA2000@aol.com

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Please join in for your village - it costs you absolutely nothing and helps us a lot!

1st - Sarah George - £418.88.
2nd - Gwyneira Walters - £332.57.
3rd - Martyn Walters - £273.93.
4th - Margaret Brandon - £203.25.
5th - Kevin Shults - £167.65.
6th - Bob Paine - £125.00.



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orchardground

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I can't quite beleive I'm typing this again so soon... Ed

CUBLINGTON'S 7TH 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****

send an email to Jane on Janea2000@aol.com if you are able to take part.



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Does anyone have a stone cutter to cut some paving slabs? Please contact Gary if you have one. Thank you

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



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

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

Contact gary@cublington.com for your very own copy.

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

The Crier recently donated a history book to the Wing Community Library.

Has anyone been to an auction recently ?

I went to Tring market auction on a couple of occasions just before lock down. I find them absolutely fascinating places. My first impression was 'who buys this stuff' it looks like the old jumble sales that were around. It's true there is a lot of old tat but there are also gems.

On my first visit I bought a limited edition signed print. Nobody could decipher the signature so was valued at £10. I liked it and bought it. Two weeks later I bought another and by coincidence it was by the same artist and again £10.

During lock down I decided to try to find out who the artist was and after some hours investigation tracked the artist. As we do, I googled the paintings and found them in an art gallery for £450 each. At that level of profit I put them on eBay and I think I got £250 for the pair. Happy days!

I had completely forgotten about this pre Covid activity and have since revisited. Wow what a change. There used to be an excellent cafe for coffee and bacon rolls now it is a second hand clothes shop. Why? Nobody hardly goes there, it's all done online. There used to be a real atmosphere during the auction now there's none. In fact I think there was only 5 people physically there.

I did buy some prints again as I thought I had found the holy grail money making system - alas no such luck!

Steve Markwell

Anyone know of a foolproof way to get rid of pesky moles ruining my lawn? Contact Gary if you do, Thank you.



18th Cublington Horticultural Show 2023

Saturday 2nd September, The Biggs Pavilion, Orchard Ground

Come along and support the Horticultural Show.

Your entries will be registered when you turn up with your produce on the day. Exhibitors may show only one entry per category. Entry fee will be 50p per entry per category. Children's categories (11 and under) will be 10p. Children are welcome to enter the main categories at 50p per category but adults may not enter children's categories!

All entries must be home produced.

All produce must be ripe and show in a clean condition and polished to improve the look.

Proceeds from the show go to Friends of St Nicholas.

Timetable of the day

0800 - 0930	Exhibits/produce brought to Biggs Pavilion. Bacon rolls available.
0930	Doors closed.
0930 - 1100	Judging.
1100	Doors re-opened. Refreshments available. Presentation of trophies. Sales of produce.
1215	Show closes.

Do not cut your sunflowers down. Judging will take place in your garden before the show. Call Sandie Joy on 01296 682446 to register your entry.

A big thank you to all our sponsors!

Carrot and Parsnip Cake

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

Cream Cheese Icing

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

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

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

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

Cream Cheese Icing

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

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

Spread liberally on top and scatter with leftover nuts.

Categories and Sponsors

Vegetable Categories

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

Wonky Dog

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

Miranda and James Gregory

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

Sue and Tim Taylor

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

Tim and Natalie Sheridan

- 5 Three white potatoes

The Crier

- 6 Three coloured potatoes

Vanessa and Simon Morgan

- 7 Six runner beans, stalks attached

Freddie and David Bradbury

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

Lucy and Andy Peck

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

Sarah and Steve George

- 10 Three courgettes, length 4" - 8"

Courgette Bob

- 11 Five chillies

Jill and John Gregory

- 12 Three onions with tops trimmed and tied

Cublington Allotments

- 13 Five tomatoes maximum 1½", with calyx

Structured Growth Garden Design

- 14 Five tomatoes on the vine

Jackie Farrands (Avon)

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

Cublington Cricket Club

- 16 Heaviest pumpkin

Maggie Mackenzie

- 17 Longest parsnip, measured to end of tap root

Vanessa and Jason Taylor

- 18 Longest runner bean

Gwyneira and Martyn Waters

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

Cublington Nursery

- 20 Most oddly shaped vegetable

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

Sue and Roger Bottle

Fruit Categories

- 22 Ten autumn raspberries, stalks attached

Adept Driving School

- 23 Three culinary apples, stalks attached

Sally and Joe Missen

- 24 Three dessert apples, stalks attached

Susan and Iain Black

- 25 Three pears, stalks attached

Cublington Tennis Club

Flower Categories

- 26 Best single rose in a plain glass vase

Chris and Bron Jones

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

Gillian and Jan Antosiewicz

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

Cublington Growers

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

Sally and Joe Missen

Children's Categories

- 30 Rock cakes

Julie and Doug Merriman

- 31 Flower greetings card

Gill and Gary Brazier

Domestic Categories

- 32 Plum chutney

Evelyn and Gerry Griffiths

- 33 Orange marmalade

Penny and Dennis Allen

- 34 Onion tart

Judy and Graham Dunn

- 35 Carrot and parsnip cake

Honor and Hugh Vale

- 36 Six white rolls

Debbie and Brian Knights

- 37 Three chicken eggs

Sandie and Mike Joy

Virtual Pets

- 38 Photograph your pet and name it

Windmill Veterinary Centre



I've had the most amazing and humbling and emotional day I've ever experienced. So many families with differently-abled children and relations. So many charities all doing their best to support these most special people. Totally inspiring, awesome and heartwarming. The most brilliant experience to see all the competitors striving so hard to just move in ways that able bodied people take for granted. Mikey was absolutely amazing. He gave all the events every ounce of effort and determination. We are so proud of each and everyone of the DMRC patient team. Each patient is trying so hard to overcome injuries which were sustained through no fault of their own. So brilliant to be a part of their success story today, sharing a little bit of the magic that shines through all of them against all the odds. Thanks everyone for your donations over the past few days, what great humans u all are - your generosity will absolutely make a difference.

Fi Selmes



*Officially bonkers!!
But good luck!*



Myself and four others are swimming the Channel (hopefully) in September and are raising money for the little local charity that I work for. A few of the locals know and have been asking if I've got a fundraising page, so could you possibly put it in The Crier.

Thanks,
Jaquie Dixon

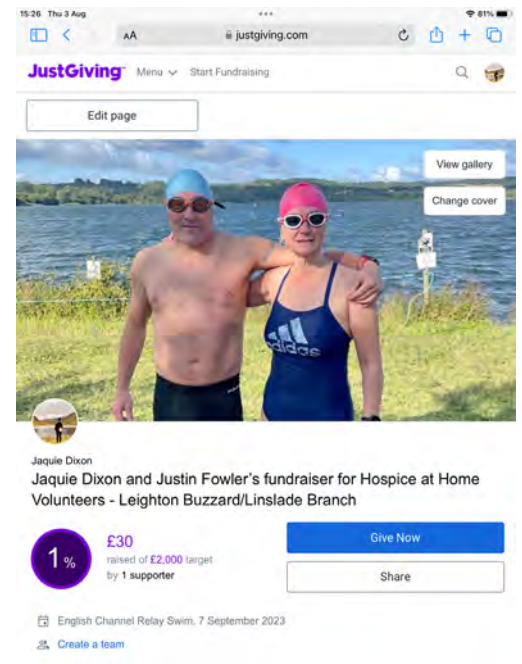
Channel Swim 5 person relay.

During the week of 7-14th September, myself, Justin Fowler, Simon Bradford, Mark Gabriel and Harry Gabriel will be attempting to swim the English Channel. This swim is a relay, meaning that each of us will be swimming for an hour each, until we get to France, probably doing 3 or four swims each.

This is a non wetsuit swim. The sea temperature will be around 16 degrees.

We have all trained in lakes and the sea all year round to acclimatise to the conditions and we pray for flat seas and sunshine on our allotted slot !

The Charity myself and Justin are raising money for is a local Leighton Buzzard Charity. I am a co ordinator working for the charity, introducing my volunteers to support people who are at home with a life limiting condition, and also giving much needed respite to their families, who are able to go out, or even just have a sleep, while one of my volunteers watches over their spouse/ family member.





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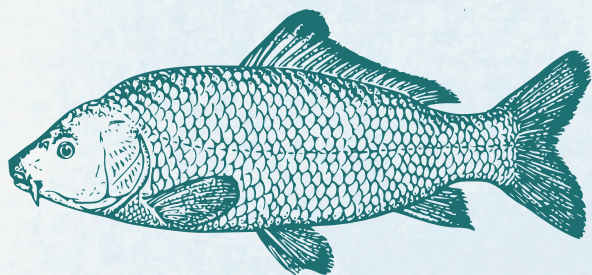
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FlorenceFest's Lineup Officially Released

Top tribute artists will be coming to Aylesbury this September at Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's **first-ever music festival, FlorenceFest**, which will take place on **Saturday 16th September at Roman Park Hall.**

FlorenceFest is the brainchild of Steve Butcher, the man behind Chilfest. His vision is to create a fun end of summer event that the whole family can enjoy as well as raise crucial funds for local hospice care.

The event will run from 12pm-12am with live music, a DJ, street food vans, fully stocked bars and family-friendly activities to keep the kids entertained.

"We're delighted with the lineup we've managed to get together for FlorenceFest and they're very keen to support the charity's cause." Shared Steve Butcher when asked about the bands, "All of the acts bring such energy and are truly excellent tributes. They really will get the crowd engaged and it will be an enjoyable day out for everyone!"

The live music will all be from nationally acclaimed tribute acts who will play your favourite songs from The Smiths, Elton John and Robbie Williams.

The acts are:

Rob B Williams: The UK's number one Robbie Williams tribute act that brings all the energy and charisma of the real thing.

The Smiths Utd: A Smiths and Morrissey tribute band which has included the festival as part of their national tour, expect many 'Charming' renditions when they hit the stage.

Forever Elton: A brilliant solo act who performs a stunning tribute to one of the best songwriters of all time, Sir Elton John.

DJ Dan Blaze: An award-winning adult DJ and kids entertainer who will bring the family fun and games throughout the day and plenty of your summertime favourites during the night.

All profits from this event will go directly to the charity, which is dedicated to delivering the best hospice care for individuals and their families across Buckinghamshire and its borders, wherever and whenever they need it.

Tickets and more information is available online at <https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/florencefesttickets>

You can purchase tickets online until 15 th September, with early bird prices until 22nd August.

You can also buy them on the door however it is cheaper to buy them beforehand.

Great music and good company – an enjoyable day and delightful way to help raise funds for specialist hospice care for local patients, and their families, across Buckinghamshire.



Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 3rd July 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

Cllr P Cooper (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 9th May 2023 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Antosiewicz declared an interest concerning agenda item 7.3.

4. Reports

Bucks Council Councillors

The meeting went through the points requiring assistance from our county councillors.

1. The claim with Bucks Council concerning the gate and fence at Orchard Ground. The councillors will take this up with Steve Broadbent who is the Cabinet Member Bucks Council responsible for Transport.
2. It was felt the quality of resurfacing of the Stewkley Road was poor. The councillors explained rural roads do not have edgings, and this road resurfacing was experimental as it was made up of recycled material from replacement

surface. It was a mystery why the resurfacing was not started at the crossroads rather than the village gates. This will be taken up with the LAT managers and the urgency to repair the potholes between the village gates and the crossroads.

3. A pothole was repaired outside Orchard Ground entrance. It was the size of a laptop computer whilst there were numerous potholes at the entrance to Silver Street ignored. This will be taken up with the LAT managers. It was explained to the councillors that these potholes were getting worse and the lorries going to the Red Brick Recycling Centre at 6.15am created a lot of noise when the lorries are empty. It is causing a lot of disturbance for residents.
4. Repair work should have been completed on Church Path. This was first raised in July 2022. Councillors will raise with LAT managers.
5. The kerb posts have been taken out near New Dairy Farm to stop the encroachment of council land. However, this will cause an issue when Doherty lorries start parking again on this verge waiting for the Red Brick Recycling Centre to open at 7.00am. The Enforcement Officers do not seem interested in doing anything about this problem. It was put to the councillors that BC should consider building laybys for the lorries or the site should open early to allow the lorries to be off the roads/verges. Lorries are still coming through the village just after 6.00am. It was suggested the enforcement officer should ask to look at the tachograph records of these vehicles. It was pointed out this matter is outside of our authority as it sits within Stewkley parish. The councillors will speak to Cllr Gomm about the matter.
6. Roadworks near Acorn Farm took over a week. Why did this work take so long? It is highly probable this work was conducted by a utility company which the Council has

little control over as to when road closures and/or traffic control is conducted.

Lockharts

The appeal on the planning application was upheld by the Inspectorate with an award of costs to the applicant. We must monitor the site to ensure the conditions of planning are adhered to. Lorries are parked on the site which move at times that are not allowed in the planning conditions. The storage of lorries is under the control of The Highways Commissioners rather than the Council. We should review the position to see if rules are being contravened.

5. Accounts

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st May to 30th June 2023:

22/5 SSE £99.91 Electricity
5/6 Information Commissioner £40.00 data protection registration
5/6 PCD Home Inspectors £250.00 OG energy performance certificate
5/6 PlaySafely Ltd £106.80 playground audit
27/5 Clerk salary £180.58 May
19/6 SSE £103.06 electricity
19/6 M Joy expenses £59.50
19/6 Mainly Mowing £263.75 grass cutting etc.
26/6 Clerk salary £180.57 June

5.2 To review the accounting statements to 30th June 2023

There was a surplus of £2,890 for the period to 30th June 2023 with closing cash balances of £24,594. The forecast to 31st March 2024 is a deficit of £6,010 and cash reserves of £15,693. There were committed costs of legal fees estimated at £2,500 and £7,500 for the replacement of street lighting mercury lamps to LED.

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.

A meeting was held with the CEO of the Clare Foundation, a charity which offers support to community organisations. The CEO was impressed with the facilities of OG and North Field and offered a grant of £10,000 towards the costs of a new footpath around North Field.

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

OG is looking at developing a website promoting all its facilities. Hemlock has been found near the allotments and has been taped off. It needs to be cut and the flowers taken off.

6.1 Draft Lease Considerations/New Charity

The clerk and Cllr Waters met with the lawyers to discuss the lease, and we are awaiting the final draft.

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 – awaiting decision on a complex case.

7.2 P0430/W/22/3300155 Lockharts Farm Waste Recycling Facility – case referred to Inspectorate decided in favour of the applicant and awarded costs. Unfortunately, this means the recycling centre will start up again once the concrete wall has been rebuilt and improved.

7.3 23/01898/APP - 16 Ridings Way Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LW Householder application for single storey rear extension and garage conversion – no objection

8. Village Matters

8.1 Traffic

Cllr Shults reported Speedwatch sessions continue and reported stats as below .It was felt the speed of traffic through the village has reduced significantly as a result of Speedwatch. Cllr Shults and his team were thanked for their excellent work. The 30mph warning sign on Wing Road is not operating due to the overgrown hedges. Clerk to contact the owners.

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 lectern

The lectern has been installed and unveiled. A grant for the cost has been awarded by the Community Board. It was suggested lecterns should be installed in North Field setting out nature points of interest etc. It was noted there were hedges and trees that needed cutting throughout the village. The path from the Crossroads towards Chapel Alley was difficult to walk because of overgrown hedges. Mainly Mowing to be asked to cut back the hedges on the High Street. A complaint had been received concerning an overgrown garden in Silver Street. Clerk to contact the landlord of the property.

8.4 Playground Maintenance

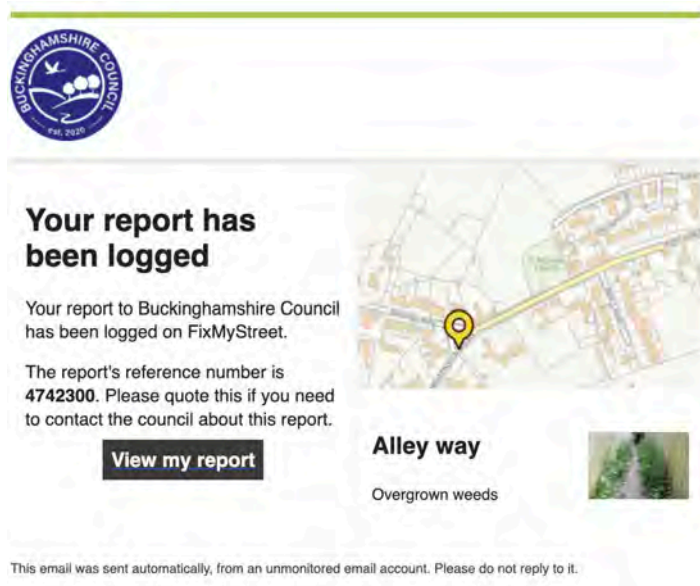
The annual safety audit of the playground highlighted the need for the cableway to be dismantled and inspected. A quote for £600 from Wickstead for maintenance of the cableway has been received. The meeting approved this expenditure. A porthole is broken, and a replacement has been ordered. There were other minor deficiencies highlighted which will be looked at.

8.5 Waste Bins

The dog waste bin at the entrance to Orchard Ground is broken and a replacement has been ordered. The general waste bins locking system have

deteriorate over the years and Bucks Council has requested the bins are replaced with ones that have metal locks . Clerk to review.

The next meeting of the Parish Council and will take place on Tuesday 12th September 2023 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.



I recently reported the alleyway from the Nob, overgrown with weeds... it will be interesting to see if anything comes of the report above, but worth a try.

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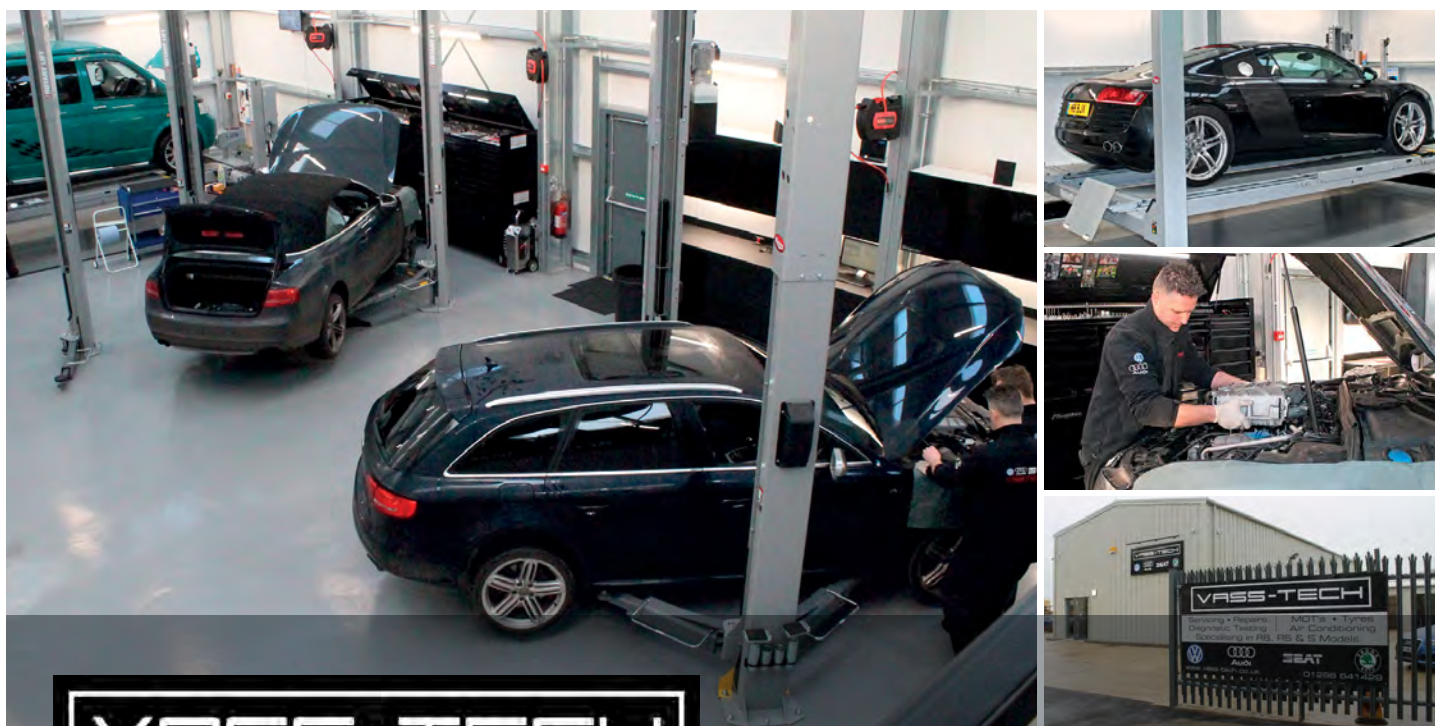
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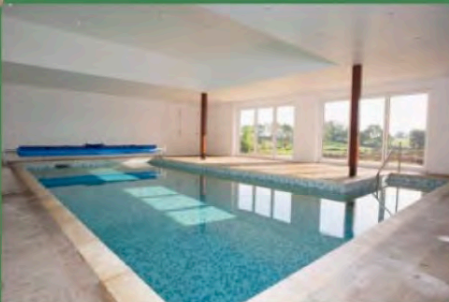


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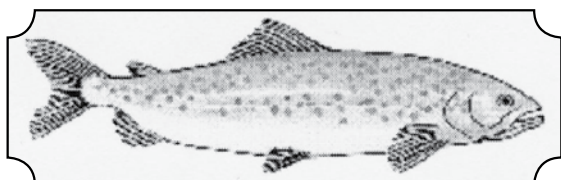
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