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### Caption Competition?....

"Gary - you really must clean out your car!"

Can you do any better? Sadly the only prize is a mention in next edition.





At the time of writing, there has been scarcely a drop of rain in Cublington for over a month. Apparently this was also the case in February this year, although we missed out as we were 'down under' at that time, encountering record- breaking rainfall in Auckland. Back here, March was then the wettest for over 40 years, which at least served to replenish reservoir levels and temporarily alleviate concerns about where we might be heading.

Since then the trend has been for dry, breezy and often rather chilly weather. Our fields are developing cracks and Scotland is seeing a raging wildfire. We have no idea whether the present drought will be continuing when this issue hits your doormat. Our experience over the years is that once the school exams have finished, a metaphorical switch is usually flicked bringing widespread precipitation just when it is least welcome, as all the cherished activities of the British summer get into full swing. One could practically bet one's house on this happening. However we read in today's press that a super-typhoon is heading for Japan which could fire up the jet stream and send stifling heat our way, possibly leading to a repeat of last summer's exceptionally high temperatures.

Against this background, our sympathies go out to anyone trying to organize anything in a British summer, whether it be a wedding, a cricket match, a village fete or simply a well-earned 'staycation'.

Is it too much to hope that the next few weeks might simply be pleasantly warm, punctuated by sufficient rainfall to keep our gardens green and our hosepipes free of ban? Or could we be facing devastation comparable to that which has been suffered in so many other countries as a direct result of climate change?

Perhaps climate is just another of the many things in life, ranging from economics and politics to technology and energy, of which we once thought we knew a little but where we have reached a point where disruption rules and little reliance can be placed on traditional and trusted thinking. If we can no longer impart nuggets of wisdom to our grand-children based on our own experience that might help to guide them in meeting the many and varied challenges that they will face, we will just have to leave them to work it out for themselves, perhaps with the help of AI, whilst we retreat into our own 'ivory tower' where we can attempt to defy the march of progress by surrounding ourselves with things we can actually understand.

Let's hope that the saying 'today is the tomorrow I worried about yesterday' may continue to apply!

Wishing you a very traditional British summer... Richard and Polly

Sept EDITOR:
Jackie Farrands

The Crier online...

Available at www.issuu.com

#### NEXT COPY DEADLINE is - 15th August

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#### **Ihanks**

to everyone who helped in whatever way they did at the fete. A huge amount of work goes in to this highly successful event every year. Your support is much appreciated and many favourable comments were heard from visitors. Well done Cublington!



#### Great Train Robbery 60th Anniversary August 8th 1963

#### August 8th 2023

The escape route went right through the village on their way to the hideout at Leatherslade farm, Brill. See the route mapped out opposite and full article inside.

## Oil syndicate Alison Head has agreed to take

on the Oil Syndicate - hooray! See details on the revised ad inside.

### No Erier in August

We're on holiday taking a well earned rest. Back in September!

Next copy deadline August 15th.

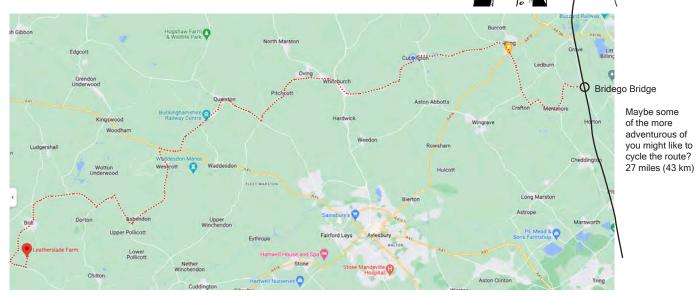
## Longratulations

to our new Parish Council Chair, Gillian Antosiewicz.

At the recent Parish Council meeting Hugh Vale stepped down after sixteen years in the post. A celebration was recently held to honour him. See article inside.

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



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



## **EWS**

#### LOCKHART'S FARM WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE

Sad to report that the appeal regarding the Lockhart Farm Waste centre has been lost. Increased lorry movements are already being seen on the Wing Road.

## The Crier Editorial Rota

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

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

Sept Debbie & Brian Knights
October Karen & Danny
November Penny Allen
December ?

2024... Jan Will & Rebecca Bentinck
Feb Abby & Lee Stopher
Mar Martyn & Avril Gotes

2025...

Mar?

Mar Martyn & Avril Gates
Apr Reilly's

 ${\it Feb}$  Alexander's

May Gregory family (Miranda)June Susan & Iain Black

**July** Vanessa and Kerry

Apr Vanessa & Jason Taylor

Sept Sam Conway

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

## Erier Lontact details

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### Bin collection dates

Waste Bin:	Recycling Bin: Paper, glass, cardboard, plastics, cartons, cans and tins	Food Waste Bin:  Non-recyclable or compostable	Garden Waste Bin:	
	Wednesday 5 July	Wednesday 5 July		
Wednesday 12 July		Wednesday 12 July	Wednesday 12 July	
	Wednesday 19 July	Wednesday 19 July		
Wednesday 26 July		Wednesday 26 July	Wednesday 26 July	
	Wednesday 2 August	Wednesday 2 August		

**Apologies** but we will not be able to provide this information in future editions as Bucks Council have changed the way their website displays the information - only A WEEK - MAXIMUM OF TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE - depending on which bin.

I appreciate this is entirely unsatisfactory, so maybe write to the council to complain? Ed





## 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

## 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:

27 July: Standen House (NT property in Sussex)

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

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

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



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

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

#### Please contact Martyn Waters

for any further information: martyn.waters@icloud.com. M: 07973754356

Limited Edition Cublington Jote Bags

### £10 each or 2 for £18

All proceeds go to village causes

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

Interested? Then please contact me. email: info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk or call Gary on 01296 688548



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

# Join the **Eublington Life**WhatsApp group

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

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

Let me know if you'd like to be on the Cublington Life group WhatsApp, send me your telephone number and I can make sure the administrator knows and adds you. Admins are: Martyn Waters, Catherine & Charlie Toosey, Gary Brazier, Liz Smith and Miranda Mercado Gregory

## What could be easier?



the North Field Project anytime you shop online it really doesn't cost you anything!

Please help us fundraise for Orchard Ground and

If you'd like help setting it up please see the web address opposite or email bobpaine 2002@hotmail.com who will be happy to help. **Thanks** 

## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2023

August

Friday 25th - Sunday 27th Beer Festival The Unicorn - Real Ales/Gins/Rums - Live Music

September

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.

PLEASE let us know of any

Saturday 2nd The 18th Horticultural Show Biggs Pavilion - see ad elsewhere.

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

### NORTH FIELD WORK PARTIES

Saturday 22nd July, Saturday 19th August.

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.

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

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

## **Cublington Winos**

Greeting from the winos (hic!).

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

2nd August, 4th October, 6th December. Doors normally open at 7pm for a start time of 7.30pm.

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

Steve and Jackie



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

Cabin crew for Monarch Airlines- I made that decision at five years old on a flight to Majorca with my mum and dad.



2. What was your first job? Travel agent for Travel care Leighton buzzard

## 3. Who (alive or dead) would you like to have dinner with and why? (You can have more than one!) David Attenborough - because he has seen some of the natural world that no one else has and his speeches grip me. His voice is like no one else's.

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

I love the 80's I would have loved to have been slightly older so I could have gone clubbing in those days. Life seemed a lot simpler.

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

I would love to sell up and sail the world with my family. So I would like to live on a yacht sailing the Med as a starting point.

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

Food, I love trying the local cuisine when I'm working abroad.

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

Believe it or not I'm not a great reader, so can't remember the last book I read. I think George Orwell animal farm scared me for life at Cottesloe School.

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

That's a hard one for me-I love such a range of music from club to 80's but if I had to pick one song then it would be 'nothing is going to stop us now' from the film Mannequin, 80's classic and our first dance wedding song.

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

Nothing major - when the dishwasher doesn't wash properly! No point getting too upset in life.

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

People think I must have enough time with planes at work but you can't go wrong with an Airshow on a day off and when the sun is shining.

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

I have lived in Cublington for ten years with my daughter and husband.

Answer somewhere in the Crier...

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Get involved and save yourself some money!

Main Contact: Alison Head cublingtonoil@gmail.com

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

## Alison Head has agreed to take on the Oil Syndicate - hooray!

She will send an email to all current syndicate members, but asks you check your spam folder as you won't have seen an email from the new email address before.

## Orchard Ground & Morth Field

## LATEST NEWS and UPDATES



#### North Field update

Volunteers have been busy on North Field with general maintenance tasks including cutting the grass around the orchard, trimming the wandering footpaths and checking the tree stakes and ties in the orchard, in the blossom circle and the 'feature' trees. The plan this year is to keep the orchard and blossom circle areas trimmed with the grasses in a substantial central area of the field left to grow. The Holly Circle has also been uncovered in the long grass, though we have some casualties... replacements will be found.

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

#### 9.30am - 12.00 midday: Saturday 22nd July; Saturday 22nd August.

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

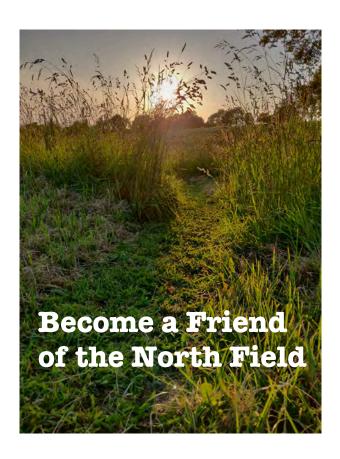


**Please keep a watch out** for Ragwort growing on North Field and use one of the 'ragwort canes' to mark where it is. We can then dig it out. The Ragwort is the plant with the yellow topped clusters of daisy-like flowers.

**Be careful** as we have also been advised that Hemlock is growing on Orchard Ground, by the mound next to the allotmants. It looks like Cow Parsley, but has a smooth stem with purple blotches. It grows to well over 6ft. Steps are being taken to eradicate the plant. Do not touch it.. it is highly irritant.



The North Field was represented on a stand at the village fete and Charlie Toosey took 11 people on a foraging walk around the North Field.



Cublington village Fete 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.

Martyn Waters Orchard Ground Association

#### New committee members always wanted.

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





## WHY NOT JOIN YOUR LOCAL TENNIS CLUB?!

## TENNIS FOR BRITAIN

Registered Venue 2022/23

## Enjoy our superb facilities at OG all year round

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

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

Courts are once again busy with members enjoying social tennis. League Teams feature in the Aylesbury & District League.

If you'd like to join, please contact us - details opposite.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION AND NON-MEMBER COURT BOOKINGS

(£10 PER HOUR):

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

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- Coaching organised see ad elsewhere.
- 2 great all weather courts
- Free floodlights for members
- Free use of ball machine
- This Summer 4 league teams in ADTL
- Fun Club Sessions and Tournaments

#### **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





## Top awards for Buckinghamshire Scouts

Nearly 100 children and young people from Buckinghamshire Scouts were awarded the top award for their section at a recent event. The Squirrels (boys and girls aged 4 to 6), had to earn four challenge badges: All About Adventure, All About Me, All Around Us, and All Together. The Beavers (boys and girls aged 6 to 8) had to earn six challenge badges: My World, My Skills, My

Outdoor, My Adventure, Teamwork and a Personal Challenge. The Cub Scouts (boys and girls aged 8 to 10) earned the same six challenge badges, but at a higher level, plus they also had to earn a Team Leader Challenge. The Scouts (boys and girls aged 10 to 14) had to earn nine challenge badges. The additional challenge badges included Creative, Expedition and Team Leader. Beaver Scout Olivia said, "What I like best is camping, having a water fight and making friends. It is fun, enjoyable and makes me feel happy." Sonny's mum Sarah said, "Scouts has helped him grow in confidence, he does activities outside of school, he connects with other children and the volunteers are excellent role models."

Adult volunteer Barbara said, "As a volunteer I can arrange for children to have different experiences that they would not get at school. Being involved has built my confidence and taken me out of my comfort zone."

James Williamson, lead volunteer for Buckinghamshire Scouts said, "We are continuing to grow as our brilliant volunteers provide such a wide range of activities for the children. We are looking for some people to step forward and take on different roles. These range from running a Squirrel Drey, working with teenagers, looking after the finances of a Group or looking after the Scout HQ." He added, "Whatever time you can give, we will find you a role."

If you feel you can volunteer, please visit www.scouts.org.uk/join



## 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  $3m \times 4.5m$  which can be arranged in a line  $(3m \times 18m)$  or as an oblong  $(12m \times 4.5m)$  - or, of course, individually.

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

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

Contact gary@cublington.com 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.

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

### Online booking diary: www.ogpavilion.keepandshare.com

Find a date you want and contact Bob Paine on 01296 680483 bobpaine2002@hotmail.com

to book it!





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.vangrevelynghe@googlemail.com



#### 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.



### Kicks off on Sat 8 July for children aged 4-11



This year's theme is the power of play, sport, games, and physical activity.

Join the superstar team and their marvellous mascots to get involved.

Collect free materials from the library and/or visit the online Challenge website.

Children will be encouraged to keep their

minds and bodies active over the summer break. The characters navigate a fictional summer obstacle course collecting stickers to track their reading as they go. There is a simpler scheme for younger children. By participating in the challenge, young people will have the opportunity to explore new reading material, develop skills, and discover new interests.

#### Join the library online at:

https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/librarymembership/

to gain access to the library catalogue and FREE online services.

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@wing.community.library





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#### Opening Times

Tuesday 1400 - 1630

Wednesday 1000 - 1230

Friday 1400 - 1630

Saturday 1000 - 1230 Books: Children's board, picture,

chapter, and non-fiction

Teen, Audio, Large Print, Adult Fiction,

Non-fiction, Biography

Office: Photocopying, Printing,

Internet, Scanning, Laminating

Other: Local Information and Displays











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 an loved. Sponsored by the Alexanders

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR THE CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS?

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Main Contact: Penny Allen 01296 682006

If you would like to, please contact Penny direct on 682006 or djandpallen@gmail.com or to The Crier with a dedication. *Gift Aid* envelopes are available from the Church and pub (when open) porches and this will enable us to recover 23p for every pound donated.

Thank you

## ST NICHOLAS CHURCH LIGHTS SPONSORS

The church spotlights are lit in July in celebration of David and Freddie's Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Church Services in July, none in August

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		9	Trinity 5	нс	Zech 9:9-12	Matt 11:16-19, 25-end	Helen G	Gina	
				Howard	Rom 7:15-25a				
		16	Trinity 6	Lay led	Isaiah 55:10-13	Matt 13:1-9, 18- 23	Julie	Linda	
				Jane & Michael	Rom 8:1-11				
		23	Trinity 7	НС	Isaiah 44:6-8	Matt 13:24-30, 36-43	Sally	Martyn	
				Howard	Rom 8:12-25				
		30	Trinity 8		1 Kings 3:5-12	Matt 13:31-33, 44-52			
			Benefice service	?? Where	Rom 8:26-end				
	Aug	6	· ·	onNo service	Dan 7:9-10, 13-14	Luke 9:28-36			
					2 Pet 1:16-19				
		13	Trinity 10	No service	1 Kings 19:9-18	Matt 14:22-33			
					Rom 10:5-15				
		20	Trinity 11	no service	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Matt 15:21-28			
					Rom 11:1-2a, 29-				
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		27	Trinity 12	no service	Isaiah 51:1-6	Matt 16:13-20			
					Rom 12:1-8				



### From the Rector



#### Seeking completion?

We are at the time of year now when many people are reaching big milestone moments in their life journeys, especially in the educational sphere. Many have recently finished exams and are awaiting results and many others are coming to the end of their time in a given school or college. Milestone moments very often involve a sense of completion of a particular task or phase. These moments seem especially important because we all like the idea of having what psychologists call 'closure' on certain things – promoting a feeling that we are truly ready to move on. Indeed, the famous philosopher and psychologist William James once said that 'nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging of an uncompleted task'.

Completion, however, is always in some sense relative to a particular task or demand. We only complete relative to that demand rather than in totality. Other tasks and demands continue to surface. Moreover, the process of life in general preceded us all and will continue after we are gone, so we certainly don't complete the whole picture. St Paul says in a famous passage from one of his letters that we know only in part – we are partial beings both in the sense that we are composed of parts and in the sense that we are partial to certain aims, hopes and ideas more than others. We do not see the whole fully and we also therefore only ever achieve relative completion or closure in part.

Some aspect of openness therefore always needs to remain within ongoing process of life, which is far more than our individual lives. This greater whole isn't necessarily felt in milestone marking moments in the way that events in our individual lives are, so psychologically it may feel different, but we need to know it is there and enduring throughout all generations. If what we are part of is to become complete, or even be drawn towards its completion by God as the Author of Life, then we need to achieve openness to the ongoing process of life just as much as closure to certain past events. We need to hold a proper balance between what we know as a result of having moved beyond certain points in our life and what we realize we are yet seeking, what we yet need to explore.

With all best wishes to everyone for the next stage and especially to those currently awaiting exam results and other landmark moments.

#### **Andrew Krauss**



July & CAugust
Birthdays
Happy birthday to you...

Beau Sheridan 14 on the 6th August
Beau Sheridan 8 on the 6th August

(yes they do have the same birthday)

Sophia Abigail Smith 6 on the 27th August







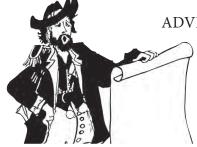
If you have recently moved to the village and want us to include your children - please let us know. Once children reach 15 they are automatically removed from the list. If you know of anyone who has moved away - also please let us know. Surprisingly we don't know everyone in the village! *Gary & Gill* 





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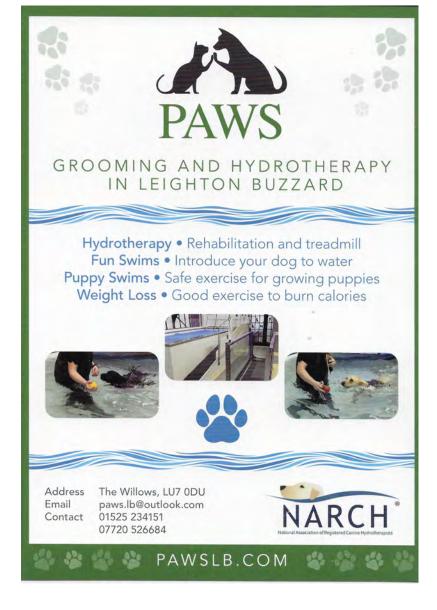
# Cublengton CrafteRs

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

No doubt you all saw the inspired Post Box Topper over the Coronation weekend... *Everyone very welcome*.



On showing the article about the crafter's work in the last edition to the nurses on the Stoke Mandeville ICU ward, they apparently said what a great publication the Crier was, and it made them want to live in our lovely village! High praise indeed.





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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

#### A Special Evening...

A special evening was recently held at the Biggs Pavilion to mark Hugh Vale's stepping down as Chairman of Cublington Parish Council, after 16 years in that role and many more years as an elected Councilor. Hugh continues as a Councilor.

Past Parish Councilors attended including Arthur Read, June Barrowclough, Gillian Jenkins, Alan Yates, Simon Morgan, Sally Missen, Julie Merriman and Sally Wiltshire.

Also in attendance were Bucks County Councilors Ashley Bond, Diana Blamires and Peter Cooper who all commended Hugh's contribution to the Cublington Community over the years both as a Parish Councilor and great community volunteer clearing snow, cutting hedges and pulling cars out of ditches (too many to count)!

Existing Councilors were also present - new Chair, Gillian Antosiewicz, Michael Reilly, Kevin Schultz and Martyn Waters as well as Parish Council Clerk, Mike Joy who arranged the gathering.

Presentations were made, on an evening that celebrated the achievements over many years of volunteers who have served Cublington with distinction and continue to do so!

#### Thank you Hugh!



2 previous chairmen

#### A presentation and speech from Cllr Peter Cooper



Councillors past and present...





Parish Clerks spanning several decades



Many thanks, Roy Shons

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## ST MUHULAS LAWN MUWING RUTA

W/C Name

03rd July Tim & James Taylor 10th July Martin Gibby

17th July Jason & Vanessa Taylor Susan & Mike Bush/Paddy 24th July

31st July David Bradbury

**07th August** Mike Alexander

**14th August** Caroline & Mike Lightfoot

**21st August** Mike & Sandie Joy **28th August** Ev & Gerry Griffiths 04th Sept Mark Cheetham 11th Sept **Kevin Shults** 

18th Sept Gill & Gary Brazier

Geoff & Bernadette Johnson 25th Sept

02nd Oct **James Francis** 09th Oct Andy Peck

## FIRST THREE DRAWS





#### May 2023.

1st Prize - &50 - Helen Taylor.

2nd Prize - &40 - Richard Burford.

3rd Prize - £30 - Chris Shults.

4th Prize - £20 - Ben Rayner.

#### June 2023.

1st Prize - £50 - Rhonda Roberts.

2nd Prize - &40 - Kevin Shults.

**3rd Prize - &30** - Mark Cheetham.

4th Prize - £20 - Louis Lackey.

#### July 2023.

**1st Prize - £50** - Harvey Knights.

2nd Prize - £40 - Maggie Brandon.

3rd Prize - £30 - Steve Crumb.

**4th Prize - £20** - Maggie Mackenzie.

# £1500 Prize money won last year!

#### Tickets are still available for the **REMAINING SEVEN 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.

### 60th Anniversary August 8th 2023

**GREAT DRIVES:** 

#### CHASE DOWN RONNIE BIGGS ON THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERS' GETAWAY ROUTE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Published 02 April 2014 By Sunday Times Driving

THREE YEARS ago, over a long lunch, the late train robber Bruce Reynolds told me the details of this route. "I found a series of doglegs to the north of Aylesbury, passing through farmland and little villages. Nice, quiet roads to drive along. I don't imagine it's changed that much." Hasn't changed that much, he meant, since the day he and 15 others robbed the Travelling Post Office from Glasgow and got away with £2.6m during the *Great Train Robbery on August 8, 1963.* 

Most people will know of the robbery itself — how the gang stopped the train, beat the driver and made off with the cash. But their escape route is less well

ald Arthur Biggs was an English criminal who helped plan and carry out the Great Train Robbery of 1963. He subsequently became notorio for his escape from prison in 1965 and for his various publicity stunts while in exile. In 2001, Big Gang drives to hideout in two Land Rovers and an old army Leighton truck, listening to police radio Buzzard Cublington A41 Quainton Bridego Bridge 3.15am. Mentmore August 8, 1963: Ashendon Mail train is M40 stopped at Aylesbury Leatherslade Farm bridge; gang 4.30am: Convoy unloads bags arrives at farm to to vehicles A413 hole up and divide 2 miles the proceeds

known. It starts at the Bridego Bridge, a spot just south of Leighton Buzzard where the train was held up, then heads west between the hedgerows for a short distance, past Rowden Farm (which had its telephone cut on the night) and then towards the village of Mentmore.

The whole area is lovely, on gently undulating B-roads, with just the odd humpback bridge to spin the stomach. The gang completed the 30-mile route to their hideout in less than 45 minutes, driving a convoy of army Land Rovers and a truck. You can retrace the route (possibly in an old Jaguar like the Mk 2 used by the gang to practise the drive) and unless you have loot to hide, take your time and soak up the picturesque villages and landscape that give no clue to the drama they witnessed 50 years ago.

Mentmore is a pleasing mixture of the medieval and the fanciful Victorian mock-Tudor, although it's doubtful the robbers had much time to admire it. After a quick jink round the church, you leave Mentmore on a deceptively tight left-hand bend then another hard right-hander where you can almost hear the echo of tyre squeals from 1963.

My favourite section is after the village of Cublington, heading towards Whitchurch, where there are a few hundred yards on the A413 through the village. These few miles offer an unimpeded view to the left over the Vale of Aylesbury, the patchwork of fields pocketed with an autumn mist on my recent drive and the scattered copses crowned with gold and red as the leaves turned.

Watch out for the easily missed left turn at Quainton, signposted with a silhouette of a steam train, and from the junction onwards you'll see a smattering of "Stop HS2" signs. The line is projected to run just south of the village, right past the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre. This is a working steam railway and museum, complete with a country station straight out of Miss Marple.

About time for a bite to eat. Follow the sign for the Hundred as you drive through Ashendon. A short way up a dead-end road you'll find the pub, which has variously been called the Red Lion and the Gatehouse. Local legend has it that, in 1963, when in its Red Lion incarnation, Reynolds, Roy James and some of the others would pop in for a pint and sit on the long-departed sofa, arguing the toss about the best route to get away with their swag. Now it is run by a chef who used to work at St John, a trendy London restaurant, and offers robust British dishes — rabbit, oxtongue, mallard.

The final turns take you to the village of Brill, where Leatherslade Farm, the gang's hideout, sits due south. The farm is privately owned and train robbery groupies aren't really welcome, but there is a public footpath between Brill and Little London that takes you past the unprepossessing buildings. I'd head for Brill's windmill, for a last look over the Bucks countryside and for the Pheasant pub, which does a very decent pie of the day. I am sure Reynolds would have approved — after all, he was brought down by leaving his fingerprints on a bottle of ketchup at Leatherslade.

## 4 **Cublington Miscellany** by 'Old Rambler'

Cublington must have one of the longest flowering seasons for daffodils. In early January each year, defying the fact that Spring is nowhere near being sprung, the first yellow flowers regularly appear outside Yew Tree

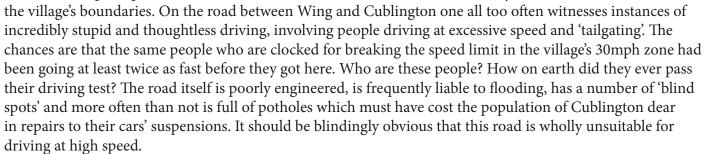
house on the Aston Abbotts Road, followed a little later by a group in Stewkley Road, on the opposite side of the crossroads. Most of Cublington's annual crop appears at the conventional time of year so that the month of March sees a splendid display throughout the village filling our hearts with a Wordsworthian sense of optimism. But there also some dawdlers – here is a photo I took in our own garden on 2 May of a bunch of latecomers which were still doing nicely and which lasted for at least another week after the photo was taken. That gives a daffodil season of over four months. No greenhouses seem to have been involved. Does this make us a narcissistic village?



There are three recorded instances of sons of Cublington residents dismissing a cricketer who at or around the time of that dismissal was the world's no 1 ranked Test batsman. Specifically, Michael Thornely dismissed Australia's Michael Clarke in a match between Leicestershire and Australia in 2012. His brother Andrew had previously dismissed Hashim Amla of South Africa in a match against Lashings World XI in 2007. More recently, Ben Joy did what England's attack in the 2019 Ashes series was generally unable to do, namely get Steve Smith out, this time in a grade match in Australia. I would love to be able to add my own name to this list since when I was in my teens I got the better of a similarly youthful David Gower (who also, some years later, had a spell as the no 1 Test batsman) several times. However I have reluctantly concluded that 'getting somebody out' in the nets, especially when they were only 15, cannot count. By the time you read this, the first Ashes test of 2023 will have been played and the second should be in full sway. If Smith, Head, Labuschagne and the rest of the Aussies are proving impossible to dislodge, then I suggest that the England management pay Cublington a visit seeking our advice as to how it should be done.

I have no wish to steal the thunder of the Crier's regular columnist who writes under the heading 'It makes me so angry' (thinks...who could that possibly be? Ha Ha - I know - Ed!) but here goes...

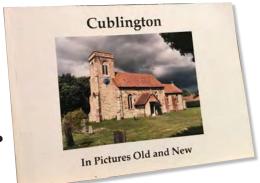
The excellent work of the Cublington Speedwatch group is regularly highlighted in the Crier. It is perhaps unfortunate that its terms of reference cannot extend beyond



Not so long ago I drove on my own from the far North West of Scotland to Cublington in a single day, a journey of around 620 miles, which took over 13 hours including several rest stops. The notorious stretch of the A9 between Inverness and Perth was negotiated without incident, as were the 380 miles of motorway from Stirling to Milton Keynes. The only moment during the entire journey when I felt that I had been intimidated by the aggressive behaviour of another driver was on the 'home stretch' of the Wing Road. How can one get the point across to these impatient and selfish people that the car in front is not just an inconvenient metal object but actually has people inside it?

#### **NEW TO THE VILLAGE?**

## YOUR Extraordinary **VILLAGE'S HISTORY...** IN PICTURES





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.

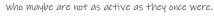
## Café Club Zest

Could you help lead our sing-a -long at

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

Café Club Zest meets each month with the aim to introducing everyone to the benefits of singing, socialising and enjoying a delicious afternoon tea in friendly company. We are a welcoming group, open to all, but especially those

Contact Jane 07739 985440







## Calling all musicians

Café Club Zest?

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

> Keyboard available. If you think you could help, please ring Jane on 07739985440

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

THANK YOU to the 44 AMAZING supporters who have so far raised a STAGGERING £2,062.00 for Orchard Ground projects by simply clicking online when they shop! Phenomenal!! You could do the same!

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

1st - Gwyneira Waters - £330.32.

2nd - Sarah George - £321.78.

3rd - Martyn Waters - £241.46.

4th - Maggie Brandon - £202.42.

5th - Kevin Shults - £162.61.

- £124.12. 6th - Bob Paine



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orchardground



#### 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.

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

#### **LETTERBOX4YOU**

21 Terracotta pot with five planted herbs. Name them please

#### **Sue and Roger Bottle**

#### **Fruit Categories**

22 Ten autumn raspberries, stalks attached **Adept Driving School** 

#### 23 Three culinary apples, stalks attached

25 Three culliary apples, starks 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

Virtual Pets

#### **Debbie and Brian Knights**

37 Three chicken eggs

#### Sandie and Mike Joy

38 Photograph your pet and name it

#### **Windmill Veterinary Centre**

#### Q. What does Cublington have in common with the following UK locations?

Ripon, Leeds, Selby, Worksop, Manchester, Eccles, Altrincham, Congleton, Burton-on-Trent, Bridgnorth, Coventry, Warwick, Malvern, Pontypool, Kings Langley, Kingwood, Wincanton and Plympton? *A.* They all have a pub named 'the Unicorn'. I don't suppose that there is any chance of being granted concessionary rates if we were to pay any of them a visit?

*The last few months* have seen a considerable amount of planting of new trees and the felling of older ones. Hopefully, matters will balance out over time. At the very least I am certain that the village will benefit hugely from the efforts of the North Field volunteers.

The traditional view has been that trees are all disconnected loners engaged in a Darwinian struggle with the others in the wood, competing for water, nutrients and sunlight. However, a recent best-selling book by a German forester, Peter Wohlleben, entitled 'The Hidden life of Trees; What they Feel and How they



communicate' argues that trees are far more alert and sophisticated than most of us had supposed. They co-operate to avoid encroachment into each other's space, ensuring that the sunlight can benefit all, and their root systems are connected through underground fungal networks through which they share water and nutrients. They 'communicate' by sending chemical, hormonal and low-pulse electrical signals through these networks. The effect is that of a collective intelligence such as one can observe in an insect colony or a shoal of fish. It has not taken long for the expression 'wood-wide web' to emerge when referring to these natural networks.

*JRR Tolkien (pictured)* was a notable lover of trees and perhaps had an inkling when he wrote:

'I thought all the trees were whispering to each other, passing news and plots along in an unintelligible language'. One of our favourite characters from 'The Lord of the Rings' is Treebeard, the tree giant or 'ent' said to be the oldest living thing in Middle Earth. When surveying the devastation brought about by the wicked wizard Saruman he poignantly comments that 'many of these trees were my friends. Creatures I had known from nut or acorn. They had voices of their own'. The cover of this issue imagines Treebeard on an inspection visit to the North Field, signifying his approval of the saplings that we all hope to see grow into majestic specimens to be enjoyed by present and future generations.

In my ignorance I had never known how considerately trees behave towards others in their interconnected groups, whether or not it is ultimately just down to natural selection. Whatever the explanation, they are examples to us all.

#### Finally, and still on the subject of trees, Martyn Waters has sent me the following: 'Cublington Orchard Ground – Goat Willow Tree

On North Field, in the far corner, by the boggy area of the old pond, there stands a very old tree, a Goat Willow. Go and find it and stand a while, look and listen, walk around it and look at the many twists and turns in its trunk and branches.

The Woodland Trust website tells us that this tree might be 300 years old. Historically, its bark was used for medicinal purposes when boiled in water to relieve both diarrhoea and joint inflammation and the liquid was used as a gargle for a sore throat (Martyn expressly does not recommend this!). The bark contains the compound salicin that was used as a forerunner to aspirin. In the late summer, its young branches and leaves were used to supplement the hay fed to cattle over the winter months '. Our lives have been closely linked with trees since the dawn of time and it is fascinating to find out about the folklore and symbolism attaching to particular species . They also happen to provide us with oxygen, so let's encourage them wherever we can!



### Fete thank you's...



I personally would like to thank **Gill** for putting up with me while this goes on and for her valued contributions.

**All the fantastic volunteers** who've stepped up when asked to help run a stall - your contribution cannot be underestimated. We can't do it without you!

**Penny & Dennis** for their wonderful attractions and for sponsoring the band... you are really brilliant additions to the committee.

**Debbie** for all your sterling work in the run up to the fete.

Jason and Vanessa and JT Engineering for sponsoring the sausages and the coconuts.

Chris and Kevin Shults for making all the burgers.

**Tesco** for the donation of all the bread rolls.

**Alexander & Co** for the sponsorship boards and raffle prize.

Jordan Grace for the loan of his PA equipment.

Andy and Lucy (and family) for their generous donations to and for running the bar.

**Hugh Vale** for all his help in sourcing things, the hay bales and for cutting the North field grass and other stuff too numerous to mention...

Michael Jenkins for his kind loan of all the security fencing.

**Tim Taylor** for his strimming all round OG - it looked brilliant.

Kate Truluck and her team on the dog agility course

Howard the vicar who spent the afternoon manning the coconut shy

Judge of the dog show - Stacey from Paws Grooming and Hydrotherapy in Leighton Buzzard

Professor Teddy and his Punch & Judy Show - a great new attraction!

All the Classic car owners who came along - thank you

The brilliant fete committee for all their hard work, without whom this definitely would not happen.

**and everyone** who baked a cake, made a jam or chutney, donated prizes and items and for everyone who came along...

The weather for staying kind to us...

We hope you enjoyed yourselves and hope you can join us again next year...

## The fete in total took just over £6,400 gross, less expenses making nearer £5000 profit. An amazing record with a record number of visitors through the gates.

#### **CUBLINGTON FETE PROCEEDS BENEFIT**

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, THE VILLAGE HALL, ORCHARD GROUND & OTHER COMMUNITY PROJECTS



As we approach the end of another fantastic term and school year here at Cublington Nursery the lovely weather has meant lots of fun and challenging learning activities outside!

Matching socks and pegging them on the washing line and threading onto spaghetti work not only the children's fine motor skills but open up opportunities for early maths, patterns, counting and working together. And washing the socks was a huge hit as all the children love water play.

We have also been able to get out for more walks around the village and to the park, which are amazing to help the children learn about their environment and the world around them. We even got to walk and visit some lambs in the fields! If you see us out and about do give us a wave!

With sports day coming up we have been practicing all our races, which the children and parents really enjoy and as you can see we have been able to harvest and taste some of our own home grown produce, with lettuce and radishes being hits so far. Our peas and strawberries are almost there so we look forward to being able to try those too soon!

thank you everyone for all your hard work"









## Anagrams can be the greatest fun.

As a child I remember my pleasure on bein told that 'carthorse' was an anagram of 'orchestra' and that 'world cup team' could be turned into "talcum powder'. As an adolescent I learned, through the general haze, that 'intoxicate' and 'excitation' were similarly linked.

In retirement, I can be quite sure that whenever I settle down to do the Times crossword there will one or two of these devious examples of wordplay waiting to be cracked.

#### Here are a few that seem especially fitting

Schoolmaster = the classroom

 $Vacation\ time = I\ am\ not\ active$ 

Astronomer = moon starer

Clint Eastwood = Old West action

*Russell Crowe = scowler rules* 

William Shakespeare = I'll make a wise phrase OR I am a weakish speller

*Eleven plus two = twelve plus one* 

Mother-in-law = woman Hitler

Alec Guinness = genuine class

*Presbyterians* = *Britney Spears* 

More ambitiously, how about:

To be or not to be, that is the question:

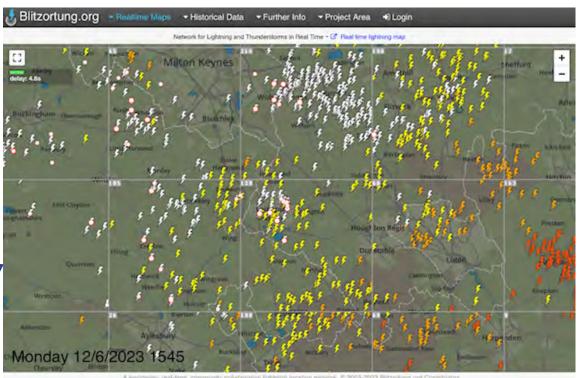
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer

The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune

= In one of the Bard's best-thought-of tragedies, our insistent hero, Hamlet, queries on two fronts about how life turns rotten

I have no idea who came up with this offering, or whether he or she intended to make an anagram of the whole of this famous soliloquy but simply gave up after the first three lines. I wonder whether completing this challenge should be added to my 'bucket list' of retirement projects. On second thoughts, Gee – rude, OTT emotion ( = I need to get out more)

Lightning strikes in the area one recent afternoon!



#### Most of us will be familiar with the old music hall joke:

A: My wife's gone to the West Indies!

B: Jamaica?

A: No, she went of her own accord

This well-worn quip has spawned a host of imitations, all involving a husband describing a particular action or trip undertaken by his wife. Its 'direct descendants' would include the following, by way of example:

A: My wife's gone to Indonesia!

B: Djakarta?

A: No, she flew

Or

A: My wife's gone to North West Italy!

B: Genoa?

A: Of course, we've been married 40 years

Or a slight variant, which I rather like

A: My wife's just flown to the Mid West!

B: Chicago?

A: No, she passenger

Astute readers of the Crier will quickly realise that the reason that the protagonist of the joke is a wife, or at least a woman, is that the last syllable of the geographical destination sounds the same as "'er" (as in "'er indoors", the invisible wife of Minder's Arthur Daley whom readers of a certain age may recall). However a sort of tradition grew up whereby in this genre of humour the protagonist had to be a wife, even if this was not essential to the wordplay in the joke. For instance:

A: My wife's spent the winter in Switzerland!

B: Berne?

A: No, she absolutely froze

Or

A: There's been an outbreak of food poisoning in my wife's restaurant in West London!

B: Turnham Green?

A: Yes, they were all sick as dogs

Or

A: My wife's band's on tour in South East Asia!

B: Singapore?

A: Yes, and the bassist is cr\*p as well

My trawl of the internet turned up one that rather appealed to me:

A: My wife's had food poisoning in Laos!

B: Inkhazi?

A: Constantly

Sadly my further researches have not managed to find any place by the name of Inkhazi, whether in Laos or anywhere else. Anyone with better knowledge of that part of the world, do please let me know.

Eventually one realises that the requirement of a wife's involvement can be a serious limiting factor if all one is trying to do is make a pun on the name of a particular geographical location. The protagonist could be oneself, as in:

A: I've just been to a city in the Netherlands

B: Utrecht?

A: No, I drove

Or it could be persons or things in the plural:

A: I've just split my trousers in East Sussex near Brighton

B: Patcham?

A: No, they weren't worth repairing

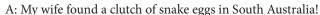
Or

A: My sons both play rugby in North Wales

B: Wrexham?

A: Yes, they're always getting injured

The possibilities are almost limitless when one considers the number of places in this country ending in 'ham' (rhyming with " 'em"). Having returned from a trip down under earlier this year in which we encountered one or two of the local reptiles 'in the wild' (see photo) I am tempted to end this short survey with the following offering



B: Adelaide?

A: No, it was a python, actually





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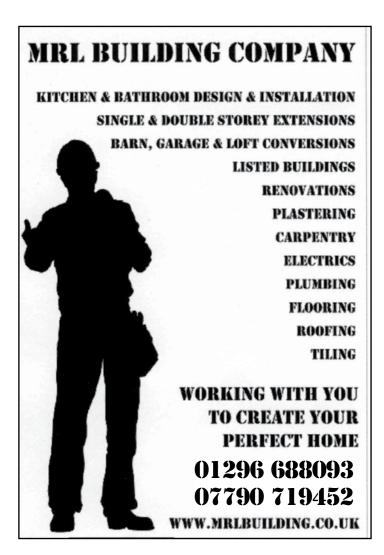
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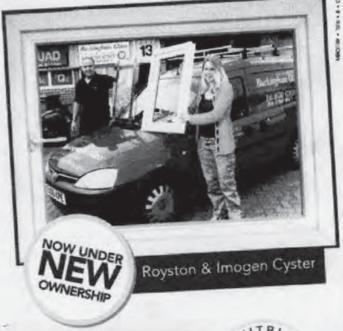
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Rare Bee Orchid in the field next to the church. A good spot indeed. Must be the right weather conditions for orchids as this popped up in my lawn after my No Mow May...



dead mole on a walk round the fields and not 10 yards away, a dead rat! I thought this extremely unusual.

**Spotted** 

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periennial Pryamidal Orchid - Bonus!



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Cattle back in the Mound Field and very inquisitive.

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Spotted a late lamb at Double Dairy Farm.... It's been a bit chilly so it's sporting a lovely pink jacket.





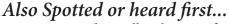
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For those who might not be on the Cublington Life WhatsApp group, a recent post... Eggs for Sale down Ridings Way!



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Last nationwide farewell flight of the RAF Hercules transport plane over the fields behind Cublington.



On a morning dog walk, a lone Spitfire flying east to west over the village. One my evening walk, I presume that same Spitfire, flying home, west to east! What a beautiful sound it makes. So distinctive.



Numerous Apache helicopters flying over on the day of the fete. Note to self... write to the RAF and see if we can't get a slight detour next year and maybe a hover over the fete! Now that would be good!



Lots of nice and tidy verges and pavements in readiness for the Best Kept Village judging! It has been noticed.





**Spotted**The official opening of the new Cublington History lecturn installed at the crossroads.





















