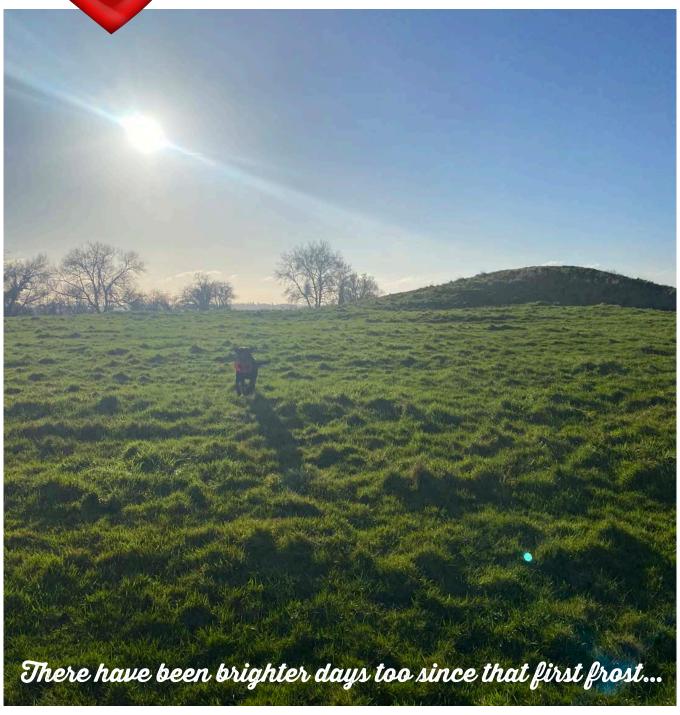


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After reading last month's Crier, Will and Rebecca inspired us to write about our life in the village that we all call home. **So here goes...**

2015 was a defining year for Lee and me. It was the year we signed a short term rental for 2 Pump Cottage, opposite the pub. We arrived with a few suitcases, a fridge / freezer and our house bunny, Lola!

There was no mid or long-term plan back then, but fast forward 8 years we added Otto (house bunny number two) and Logan our black lab to our clan, got hitched, bought our first home and now get to enjoy this beautiful village with George, our (almost) 2-year- old boy.

Living here, we've made some special friends, created long lasting memories and plan on making Cublington our forever home. After George arrived, we discussed moving out of the village to find somewhere with more space but instead, we're staying put and playing the long(er) game with a view of finding our forever home in Cublington in the next couple of years. We just can't see ourselves finding a better place to live and bring up George. Plus, Logan would have a lot to say if we left, he has way too many buddies that he loves running around with, freely in the fields!

Well wishes to you all,

Lee & Abby

P.S. Who can we thank for providing Cublington with such an awesome playpark?!

March EDITORs: NEXT COPY

Martyn & Avril Gates **DEADLINE is - 15th Feb**

Thank you everyone!

This just missed the last edition...

A big thank you to all the carol singers who turned up to raise Funds for the Air Ambulance - the sum raised was over £300 Ev

Apologies

There was some money left to sponsor the church lights every December for 5 years starting in December 2022 in memory of Doreen Liddell. We put it in the Dec 2022 Crier edition but it was forgotten to enter a message in last month's edition. Apologies for the omission.

Jete Lommittee meet...

Gina has kindly volunteered to take on the stewardship of the fete. She would love some help please. Any volunteers to help out organise this annual village event? Meeting 7.30pm at the Unicorn, Garden Room on 27th Feb. All very welcome,

Panto thank you

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the current production of The Pied Piper of Cublington, including Martyn Gates for the scenery, Roger for the advertising, Jenny for the ticketing and all the helpers, makeup artists, costumiers, front and backstage! You know who you are! *Jane A*

Rest wishes

Several villagers have apparently been in hospital over the last few weeks. Best wishes for a speedy recovery all. You also know who you are!



Hypnoptist nightA great night was had by all - but sadly only half full. What a shame.

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More volunteers required please!

Would you 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
Thank you.



I was chatting to the decorator doing up the other Old Post Office... and he was amazed at the speed motorists go through the village at! I agree, but very difficult to judge between 30mph and 33mph without a speed gun! **Keep up the good work! Ed**



Support your local...

Have a drink, meet with friends, have a meal... start a club!



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

Everyone very welcome.

What could be easier?



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orchardground



Cublington Oil Syndicate

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 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 bobpaine 2002@hotmail.com who will be happy to help. **Thanks**

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

Thank you our resident BA pilot who has suggested we start a Where in the World Fiendish Flying Photos feature. Tim Sheriden has taken photos from the cockpit on his worldwide travels and we thought we might make a competition of it. First correct answer wins a small prize (and we mean small!)

Tim also says he'd be happy to answer Q and As about airline flying if people wanted to email in their questions.

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

The Erier online...

is now on Cublington.com

Please advise any readers of the Crier online you may know of. *Thank you*.

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 Erier Editorial Rota

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

2025...

2024... 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?

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

2026...

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POO CORNER



Still happening! There is NO **EXCUSE!**

Be extra vigilant on the dark evenings. Keep your dogs close and PLEASE don't leave bags lying/ hanging around... you'll only forget where you've left it. Easily done!



Forget something?

Bolzano, Italy
Dog poo DNA: Dog owners in Bolzano, a
city in a picturesque area of the Dolomites in the South Tyrol region of northern Italy, have been told by the city authorities that they must submit their pets' DNA for tests as part of a crackdown on the scourge of dog mess. Under the initiative, each of the estimated 40,000 dogs in the region will have to undergo a DNA test at a vet by the end of December: non-compliance will be punishable by fines of up to about €1,000. The scheme gives the authorities the power to swab dog mess found in the streets in order to track the animal's owner, who could then be subject to a fine of between €50 and €500. The Bolzano authorities say the move is a response to residents' complaints, and that other cities are considering replicating the plan; but dog owners who already clean up after their pets are aggrieved at the news that they now have to pay at least €65 for the test.

Perhaps this is the answer?





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.

Join the **Eublington Life** WhatsApp group

A very useful village forum, no more so than when James Gregory fell and broke his ankle. Posts for urgent help were swiftly answwred and eventually the air ambulance attended. He is now at home recovering.

Useful information is also shared on fuel costs/power cuts/ broadband issues/chimney sweeps, electricans, recommended kitchen fitters and the like all get posted on here.

Also last shout outs for the Christmas Greetings page!!

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



MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2024

February

Wednesday 7th - Cublington WinosBiggs Pavilion - 7 for 7.30pm

Tuesday 13th - Pancake Day

Wednesday 14th North Field planting afternoon: Children, grand children and greatgrandchildren welcome starting at 2.00pm

Thusrday 15th-17th Cublington Variety Club Panto

Village Hall - Contact Jenny Brown for ticket availability

Tuesday 27th Fete Meeting - Unicorn Garden Room 7.30pm All very welcome to have an input.

Thursday 29th - Leap year day Make the most of the extra day!

March

Saturday 2nd Village Litter Pick - volunteers required please

Meet Biggs Pavilion - 9.30am. Coffee and bacon rolls at the end!

Book your slot please with Andy Brown on 07762 439453

Monday 4th Tennis Club AGM

Biggs Pavilion - 7.30pm

Friday 22nd - Eukulele BURP

to raise funds for St Nicholas church. Tickets £10 from Ev Griffiths. See ad.

Saturday 30th - An evening of Trivia (NOTE Date change) to raise funds for Orchard Ground. Watch this space.

August

Saturday 31st - Horticultural Show

Biggs Pavilion - from 8.30am

NORTH FIELD WORK PARTIES

Saturday 10th February 9.30am - 12 noon; Wednesday 14th February (Half Term)

Family, Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren planting afternoon 2:00pm

Saturday 24th February 9.30am - 12 noon;

Saturday 9th March 9.30am - 12 noon;

Please do come along and see what the working groups are doing. The groups usually end around 11.45am with bacon rolls, tea and coffee, and a catch up; visitors would be made very welcome..

 $\textbf{Please contact Martyn Waters} \ \text{for any further information:} \\$

martvn.waters@icloud.com. M: 07973754356



PLEASE let us know of any event in the village you are running. If we don't know about it we can't help publicise it.

By the 15th of every month before please.



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





WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN YOUR LOCAL TENNIS CLUB!

Tennis is apparently the perfect sport for the over 50's for all round fitness, cardio health and mental well-being.

Monday 4th March Biggs Pavilion - 7.30pm Tennis Club AGM

Come along and be a part of your club's future,

Registered Venue 2023/24

- LTA affiliated club
- Many categories of membership single/couple/family/junior/oap
- Coaching organised see below.
- 2 great all weather courts
- Free floodlights for members
- Free use of ball machine (weather permitting)
- This Summer 4 league teams in ADTL
- Fun Club Sessions and Tournaments

Why not SIGN UP for

coaching with Paul Hobday? LTA level 4 coach Next sessions start 19th April for 14 weeks.

Paul Hobday is again offering coaching sessions on Friday evenings - two sessions.

First session - Rusty Rackets and improvers 6-7pm **Second session** - Advanced and team 7-8pm

Members price £84 (£6 a session)

Non-Members £105 (£7.50 a session)

Call Gary to book your participation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND NON-MEMBER COURT BOOKINGS

(£12 PER HOUR):

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

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.

Club Open Day (afternoon) Sunday 28th April 1-4pm

John Eadie -Commemorative Tree

As well as planting a number of trees at North Field on the Community Planting Day held in January, it seemed an appropriate occasion to plant a special tree, the Village Hall Committee chose a Walnut Tree to remember and celebrate the life of John Eadie, to recognise all John had done for all the village organisations and occasions he had been involved with, and in particular for John's contribution to the work of the Village Hall Committee. We believe John had been on the Committee since the Hall was first passed to the village and for many of those years he was Chairman.

Thank you to everyone who came along to mark the occasion and our thanks to John for all he gave to the village.

Gwyneira Village Hall Committee







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!

Orchard Ground & Morth Field

LATEST NEWS and UPDATES

North Field Community Planting Day

Thank you to those residents who came along on Saturday 13th January to help with the community planting day. A stand of five silver birch trees were planted behind the community orchard towards the old pond, these trees are four metres tall and once established will be a magnificent sight in the winter sunshine. Eight spring blossom trees were planted to complete the blossom circle; flowering cherry, crab apple and hawthorn. These trees along with the sweet chestnut, walnut and winter flowering cherry planted on 6th January will add some hight to the tree whips and other trees already planted at the Stewkly Road end of North Field.

Children, grand children and greatgrandchildren planting afternoon: Wednesday 14th February starting at 2.00pm

A school half-term afternoon planting session is planned for Weds 14th February for children, grandchildren and great grandchildren along with their parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Previous such events have been well attended and provide and opportunity for children to plant trees on North Field. The plan is to plant purple beech trees, winter flowering cherry and some beech hedging whips. Several North Field volunteers will help supervise the plantings, dig holes etc.

Bench for North Field

A wooden bench has been set up on the edge of the blossom circle. This bench was purchased by the Cublington Variety Club from the funds raised at the Cabaret Night in November 2023. A big thank you to all those who attended this fun filled event and who contributed towards the cost of this bench.

Future dates for North Field working parties:

Saturday 10th February 9.30am - 12 noon; Wednesday 14th February - Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren planting afternoon 2:00pm Saturday 24th February 9.30am - 12 noon; Saturday 9th March 9.30am - 12 noon;

All working party events conclude with tea/coffee and bacon rolls. Please feel free to come along for a coffee and a bacon roll and have a chat with the North Field volunteers.

For further details about the North Field project, please contact Martyn Waters: email: martyn.waters@icloud.com. M: 07973754356



View from Google earth. We're making our mark!







Working parties scrapbook.



Please contact Martyn Waters.

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

If you would like to make a donation to North Field, please contact Martyn Waters: M: 07973754356 email: Martyn.Waters@icloud.com

New committee members & volunteers always wanted. Please volunteer to help on this committee if you can spare the odd hour or two every month.



This year the Cublington Horticultural Show will be held on

Saturday 31st August.

More information to follow, with all categories in future issues.



New lunch club for over 55s starts in Leighton Buzzard

https://www.leightonbuzzardonline.co.uk/arts-and-culture/new-lunch-club-for-over-55s-starts-in-leighton-buzzard-4478740

I saw this in the Leighton Buzzard press and wondered if it may be of interest to others in the village? *Andy Brown*

North Field Working parties scrapbook.





The latest North Field work party added deer netting, checked tree ties and added jute matting and composted bark to the base of trees. Also we added chipped Christmas Trees to the boggy areas by the entrance to North Field.

A further bulk load has been ordered from Kaden's scout group!

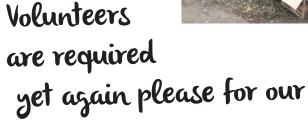


Come along and join us next time - coffee and sausage or bacon rolls at the end! Most welcome!









ANNUAL LITTERPICK AND VILLAGE TIDY UP

Sad to say that people are still throwing litter from their cars as they speed through the lanes surrounding us. Please put this date in your diaries.

Sat 2nd March 9.30am

Please email me, Andy, on andyinthevale@gmail.com or 07762 439453 and I will allocate you a specific road along with other volunteer buddies.

It will be up to you to bring gloves/bags/pick up sticks/hi-vis vests. Further instructions regarding pick up of collected waste etc.. will be issued on the day.

Thanks and see you there!

Andy



Want to join a chess club?

I have no idea how many people in the village can play chess, want to learn how to play it and perhaps most importantly would like to meet on a regular basis, to play it.

So, I am pushing it out there just to see what level of interest there might be. Nothing hard and fast, but it seems to me if we were to start a village Chess club, it would need to be open to everyone and all standards of expertise, played somewhere warm (with tea and coffee available), at a time to suit most people and with emphasis on learning and fun!

If this is something you might like to get involved with, please contact me (Steve George) on 07836310881 or george.stephen@mac.com

Depending on the response, I would be very happy to host a short meeting at The Old Stables, sometime in January to thrash out how it might work.

(ps. If you haven't already watched The Queens Gambit on Netflix, it's a very watchable chess drama and might provide the inspiration you need to get involved.

Steve

BABYSITTING DIRECTORY all listed are 14+



Alice Gadsby - 680452* Charlotte Keane 688133

Katie Keane 688133 or 07803939530

Hannah Alexander - 681104

Izzy Law - 688019 or 07896 894914 Maisy Parsons 01296 68230 007368 26143

Charles Powell 01296 680467





* School or Uni holidays only

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

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

A vet

2. What was your first job?

A Saturday job on the deli counter at Woolworths my friend got the pick & mix counter

3. Who (alive or dead) would you like to have dinner with and why? (You can have more than one!) My dad -I never really knew him as an adult. Freddie Mercury total music genius in my mind

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

Mid 1800s and I would like to have been an explorer

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

New Zealand - we had the opportunity to emigrate there when we first married and we didn't go. I often wonder what it would have been like.

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

Cake & Biscuits

7. What is your favourite book and why?

The Horse Whisperer by Nicholas Evans - it was such a gripping read and then the film was so disappointing Closely followed by Touching the Void by Joe Simpson - WOW true story!!

8. What is your favourite song and why?

Leader of the pack by The Shangri-las. My sister and I played this constantly even though there was a crack in the vinyl

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

Rudeness

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

Maps

11. How long have you lived in Cublington?

Just over 3 years



The Village Hall is now available to rent during the week.

Available for:

- Social gatherings
- Children's parties
- Meetings
- Music/theatre practise
- Dance & exercise

Cublington Village Hall

Available for Rent

£15 per morning, afternoon or evening session. (£10 for weekly sessions).

To book please contact:

Sarah Taylor on 07939 342457, sezzietaylor@btinternet.com



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?

IN MEMORIAM • IN REMEMBERANCE • IN CELEBRATION

A SMALL DONATION OF £12 - COVERS A WHOLE WEEKS LIGHTING!

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

Some money was left a few years ago to the church in memory of Doreen. Apologies, as we unknowingly omitted this dedication in last month's edition.

The lights in December 2023 were therefore also sponsored in memory of Doreen Liddell.



Church Services in February

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			Coloassians 1:15-20	0			
		next before					
	11	Lent Andrew	2 Kings 2:1-12	Mark 9:2-9	Penny	Helen G	
			2 Cor 4:3-6				
·	18	Lent 1	Gen 9:8-17	Mark 1:9:15	Lucy	Jenny/Peter	
		Jane/Michael	1 Pet 3:18-end				
	25	Lent 2 Andrew	Gen 17:1-7, 15-16	Mark 8:31-end	Gina	Julie	
			Rom 4:13-end				
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From the Rector



The Journey of Lent

With Easter being early this year Lent will be upon us already by the middle of February. The forty days of Lent are, of course, symbolic. In the Hebraic idiom that permeates most of the biblical writings it simply means 'a long time' – a time long enough for something reasonably to be expected to change and develop within people embarking on a Lenten journey. The journey of Lent specifically moves from the wilderness, where we famously hear of Christ resisting temptations of various types, to the city of Jerusalem where the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection would take place. Clearly there is a big difference between wilderness and city, which itself points towards the need for change and development along our Lenten journeys now.

Unlike the more communal expectation of Advent, Lenten journeys may often seem rather more focused on individually set tasks, aims and disciplines that are specific to one person's choice. Perhaps this might involve their sense of what may need developing in their response to Christ's call, or distractions that might need avoiding. Whatever the reason, it is equally important to remember the broader context in which Lent is embedded. We have our own discipline and journey to focus on, certainly, but we also know that we often need the cooperation of others to empower and aid us along the way. Sometimes sharing in a Lenten commitment is a good way of emphasizing this. It reminds us that our journeys are all intertwined with one another, especially if followed with the same ultimate hope in mind.

Many people express this aspect of Lent by meeting together more frequently during this period – the classic 'Lent group' for example, which often involves studying, discussing and praying together on a pre-agreed theme of common interest. As in previous years we will be having a Benefice Lent Group for this purpose, which this year will focus specifically on the theme of journeying together, and wherever people feel that they are at on their own journey I wish you all the very best for this rich and often underestimated season – a season well worth inhabiting as fully and meaningfully as we feel able.

Prayers and best wishes to all

Andrew Krauss



We are planning to hold a

Pet Service, and blessing of our pets with Rev Howard on Sunday 21st April at 4pm

(this is not a rerun of the Vicar of Dibley!)

All pets and owners welcome, from dogs, cats, horses, to rabbits, mice and stick insects

Pets must be in a suitable container (cat basket, cage etc) or on a lead and this is the responsibility of the owner.

Larger pets will stay outside during the short Service of Blessing!

Jane

We would like to encourage you to join us... creating art



This month we all participated in a felting workshop...











Villages Art Group CALLING ALL ARTISTS

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

Come along and paint and sketch and learn together - EVERY MONDAY 2-4pm (EXCEPT BANK HOLIDAYS):

At the Biggs Pavilion, Cublington

Please come along with your paints, pencils, easels etc and join us working side by side for a couple of hours. Tea/coffee cake 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!



A Little Something for the Month of Love!



We wanted to put something in here that would speak to Valentine's Day and we remembered that a few years ago some friends introduced us to Gary Chapman's concept of the Five Love Languages. The book proposes that people experience love differently and identifies five categories through which people receive and express love, including words of affirmation, acts of service, receiving gifts, quality time and physical touch. Understanding these languages can enhance relationships by helping people communicate their affection in ways that resonate with their partners.

The Love Languages Are:

Words of Affirmation

This language involves expressing love through verbal affirmation, compliments, and words of encouragement. People who value words of affirmation appreciate hearing verbal expressions of love and appreciation.

Acts of Service

For individuals who resonate with acts of service, actions speak louder than words. Performing helpful tasks, offering assistance, and taking on responsibilities are ways to show love and care.

Receiving Gifts

Some people feel loved through the act of gift-giving. It's not about materialism, but rather the thought and effort put into selecting or creating a meaningful gift that matters to them.

Quality Time

Quality time is about giving undivided attention and engaging in meaningful activities together. People who value quality time appreciate spending focused and intentional moments with their loved ones.

Physical Touch

This love language involves expressing affection through physical gestures like hugs, kisses, or other forms of touch. For individuals who resonate with physical touch, these gestures are powerful ways to feel loved and connected.

How to Determine Your Love Language:

Take the quiz and compare! Follow the steps below to take the quiz:

- Go to: 5lovelanguages.com/quizzes
- Select 'Quizzes' in the top bar
- Select 'What's your Love Language?'
- Hit 'Start'

Note: this is not limited to romantic love. The framework was initially developed to help couples enhance their relationships, the idea has been widely embraced and applied to various types of relationships, including family, friendships, and professional connections.



"Chatty Café"

Going from strength to strength with more Cublingtonians coming for a social slice of cake and hot drink.

More than 20 hardy souls braved the cold to attend January's Chatty Cafe and were warmed by hot coffee, cake and lots of chatting. The next Chatty Cafe will be held on Monday, 5th February between 10 and 11.30 am at the Pavilion. Everyone is welcome so do pop in. Tea/coffee and cake are available for £1 and there will be an exchange table for books, jigsaws, DVDs to browse.

Hope to see you there.

Maggie and Sally

Please join us at the next Chatty Cafe, on Monday, 5th February at the Biggs Pavilion between 10.00 and 11.30.

Cublington Wombles

ments for subsistance farmers in East Africa.

are out on their charity walks this year, we have one next week, but also in April (Easter Ultra, 25km around Windsor) and Peak District (July) then Chiltern in September. Michael and I are raising funds for a small charity, Farm Africa, supporting sustainable farming develop-



30+ Cans etc from the picnic area back into the village... Kai and The Womble

Iane A

February Birthdays Happy birthday to you...







Toby Raymen is 4 on the 7th Phoebe Mountfield is 6 on the 11th



History of Valentine's Day

The history of Valentine's Day is somewhat obscure, and there are several legends and theories about its origins. One popular belief is that the day is named after St. Valentine, a Christian martyr who lived during the Roman Empire. However, there is more than one St. Valentine, and the stories associated with them have become intertwined over the centuries.

One common legend suggests that Valentine was a priest during the third century in Rome under Emperor Claudius II. The emperor had prohibited young men from marrying, believing that single men made better soldiers. St. Valentine defied this decree and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When his actions were discovered, he was arrested and sentenced to death. While in prison, it is said that Valentine sent a note to the jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended, signed "from your Valentine," a phrase that is still used in modern Valentine's Day greetings.

Another legend links Valentine's Day to the Roman festival of Lupercalia, a fertility celebration held in mid-February. As part of the festivities, young men would draw the names of young women from a jar, and they would be coupled for the duration of the festival, and sometimes longer. With the spread of Christianity, the church sought to Christianize pagan celebrations, and Valentine's Day gradually became associated with love and romance.

The association of Valentine's Day with love and affection gained momentum in the Middle Ages. The exchange of love notes and simple gifts between romantic partners became a common practice during this time.

The celebration of Valentine's Day as a romantic holiday spread across Europe and gained popularity in the 17th century. By the 18th century, it became customary for friends and lovers to exchange tokens of affection, such as handwritten notes, small gifts, and flowers.

In the 19th century, the introduction of mass-produced Valentine's Day cards contributed to the commercialization of the holiday. The tradition of sending cards and expressing love on February 14th continued to evolve, and today, Valentine's Day is celebrated around the world with the exchange of cards, flowers, chocolates, and other tokens of love.

While the historical origins of Valentine's Day may be complex and somewhat shrouded in legend, the modern celebration has become a day dedicated to expressing love and affection to those we care about.



Michael Reilly

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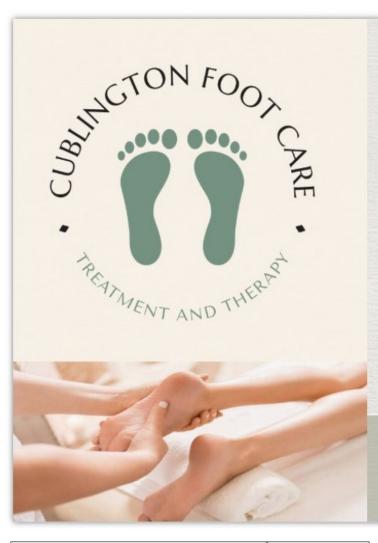
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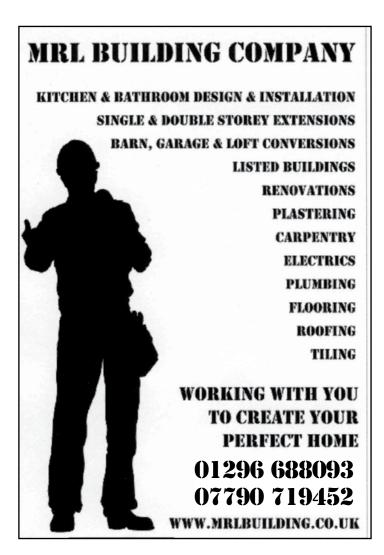
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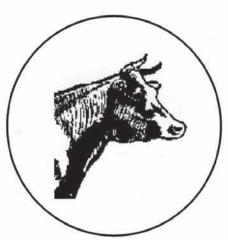


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Additional dates for the diary:

3rd April, 5th June, 7th August, 2nd October, 4th December

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Spotted

Three guys with a brand new bench for North Field, kindly donated by the Cublington Variety Club!



Spotted

Velvet shank mushroom (probably). Probably edible! Jane A

Spotted

A new lake appeared on Aylesbury *Vale golf course after the recent* storms Isha and Jocelyn. The tee on the 13th hole became an island surrounded by water. A nice new feature we thought!







- at the Joys by the crossroads,

unless you know any different?!

Spotted

The first snow of 2024 fell in Cublington at 3.00pm on Monday January 8th





Spotted

The Dog Poo bin moved from outside the gate to inside OG.

Well done Colin and Tom.

Spotted This pothole outside Romany Tan caused quite a stir on the

Cublington Life WhatsApp group,



and quite a bit of damage to various cars caught out by the depth! And, it had been repaired just a few weeks earlier! Why can't the contractors do it properly?

Spotted

Walking along the high street today, I noticed said contractors (Balfour Beatty) three vans, one Stop/Go sign and five people who had just finished these two repairs. Atrocious. They will not last the week if it rains once again. What incompetance. Why can they not seal the edges with liquid tar as they used to?!!



And they then drove straight over the hole on the crossroads getting bigger by the day! Staggering - no wonder the council has run out of money!

Spotted

Asolutely amazing colouring late one evening as the last rays shone over the valley behind Ridings Way. Unreal and the picture doesn't really do it justice!