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For more information please contact Gina Reilly on 07765 228278 or ginareilly@aol.com

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ALL YOUR TRADITIONAL FAVOURITE S



When we put our names down to edit the May 2025 edition of The Crier, we had no idea we would be away on deadline day and now it seems strange to think that when you read this we will be home and fully back in the swing of Cublington Life. But at the moment we are sitting in Sri Lanka enjoying our last few days of sunshine.

What took us to Sri Lanka wasn't just a holiday – it was a wedding. Our very good friend's son was getting married. He lives in Singapore so decided on Sri Lanka as a wedding venue. The wedding was a truly international affair with friends and family from all corners of the globe.

During our time here we have learnt a lot about Buddhism, which according to Sri Lankans is a way of life and philosophy rather than a religion. It is a very interesting caring culture, although we don't think Buddha really wanted us to discard our shoes and walk around bare foot in the midday sun. Adams Peak is supposedly where Buddha first stepped on Sri Lankan soil, we duly climbed 3500ft to the summit at midnight to see the sun rise along with thousands of Sri Lankans on their way to pay homage at the temple. We had afternoon tea at The Grand Hotel and visited a Rothschild tea plantation, walked through the rain forest and discovered one of us was quite squeamish about leeches.

We had the most amazing driver who quickly tuned into our slightly peculiar sense of humour. We learnt a lot from him including when he asked if we wanted a room with a view or lower down, we should have opted for the room lower down. The room with a view was 300 steps up the side of a cliff in a torrential rain storm in the dark. Which the next day we had to climb after 5000 steps up Adams Peak. We also learnt early on if Dinesh asked if we wanted a washroom we should always say yes. His personal joke was I don't know what to have for dinner, I had curry and rice for lunch so tonight I think I will have rice and curry for dinner.

Of course, Cublington never quite disappears when away as there is always the WhatsApp keeping us up to date on what roadworks are taking place – who needs a plumber or window cleaner and what bin week we are on. Gone are the days when one would disappear on holiday for 2 weeks and be completely oblivious of what was happening back home.

We are both looking forward to getting home to find out how the allotment and garden are developing, how the Save The Unicorn project is progressing but just for now we are enjoying 3 days of doing nothing.

Andy & Jenny Brown

June Crier deadline is early!!! 12th May

JUNE EDITORS:

Julie King & Ian

#### CRIER RATES

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## Pledges are in...

Still some considerable work to do to SAVE THE PUB. Please have a think about how you can help save this vital village asset. See inside for more details.

# The Fete is just seven weeks away!

Inside you will find an appeal for help...

Cakes for the cake stall, prizes for the raffle, items for the tombola, plants and cuttings for the plant stall, bottles for the wheelbarrow of booze, toys for sale, Bric a Brac, Produce, jams, chutneys, breads etc etc.

Please help in any way you can.

ALSO...Watch out for Raffle tickets in next month's Crier and don't forget your bunting!



To Becky George on the birth of her daughter Madeleine (Maddie) on Wednesday16th at 8lbs 6oz. Both doing great. Also of course, congratulations to Steve and Sarah on becoming grandparents for the first time!

## Watch out

Be on your guard. Youths seen casing the area for likely cars in the early hours of the morning the other night. Disturbed and scared off, but be on watchful eye out.

## CA packed edition

Please accept our apologies if your item was not in this month. We have a maximum of 48 pages and sometimes just cannot fit it all in!

As soon as an event is organised, please let the Crier know so we can include it in our What's On Diary listings and you can pop it in your diary! Thank you.

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



## Great to see so many villagers turn up for the public meeting...

A full transcript of the meeting is available via either podcast, if you want to listen to it, or download a file and read all about what was discussed.

### www.savetheunicorn.org

Many good points made as the steering group explained what was going on and how everyone can help. We know times are difficult and this is a big ask but we need more of you to get involved and make a pledge to help the village save this pub as a community asset. See inside for more details.



Not there yet - we still need more pledges!



## The village is once again entering the Best Kept Village Competition

Please keep your fronts tidy and pick up any litter you come across. We're making a big effort this year and trying to address some of the comments we had from last years judging.

## See the Crier in full Colour

Should you wish to see all of the pages in colour, we encourage you to access the Crier online, posted as a pdf on the www.cublington.com website.

If I ever forget to put the Crier up there, please do give me a shout!

Cheers Gary/Ed

The Erier online...

is now on Cublington.com

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

To be the guest editor: You

front cover image, write an

only have to design or find a

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* 

## The Erier Editorial Rota

Please book your slot! Now booking 2026, and shortly 2027 (yes really!) - so absolutely plenty of time to think about your content!

2025... Summer Sandra and Nigel

Sept Sam Conway

Oct Vanessa & Simon Morgan

*Nov.* Richard & Polly Thornely

**Dec** Pierre & Nicola

June Liz & Bob

Summer?

Sept

Oct Miranda and James

Dec - Graham & Judy Dunn

**2026...** Jan Maggie MacKenzie **2027...** 

Feb - Toosey's

Jan?

March - Julie & Doug Merriman

Feb - ?

April - Chris & Kevin Shults

May?

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**....** 

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## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## May 25

Friday 2nd The Orchard Pop Up Pub Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm Jacket Potato Night

Monday 5th Art Group Village Hall 1.45 -3.45pm

Wednesday 7th - Wine Down VE Celebration Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 8th - VE Day Celebration - Beacon Lighting. Meet Unicorn carpark 9.15pm

Saturday 10th Maggie M's Morroccan themed Open Garden - see inside for details

Monday 12th Byte & Brew Village Hall 10.30-11.30am

Monday 12th Art Group Village Hall 1.45 -3.45pm

Monday 12th Chess Club Village Hall 4-6pm

Wednesday 14th - Wine Down Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 15th Sound Bath Event Village Hall details at theretreatatcublington.co.uk

Friday 16th The Orchard Pop Up Pub Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm Gurkha food van

Monday 19th Art Group Village Hall 1.45 -3.45pm

Tuesday 20th - Ladies who Lunch Village Hall 12.30 -1.30pm

Wednesday 21st - Wine Down Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Monday 26th Art Group Village Hall 1.45 -3.45pm

Monday 26th Chess Club Village Hall 4-6pm

Wednesday 28th - Wine Down - Pizza Night Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Friday 30th The Orchard Pop Up Pub Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm

#### June 25

Monday 2nd Art Group Village Hall 1.45 -3.45pm

Monday 9th Art Group Village Hall 1.45 -3.45pm

Monday 9th Chess Club Village Hall 4-6pm

Wednesday 11th - Wine Down Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 12th Sound Bath Event Village Hall details at theretreatatcublington.co.uk

Friday 13th The Orchard Pop Up Pub Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm Gurkha food van

Monday 16th Art Group Village Hall 1.45 -3.45pm

Wednesday 18th - Wine Down Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Saturday 21st Cublington Fete Orchard Ground - No holidays allowed!

Monday 23rd Art Group Village Hall 1.45 -3.45pm

Monday 23rd Chess Club Village Hall 4-6pm

Wednesday 25th - Wine Down Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Friday 27th The Orchard Pop Up Pub Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm

Monday 30th Art Group Village Hall 1.45 -3.45pm

#### July 25

Thursday 10th Sound Bath Event Village Hall details at theretreatatcublington.co.uk

Friday 11th The Orchard Pop Up Pub Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm

Friday 18th Trivia Quiz Biggs Pavilion

Friday 25th "Just a Cappella' Fundraiser St Nicholas Church Details to follow in June Crier

Friday 25th The Orchard Pop Up Pub Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm

#### August 25

Friday 8th Childrens Art Tile Workshop Biggs Pavilion 4pm

Friday 8th The Orchard Pop Up Pub Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm

Friday 15th Childrens Art Tile Workshop Biggs Pavilion 4pm

Friday 22nd The Orchard Pop Up Pub Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm

Saturday 30th Cublington Horticultural Show

Biggs Pavilion - Please pop in your diary!

#### September 25

Friday 5th The Orchard Pop Up Pub Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm

#### October 25

Saturday /Sunday 11th/12th Art Exhibition Biggs Pavilion

#### **November 25**

Saturday 15th Cabaret Evening Biggs Pavilion

## **PLEASE**

Always something

to do in Cublington!

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.







## SAVE THE PUB - FIRST MILESTONE ACHIEVED

The village has pledged approaching £300,000 which is within the expectations the group had.

It was recognised that the entire funding would not be raised by the village alone and that the second phase of securing funds from outside the village would now be undertaken.

This will involve many aspects including crowdfunding and other social media type platforms. However, it is in this phase that we seek help from the younger generation who we feel will be more aware and knowledgeable of the numerous opportunities that exist. If you feel you could help in this regard please contact Steve 07827 326798 or steve.markwell@hotmail.com

Please note that you can still pledge as that source of funding will remain until contracts are exchanged.

As a group we would like to thank all that have so far pledged and welcome any new pledges.

Cheers from Save the Pub Group

Pledge your support at www.savetheunicorn.org



W	ould you like to save our pub by buying The Unicorn as a village asset?
<u>No</u>	me
En	aail address
Ph	one Number
	All replies will be treated in the strictest of confidence
	I would like to make a pledge towards buying shares in the village pub. Please contact me.
	I am thinking about making a pledge to buy shares in the village pub. Please contact me.
	I don't think I am able to make a pledge to buy shares in the vilage pub, but would like to know more. Please contact me.

Drop into: The letterbox @The Biggs Pavilion, OR email your reply to unicorncublington@gmail.com



## Calendar

## **Ladies' Lunch Break**

Starting on Tuesday 20th May between 12 noon and 1.30pm we will be opening the Village Hall for ladies to join together over their lunchtime break. Tea and Coffee will be available, just bring along your lunch and join us for a chat, you will be very welcome.

## **Byte and Brew**

Has Tech got you tangled? Can't tell your apps from your uploads or your cloud from your cookies? You're not alone! Bring your questions, gadgets, and curiosity and come along to Byte and Brew at the Village Hall.

**Starting on Monday 12th May,** it's our monthly tech-help session with plenty of coffee and a friendly team of people ready to help you get the most from your devices.









## PARISH NEWS

Main Contact : cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com







## **Cublington Traffic Survey Results 2025**

The Parish Council commissioned a survey of the traffic movement through the village.

The survey was carried out to provide evidence to submit to Bucks Council for recommendations on traffic calming measures. Unfortunately, we are having to follow 'due process' on this matter with the Council which takes time and is frustrating for everyone.

The survey was carried out on each road leading in and out of the village.

A similar survey was last carried out for the same week in 2019 but only for the Wing Road by the Village Hall. The 2019 survey formed the basis for a report on traffic calming options for East/West traffic that was published in August 2019, extracts from which were published in the Crier in September 2019. The report was made available to the public.

#### Volume of traffic movements 25/2/25-4/3/25

The total number of traffic movements out of the village were 24,790

Aston Abbotts Road was 3,213 Stewkley Road 1,836 High Street 9,776 Wing Road 9,965

The equivalent movement in 2019 of traffic travelling out of the village on the Wing Road was 1,351. This represents a seven-fold increase in traffic movement.

In 2025, the total number of traffic movements on the Wing Road (i.e. East and West movements) was 19,373 compared to 2019 movements of 2,653.

One day's movement in 2025 is equivalent to a whole week in 2019

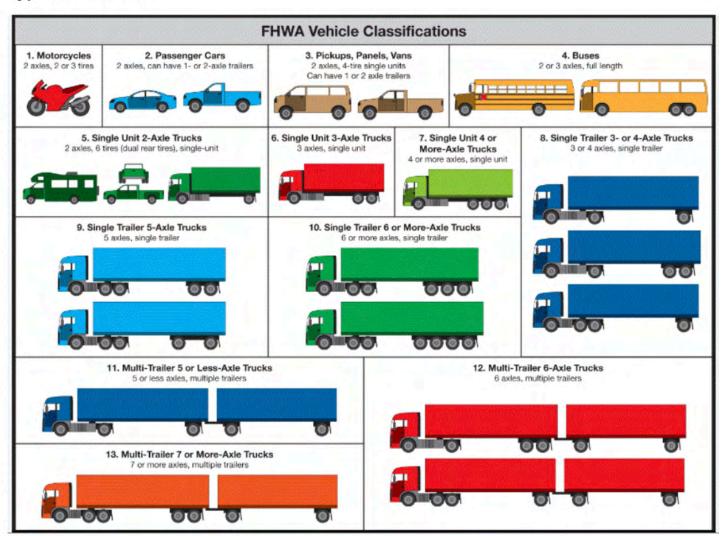
#### Speed of vehicles

Of the 24,790 movements 42.62% exceeded the speed limit. The average speeds have decreased slightly.

#### Next Steps

We have already contacted Buckinghamshire Council with a request to discuss the implications of the survey and we will keep everyone informed as those discussions progress.

## Types of vehicles



Total Bin movements	24,790	100%	
Bin I movements	165	0.66%	
Bin 2 movements	17,691	71.363%	
Bin 3 movements	6,087	24.554%	
Bin 4 movements	90	0.363%	
Bin 5 movements	669	2.699%	
Bin 6 movements	37	0.149%	
Bin 7 movements	26	0.105%	Wing Road East 8, Stewkley Road North 10, High Street West 5, Aston Abbotts Road 5
Bin 8 movements	9	0.036%	Wing Road East 4, Stewkley Road North 1, High Street West 4
Bin 9 movements 7		0.028%	Wing Road East 4, Stewkley Road North 1, Aston Abbotts Road South 2
Bin 10 movements 7		0.028%	Wing Road West 4, High Street West 1 Aston Abbotts Road 2
Bin II movements 0		0.000%	
Bin 12 movements I		0.004%	Stewkley Road North 1
Bin 13 movements I		0.004%	High Street West 1

Our roads are not suitable for Bin 8 vehicles and above, and we are looking at ways to reroute these vehicles.

The detailed survey figures for each road ie Aston Abbotts Road North and South movements, Stewkley Road North and South movements, High Street West and East movements and Wing Road West and East movements are available if you wish to see them. **Please email cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com** 



## Rental Rates

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

£10 per hour

Outside Cublington Clubs and organisations regularly using the facilities. £12 per hour Discounts for block bookings

#### Dances, discos & parties

(There should be at least one adult present for teenage parties) Cublington residents £90 Non Villagers £120

**Weddings etc.** (Whole day - 9.00am - midnight) Cublington residents £300 Outside of village £400

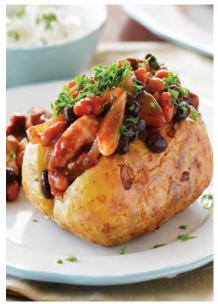
A refundable deposit of £25 is required at time of booking. Deposit will be returned if no costs are incurred with regard to cleanliness or damage to property, fixtures or fittings.

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!

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



## "Jacket Potato Night"

Friday 2nd May at The Orchard Pop up pub Biggs Pavilion served between 7.30 and 8.00pm

## £10 each to include donation for hall

## Choose your topping from

Chilli con carne (mild)
Tuna with creamy mushroom and melted cheese
Mild spicy mixed beans (vegetarian)
All potatoes served with butter and salad

Book early to avoid disappointment! - message Jenny 07732 253485

## Orchard Ground & Morth Field

## LATEST UPDATES

#### North Field Update

The field is now very dry given that April has been one of the driest on record. Maintenance work is continuing as the season has changed with deer netting and tree stakes being checked and composted bark being placed around the base of the trees to help preserve moisture in the soil. There are a couple of buckets by the stand-pipe, so do feel free to walk across and water a couple of trees. The

hose reel has had some 20 metres of hose replaced and the hose trigger too after a long length of the hose was cut off and removed.

A visting arborialist has walked North Field and was delighted to see a Black Poplar growing in the boundary hedge just along from the bench donations by David and Freddie. These trees are quite rare with only 800 Black



Poplars across the country, most of these trees are male with very few female trees. The tree on North Field is a male. He has suggested that we buy two or three female saplings to help ensure the next generation of Black Poplar trees. The big question is, "How do you know if you've bought a male or female sapling tree?" I'm informed that it is quite clear from the catkins which tree is which when the trees are larger. Small black poplar trees/ tree whips can be bought in a bundle but it's then pot luck, but by far the majority will be male. To ensure that you're buying female trees, these are DNA checked to work out which is which. However, female trees then come at a premium price; around £120 - £150 for a tree around a metre tall. Given that North Field has a rare tree growing in the boundary hedge, buying two or three female trees is something to be considered for the next planting season in October.

#### Dates for the North Field working groups, Saturdays 9.30an until 12.00 noon

#### 10th and 24th May., 14th June

Working groups finish with hot drinks and bacon/sausage rolls. All are welcome to drop in to the pavilion for refreshments.

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







#### **Orchard Ground Update**

Those walking Orchard Ground and North Field will have seen tractors and diggers working over the past couple of months across North Field, this drainage work will carry water away to an existing drainage ditch, and more recently, putting drainage across in front of the pavilion and down towards the cricket nets. It's rather ironic that this has been one of the driest springs on record, but in past years the field in front of the pavilion and roundest and north sides of the cricket pitch has been a quagmire. An assessment will be made in September to see if any further drainage work is required, or whether the working undertaken is sufficient.

We are very grateful to The Heart of Bucks Foundation who agreed to extend their grant of £5,000 to the Cricket Club by six months to give more time for the work too be completed, the proposed work being delayed due to the very wet weather and the field being a quagmire. Orchard Ground has agreed to make a contribution to the costs of this phase of work. Thanks too, to Hugh Vale for co-ordinating the drainage work. continuing as the season has changed with deer netting and tree stakes being checked and

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.

#### **Martyn Waters**

## CUBLINGTON NORTH FIELD - BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMMUNITY PROJECT AWARD WINNER 2023





Main Contact: Alison Head cublingtonoil@gmail.com

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

If you can spare an hour or so on any of these days, that would be fantastic! 9.30am - 12 noon;

Dates for the North Field working groups, Saturdays 9.30an until 12.00 noon

10th and 24th May, 14th June

There is an open invitation to you to come along for tea/coffee and bacon rolls with the volunteers at the end of their working mornings.

#### Please contact Martyn Waters

for any further information:

martyn.waters@icloud.com. M: 07973754356

## Join the *Cublington Life* WhatsApp group

A very useful village forum with useful information shared on road closures/fuel costs/power cuts/ broadband issues/chimney sweeps/ window cleaners/electricans/ recommended kitchen fitters and the like all 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

## This misunderstandings in language kept us and our friends very amused whilst in Sri Lanka

#### At the Airport

Clerk – you have live chicken.

Answer - No. Next person

Clerk – you have live chicken

Answer - Yes

Turned out he was asking if we had online check in

**At The Grand Hotel** for afternoon tea (Andy had coffee!!)

The bill was presented with "you want coffee"

Andy - No I had coffee

Waiter – Yes you want coffee?

Andy – no I had coffee, do I have to pay extra for coffee?

This carried on for several minutes until one us realised he was asking if we wanted a copy of the bill. Realising we were going to be home late I asked the hotel "will the gates be open as we will be late tonight?" The reply was "you want elephant?" we all looked confused and never worked that one out Finally, Waiter "you want diarrhoea?" had to be said several times until we realised he was asking "you want to dine here?" The latter was definitely preferable.

International travel has become very challenging – on the plane home I went to the bathroom to freshen up before landing. There was a hammering on the door and I said Just a moment. Then more hammering on the door which when I opened was surrounded by several stewards one with a fire extinguisher. Eye brows were raised and a sigh of "spray" from one. Apparently my deodorant had set off the fire alarms. WHO KNEW NOT ME!!!

Andy & Jenny

## Moroccan themed Open garden in Cublington

Saturday 10th May 11am-4pm



Come and join me in my Moroccan themed garden with water rill and fountain. Enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or a refreshing glass of mint tea plus cakes and Moroccan delicacies.

Sale of plants and pottery • Free admission • Donations for refreshments welcomed.

Any queries please call or leave a message 01296 688310 PS. Please let me know if you intend coming. Thank you Maggie M.



cublingtonvillagehall@gmail.com or call 07515 398111

## **MAY BIN** COLLECTIONS







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. Floodlighting now available in many colours. Please indicate a colour choice if required which will be used to light the church on the date or weekend of your sponsorship. The lights will then return to normal for the remainder of the sponsorship.

# ST NICHOLAS CHURCH LIGHTS SPONSORS

Sadly no	one came forward this month.	
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## Church Services for May

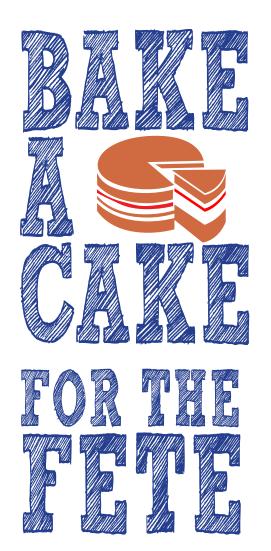
	Service	Taken by	OT/NT readings Reader	Gospel and Coffee Reader	prayers
4	First Sunday	Annie	PENNY	?PETER	Jane
11	HC	?	JULIE	LUCY	
18	Lay led	Jane and Michael	DIANE	MARTYN/Gwyneira	
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Please join in on the churchyard lawn mowing team for this year... many hands make light work as they say!

The growing season is upon us! Booking slots right now!

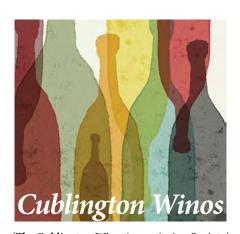
Contact Dennis Allen on 07748 525145 or email djandpallen@gmail.com





# ANY OF THE FOLLOWING... VICTORIA SPONGE · CUPCAKES · LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE · CARROT CAKE · CHOCOLATE CAKE · FRUIT CAKE · COFFEE CAKE · MARBLE CAKE · GINGER CAKE · APPLE CAKE · SHORTBREADS · BROWNIES · FLAPJACKS · BANANA BREAD · BISCUITS

Labelled and with a suggested price would be much appreciated.



(The Cublington Wine Appreciation Society)



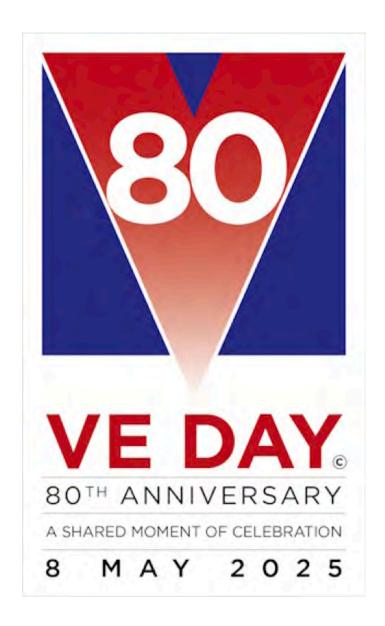
April's Winos theme was "Iconic Women in Wine" hosted by Maggie Mac, Chris & Kevin to celebrate March's International Women's Day (any excuse)!

With the assistance from a very helpful Dan, an M&S store assistant, we chose wines produced by female winemakers varying in cost from £8 to £15 a bottle.

Astonishingly only 18% of winemakers are female, such a shame as all wines we tasted were exceptionally good, why not give some a try!

The next Cublington
Wine Appreciation Society
(aka The Winos) meeting is
on Wednesday 4th June
Contact Jackie 07968 672707
for more information.

Steve and Jackie.



# VE Day 80th Anniversary

Join us as we light a beacon to mark this shared moment of commemoration.

Meet at the Unicorn car park at 9.15pm on Thursday 8th May 2025.

The beacon will be lit in the field on the left-hand side, just past the village sign on the Whitchurch Road.

## \* MORE PARTICIPANTS NEEDED PLEASE \*

Whenever you shop online... just one click will raise much needed funds for village projects.

**THANK YOU** to the 46 AMAZING supporters who have so far raised an IMMENSE £2786.65 for Orchard Ground maintenance (shopping 4,716 times!) and other 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! Thank you.

 1st
 Sarah George
 £652.92.

 2nd
 Gwyneira Walters
 £371.19.

 3rd
 Martyn Waters
 £298.17.

 4th
 Maggie Brandon
 £265.12.

 5th
 Kevin Shults
 £234.27.



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orchardground

## From The Team Rector



## The journey home

In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places... And you know the way to the place where I am going.' 5 Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' 6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

(John 14: 2a, 4-6)

In March I received an astonishing email from a Methodist lay preacher in Swanbourne called Ken. But let me give you some background first. My journey to be here with you has been an interesting one. This time last year I had never heard of any of the eight villages where I am now the Team Rector or where I live in Wing. In July I responded to an advert in the Church Times seeking a Team Rector for this group of churches and we arrived in September. We knew nothing about this region of the country and I remember scouring my address book to see if we might know anyone down here. Although I originally come from Bristol, my wife and I had lived in the West Midlands for the previous thirty years after we met at the University of Birmingham. She is from East Yorkshire so Birmingham was halfway between our two families. We're still finding our feet but this is starting to feel like home for us now after six months of living with you.

When I opened the email from Ken on 3 rd March I read a long list of names. In the year 1798 a shepherd called William Wells married a woman called Eleanor Harris at All Saints Church in Wing. The new family moved to Ivinghoe where their eldest son Henry is on the baptism records there. Henry had a son called George who became a successful builder and married a woman called Elizabeth. They had a daughter called Maria who married a carpenter called Jesse. They had a daughter called Elsie, who had a daughter called Erica. Erica had a son called Dominic!

I didn't know where I was going when I came here. But I feel that Christ has led me to a dwelling place here. It turns out that the village where I live and one of the churches where I am now Team Rector is where my great (x5) grandmother and my great (x5) grandfather lived and got married. I found out that Ken is my mother's second cousin.

We feel at home in the places where we experience love, particularly of friends and family.

My home is here amongst you for a while but I believe there is a place for all of us that will be more like home than anywhere we've known. It will be our eternal home with our heavenly Father. We can put our faith in his son Jesus 'the way the truth and the life' to lead us there.

#### Dom Wright

Team Rector of Cottesloe Benefice

Mob. 07732 554611



The plant stall at the fete is well known for having a great selection of good quality plants. If you're digging out and splitting your garden plants, please pot some up and donate them to the plant stall. If you need some pots to do this, I have some available. If you're planting out bedding plants, again pot some up for the stall. Vegetable plants sell very well on the stall, so a few spare beans, peas, tomatoes and cucumbers are greatly appreciated, and courgettes, courgettes and more courgettes too please. The Allotment Association agreed at their recent AGM that plants for the fete could be placed at the allotments a couple of weeks before the village fete. Several people have told me they are already growing plants for the fete including tall sunflowers that could then be entered into the village horticultural show; there is a category for children and for adults.

Martyn Waters, M: 07973754356





## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED.

## **NEW SEASON.** JOIN YOUR LOCAL LTA TENNIS CLUB!

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- This Summer 3 league teams in ADTL
- Fun Club Sessions and Tournaments

It is also recognised as the perfect sport for the over 50's for all round fitness, cardio health and mental well-being. Come on - give it a go! Even if you're younger than that!

## AND WHY NOT SIGN UP for tennis coaching with Paul Hobday? LTA level 4 coach

## New Sessions start 25th April for 12 weeks Paul Hobday is again offering coaching sessions on Friday evenings - three sessions.

NEW Junior Session - Junior (ages 5-12, 10 weeks) 4.30-5.30pm

Members price £60 Non-Members £70

Adults First session - (12 weeks) Rusty Rackets and improvers 5.30-6.30pm

Adults Second session - (12 weeks) Advanced and team 6.30-7.30pm

Members price £84 (£7 a session)

Non-Members £120 (£10 a session)

Contact: nmsheridan1@hotmail.com

to book your slot.

#### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

Caroline Lane 01296 681373

carolinelane@btinternet.com

## FOR MORE INFORMATION AND **NON-MEMBER COURT BOOKINGS**

(£12 PER HOUR):

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

#### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

lean Barnett 01296 392471 To be contacted if you have any concerns about safeguarding.

## **BRAIN GYM!**



## COME AND JOIN THE CUBLINGTON CHESS CLUB!

The latest meeting of the chess club took place in the village hall recently. Several new faces are joining in so the word is spreading! Some really challenging matches are taking place.

New members are of course very welcome - as long as you have a chess set and have a few hours to spare every other Monday!

We meet bi-weekly on a Monday from 4-6pm in the village hall.

Next meetings are 12th and 26th May

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





Check The Crier Diary page and Cublington Life WhatsApp group for up-to date-details and visiting food outlets.

## **DON'T FORGET!**





You are invited to the Community

Weekly Wine Down
Bring your own drinks!

£3 donation appreciated

Wednesday Evenings 5.30pm - 7.30pm



## 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. *The Crier says - Ask them if they want to advertise in the Crier.* 

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.

Tom is also on Cublington Life WhatsApp group.

## BABYSITTING DIRECTORY all listed are 14+



Alice Gadsby - 680452\*

Charlotte Keane 688133

Katie Keane 688133 or 07803 939530

Hannah Alexander - 681104

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

Charles Powell 01296 680467

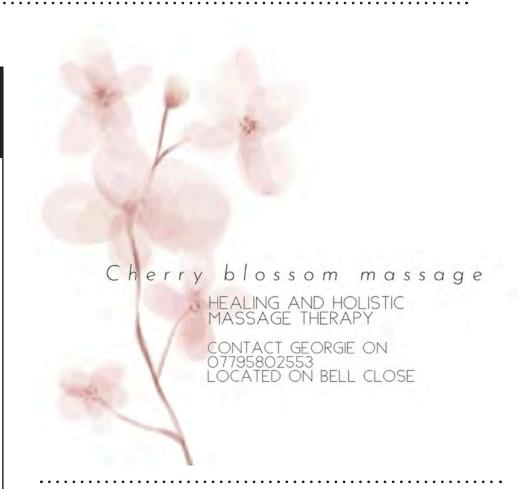
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Please join us on **Monday, 5th May** at the Pavilion between 10 and 11.30 for tea/coffee,and some social chat!

Hope to see you there.

Maggie and Sally

Come along and JOIN IN...



## PARISH NEWS

Main Contact : cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com



As of 1 April, the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board, which Cublington Parish was part of, will be renamed to East Bucks Board, this will form one of eight of the new geographical areas for the Community Board team across Buckinghamshire.

Once the elections take place in May, a new Chair and Vice-Chair, who will be a Buckinghamshire Councillor, will be assigned from one of the wards in the East Bucks Community Board area. When they are in their positions, the next stage will be setting our priorities for 2025/2026 and the board would like your involvement in setting these for the local area you live, work and play. So if you have any new initiatives or ideas for improvement then please get in touch with eastbuckscb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk for an informal conversation with the Community Board Manager, Michelle Parker.

*Find out more information about Community Boards here:* Community Boards | Buckinghamshire Council



## SPOTTED!

Local Heroine saves adventurous 80 year old!

On Monday morning a pensioner who should have known better was up a tree in the High Street attempting to reduce the height of a troublesome tree. Whilst up the tree, the ladder slipped out from under him leaving him hanging in mid air.

Along came our heroine in the nick of time to shout encouragement and replace the ladder, guiding this old man to a safe return to earth.

The moral of this story is don't go up ladders in your 80s without help!

At the time this pensioner's manager was on the other side of the fence and unaware of the drama unfolding just yards away.

However all was well and it helped to make the day more interesting.

Heroines name in anagram form: Nobenjrnwy

## 100 CLUB 2025/26





## £1800 in prize money this year

Last years ticket prices for the draws increased to £15 a ticket (the first increase for 25+ years) and monthly prizes increased to £60 - £50 - £40 and £20 each month.

If you want to buy a ticket online for the next set of ten draws starting shortly in May 25 then please contact me direct at bobpaine 2002@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.

If you would like a ticket for a new round of draws starting in May, please do get in touch!

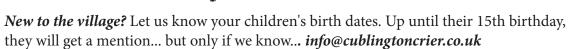
Sellers knocking on your door this month.



## May Birthdays Happy birthday to you...

Giséle Lilou Van Grevelynghe 1 year old on the 18th

Marlon Van Grevelynghe 5 years old on 4th Lucy O'Connell 6 on the 4th Edward Raymen 8 years old on the 24th







With the demise of the Unicorn could those interested in the Wednesday Wander let me know what time you would like to start please.

The Wednesday Wine Downer at the Village Hall is from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Do you want to fit a stroll in around that?

WhatsApp Andy on 07762 439453 with your thoughts.



## St Nicholas Church Cublington





I have removed anyone who didn't make their slot last year to get a better picture of how many vacancies we have to fill this year. If I have removed you and you really would like to be put back on the rota please let me know on 07748525145 or email djandpallen@gmail.com A slight change to the normal schedule. To try and keep days between mowing more equal. Volunteers are allocated a weekend as a target but can work either side of it depending on other commitments or inclement weather.

Weekend	Name		
May 03rd - 04th	Gill and Gary Brazier		
May 10th - 11th	Barrie Sim	Mau	
May 17th - 18th	Vacant	Yew	
May 24th - 25th	Kevin Shults and Peter Spinks	1 100 h Å	
May 31st - June 1st	Vacant	New volunteers wanted please!	
June 7th – 8th	Maggie and Chris Brandon		
June 14th -15th	Sarah and Jason Keane	wantod	
June 21st - 22nd	Tim and James Taylor	Wares	
June 28th - 29th	Martin Gibby	1 -101	
July 5th - 6th	Jason and Vanessa Taylor	please:	
July 12th -13th	Vacant		
July 19th - 20th	Michael Alexander		
July 26th - 27th	Colin Antosiewicz		
August 2nd - 3rd	Caroline and Mike Lightfoot		
August 9th - 10th	Nigel Loli + Andy Brown		
August 16th -17th	Abbie and Lee Stopher		
August 23rd - 24th	Andy Brown + Nigel loli		
August 30th - 31st	Tom and Helen Gadsby	Contact Dennis on	
Sept 6th - 7th	Graham Dunn	07748525145	
Sept 13th -14th	Mark Harris	or email	
Sept 20th - 21st	Alan Richardson	djandpallen@gmail.com	
Sept 27th - 28th	Andy Peck	if you can help!	
Oct 4th - 5th	James Francis	ij you can neip:	
Oct 11th - 12th	Harry Gadsby	71 1 4 11 4 1	
Oct 18th - 19th	Chris and Ali Mountfield	Thank you to all those who	
Oct 25th - 26th	Vacant	have completed their session!	



## Saturday 30th August The Biggs Pavilion, Orchard Ground

This year will be the 20th Cublington Horticultural Show and the event is now well established in the village social calendar. It is great fun and everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Now is the time to start growing your produce and practising your culinary skills so you can enter the domestic categories. The recipe for the Pear and Almond loaf is below. It is important to make the cake exactly as the recipe.

If you would like to sponsor a category for between £10 and £30 it would be most appreciated.

Please contact Sue Brown 01296 681622 email: suebrownbottle@btinternet.com or Sandie Joy 01296 682446 email: s.c.joy@btinternet.com.

It costs 50p per entry per category and all entries must be home produced. Please enter as many categories as possible.

There will be an overall winner of the Cublington Growers Cup. The Domestic Champion Trophy will be won by the person scoring the most points for that category. The Bakers Cup will be awarded for the best baked bread. Best Exhibit in Show will be decided by our show judges.

All sponsorship money plus the show proceeds go to Friends of St Nicholas which is a separate entity from the Church and is administered by villagers to help maintain the fabric of our ancient and historic building.

## Thank you to all our sponsors!

## **Pear and Almond Loaf**

#### **Ingredients**

3 conference pears

175g butter plus extra for greasing

150g self-raising flour

100g ground almonds

150g caster sugar plus 1 tbsp

3 medium eggs

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 tbsp flaked almonds

Preheat the oven to 160C, gas mark 3. Grease and line a 900g loaf tin. Peel and core the pears. Thinly slice one and roughly dice the other two.

Using an electric hand mixer, beat the butter, flour, ground almonds, 150g sugar, eggs and vanilla together for 2-3 minutes until smooth and creamy. Stir in the chopped pears then spoon into the prepared cake tin.

Arrange the sliced pears on top, then sprinkle over the flaked almonds and remaining sugar.

Bake for 1 hour 15-20 minutes or until risen and golden and a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.

Leave to cool completely in the tin before slicing.

## **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

### **Cublington Allotments**

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

## **Adept Driving School**

3 Three carrots long or intermediate, foliage trimmed back to 2" leaving tops Sue and Roger Bottle

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

5 Three white potatoes

#### **Gillian and Jan Antosiewicz**

6 Three coloured potatoes

**The Crier** 

7 Six runner beans, stalks attached

## **Gwyneira and Martyn Waters**

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

#### **Vanessa and Simon Morgan**

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

#### **Cublington Tennis Club**

10 Three courgettes, length 4" - 8"

## Courgette Bob

11 Five chillies

#### Maggie Mackenzie

12 Three onions with tops trimmed and tied **Freddie and David Bradbury** 

13 Five tomatoes maximum 1½", with calyx

#### **Chris and Kevin Shults**

14 Five tomatoes on the vine

#### **Available to sponsor**

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

#### **Sarah and Steve George**

16 Longest parsnip, measured to end of tap root

### **Linda and Colin Justice**

17 Longest runner bean

### **Penny and Dennis Allen**

18 Two of any other single variety of vegetable not listed in any other category

#### **Evelyn and Gerry Griffiths**

19 Most oddly shaped vegetable **LETTERBOX4YOU** 

20 Heaviest pumpkin

#### Structured Growth Garden Design

## **Fruit Categories**

21 Ten autumn raspberries, stalks attached **Susan and Iain Black** 

22 Three culinary apples, stalks attached **Sally and Joe Missen** 

23 Three dessert apples, stalks attached **Honor and Hugh Vale** 

24 Three pears, stalks attached **Available to sponsor** 

#### **Flower Categories**

25 Best single rose in a plain glass vase **Lucy and Andy Peck** 

26 Best flower arrangement in a plain glass vase, mixed garden flowers, not shrubs, to face all round **Jackie Farrands** 

27 Vase of dahlias, five blooms, can be mixed **Available to sponsor** 

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

#### **Available to sponsor**

## Children's Categories

29 Decorated shortcake biscuits x4 **Chris and Bron Jones** 

30 Collage of a flower on a plate **Gill and Gary Brazier** 

## **Domestic Categories**

31 Courgette chutney **Available to sponsor** 

32 Rhubarb jam

## **Julie and Doug Merriman**

33 Tomato tart **Wonky Dog** 

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34 Pear cake

#### **Gina and Michael Reilly**

35 Malt loaf

#### **Judy and Graham Dunn**

36 Three chicken eggs

Sandie and Mike Joy

#### **Virtual Pets**

37 Photograph your pet and name it **Jane and Michael Alexander** 



## May...the force be with you. It's in the Library!



# Have you seen our Local Studies section?

Come along and see how life used to be in our area or check out the results of archaeological digs.

# Bounce & Rhyme In the Library Wednesday 14 May 10.30 -11.00



## May 22<sup>nd</sup>



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## WHERE IN THE WORLD? TIM'S FIENDISH FLYING PHOTOS



Again no correct answers last month. The answer was looking south over Anglesey towards the Lleyn peninsular

Where is this in the world? So having given you what we thought was an easy one last month, how about this one? Surely someone will get this?!

First correct answer to info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk will win a very small prize and the kudos for a whole month!



Cublington Allotment Society has a half allotment plot available for rent by any resident of the village.

Current rent is £17.50 per year with a one off membership fee of £25.00.

For more information please contact Maggie Brandon, maggie@margaretbrandon.plus.com, 01296 681972



Thank you very much to everyone who supported the jumble sale and especially the brilliant team of helpers. *We made £468.75 for church funds* and have books and bric a brac left over for the fete. There are also some items to go on eBay to raise more money.



#### **Welcome to Red Barn Farm Dairy**

The Hallam family are excited to announce the forthcoming opening of our 'direct from farm' milk, milkshakes and fresh-milk coffee vending machines.

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Red Barn Farm is a family run dairy farm. Bill & Wendy Hallam moved to Red Barn in 1978,, with their 9 month old son, Richard, and 20 cows.

Richard and Rhian, along with Bill & Wendy's endless commitment, support and knowledge are continuing to develop the farm with exciting investments, focusing on the cow's health and welfare.

Keeping the farm running is a true family affair with Richard's sister, Zoe, doing the majority of the morning milkings. A 4am start, for the last 6+ years.

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Coming Soon - Keep a look out for our opening date in May!

Thank you for supporting your local dairy farm.



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# Cublington Cricket Club

www.cublingtoncc.org

## Come along and give cricket a try

Cublington is blessed to have an active and welcoming cricket club at the beautiful Orchard Ground. From April to September we run cricket for anyone from the age of five upwards, and we would love you to join us.

What could be better than joining a fun and inclusive team sport on your doorstep, making new friends and becoming involved in your community?

#### All Stars - 5 to 8-year-olds, and Dynamos - 8 to 11-year-olds

We will be running sessions from Friday 16 th May for eight weeks for our youngest players, girls and boys, on Friday evenings from 6-7pm. All-Stars & Dynamos are run by Cublington CC coaches under ECB (England & Dynamos are run by Gublington CCB (England & Dynamos are run by Gublington CC (England & Dynamos

We also run a BBQ alongside the session so that you don't even have to worry about cooking supper afterwards. Contact – *Nikhil Shetty, Head of All Stars & Dynamos, 07984 201237* 

#### Under 9s to Under 17s

We run junior cricket training for girls and boys on Sunday mornings from 10.30 until 12 noon starting on Sunday 27 th April. All our coaches are ECB-qualified and DBS-checked. The children will have the chance to play matches throughout the summer, home and away and there will be an end of seasons awards evening to celebrate the juniors' achievements. *Contact – Tony Lewis, Head of Junior Cricket, 07446 939216* 

#### Game Changers Cricket, Disability cricket for ages 12-25

We are launching Game Changers Cricket, with the aim of creating a

disability sports hub providing inclusive and accessible opportunities for children and adults to play and socialise. We will host a launch event at the Biggs Pavilion, Orchard Ground, a Table Cricket Open Day on Saturday 26 th April 10-11am. Weekly sessions with start on 10 th May and every Saturday morning from 10-11am all summer. After a break at the end of the summer we intend to continue Game Changers indoors from October until March. Game Changers is free to all participants. *Contact – Harry Gadsby, Disability Cricket lead, 07491 651137* 

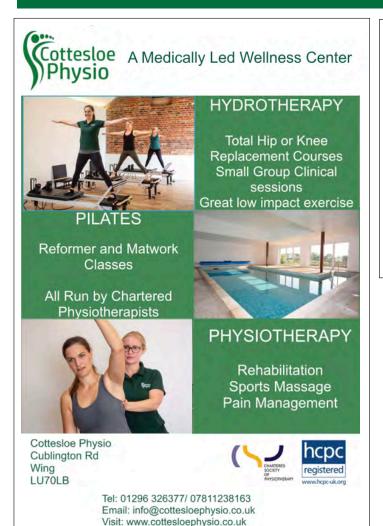
#### Senior Cricket

Cublington CC runs two Saturday league teams and a Sunday friendly XI. We encourage our juniors from the age of U13 upwards to join in senior cricket in a safe and supportive pathway. While we aim to win every game, we do not have a 'win at all costs' attitude and recognise that everyone plays the game primarily to have fun. Ability is not a pre-requisite, a keenness to get involved is much more important. *Contact – Tom Gadsby, CCC Chairman, 07527 989639* 

#### Safeguarding

Cublington CC is signed up to the ECB's Safe Hands Management system. All our junior coaches and key officers are DBS-checked. *Contact – Jenny Mackay, Safeguarding Officer, 07799 036454* 

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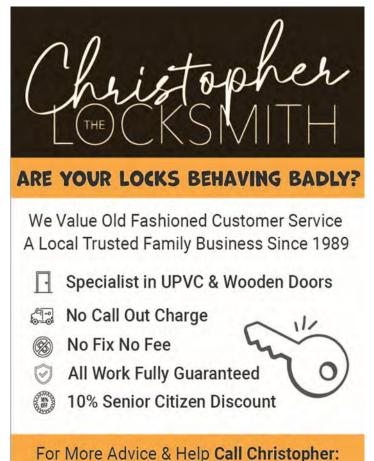
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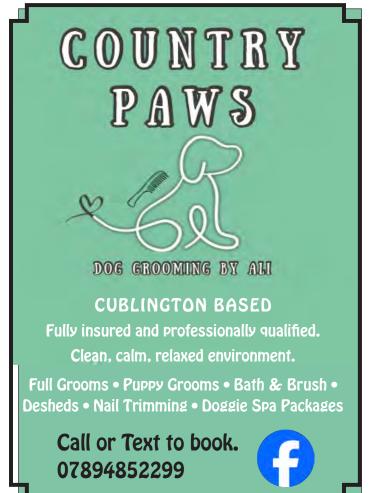
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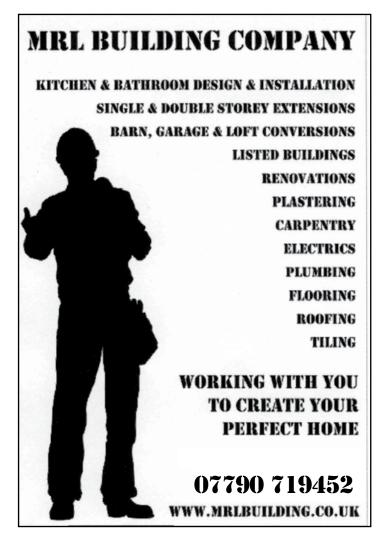






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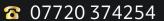


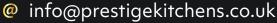
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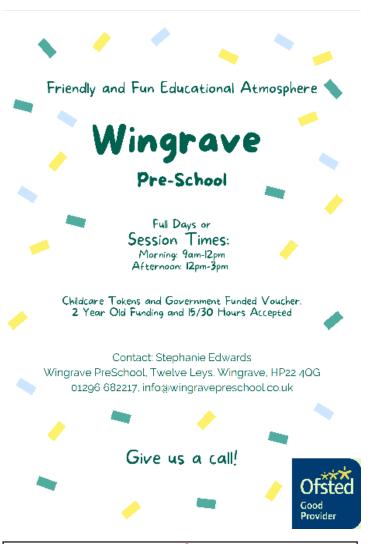
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All very welcome! We know there are more of you out there so don't be shy come and say hello!

# 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 1.45-3.45pm

#### NOW at the Village Hall, 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 for hire of hall appreciated.



## We would like to encourage you to join us... having fun creating art



Pick a date: 4pm 8th and 15th August







#### The Art Exhibition Group are organising a free workshop for the Young Artists of Cublington.

You will be decorating prepared un-fired tiles, 15cm square. These can be decorated in a variety of methods including: coloured slips; stencilling; carving; embossing: and adding clay; or a combination of them.

The workshop will be supervised and advice available on the different methods and techniques. Coloured slips can used in the same way as paint using brushes, drip tools or stencilling. They can also be applied and then carved into to reveal the colour underneath.

You can create scenes, abstract shapes, words, numbers. If you want inspiration there are many examples of decorated tiles.

All materials will be provided just bring along an apron or old shirt. If you want to use stencils you can prepare these in advance using newspaper or do it on the day. They are one use only so if you have a repeat design you do this by folding the newspaper and cutting as if you were making paper chains.

Once decorated we will bisque fire the tiles and then clear glaze fire them for you to keep.

We have booked a couple of dates, 8th and 15th August starting at 4pm for a couple of hours in the pavilion. If you are interested in coming along please can you send an email to mgates@tiscali.co.uk indicating which dates, or if both, suit you. If you want to discuss your ideas then also use the email address.

SPOTTED!

**PLEASE** keep your eyes peeled ... If you spot anything, and we really do mean anything of interest (silly or serious or even just slightly interesting) in the village - please let us know.



#### **Spotted**

Work to repair the drains and gullies down Cow Poo Alley



#### Spotted

Spectacular Barn Owl hunting at dusk over the Mound Field/Old Village.

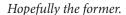


#### Spotted

Work progressing on the enhanced access to the Biggs pavilion for those requiring wheelchair access. Excellent work making the Biggs Pavilion fully compliant,

#### Spotted

One of the small trees next to the path to the playground has laid down. Wind or vandalism?





#### **Spotted**

The wonderful Easter Nest on top of the postbox. well done all who were responsible.

#### Spotted

A spectacular dawn last month... but in spite of the shepherd's warning, no rain for most of the month!





**Spotted** Three newborn baby girls at the Easter service. How lovely. Take a bow, Fleur (mum India Stringer,) Maddie (mum Becky George), and Phillipa, (mum Josie Francis). Congratulations all.



**Don't forget...** Any nice village photos are being collated for a possible calendar. Send to Penny Allen or to me at the Crier and I will forward.



#### Spotted

Electric cables and diggers just don't mix!

Oops - luckily the power had been turned off just in case!



#### **Spotted**

Yet more Northern Lights over Cublington on the night of the 16th. Amazing... what is happening to the world!?



#### **Spotted**

New houses nearing completion at the Walnutts down Aston Abbotts Road. These are the new house names.