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WHERE IN THE WORLD? TIM'S FIENDISH FLYING PHOTOS



Where is this in the world?

Last month's answer -
Dungeness

Three correct answers
last month, but by a
whisker Julie Tovey yet
again. Well done.



A clue to this month's picture... on a very sandy peninsula that changed hands only a few decades ago, this is a world famous diving resort....

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

To see these and the rest of the magazine in full colour, visit www.cublington.com where the latest edition is available to view.

THE ORCHARD
CUBLINGTON'S
POP-UP PUB

Join us every other Friday night for a drink or two. Bring your own drink. Once a month various food vendors to visit.

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY NIGHT

6-10PM
Biggs Pavillion

MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES

November

Friday 14th - Friends and Flavours -Burgers

Friday 28th - food served

December

Friday 12th - Roast wrap food van

Friday 19th - Christmas Special

Further details will be sent out on Cublington Life Whatsapp but if any queries please contact Jackie



Editorial



No sun – no moon!

No morn – no noon –

No dawn – no dusk – no proper time of day...[16 lines omitted]

No warmth – no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,

No comfortable feel in any member –

No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! – November!

The English poet Thomas Hood left little doubt as to his feelings towards the eleventh month of the year. 180 years on from his death, the joys of November now additionally include the Chancellor's annual Autumn budget which this year will be awaited by many with trepidation – no more Triple Lock, anyone?

Michael Flanders and Donald Swann were pretty scathing about every month of the year in their Song of the Weather, succinctly summarising the eleventh one in the couplet “Dark November brings the fog, Should not do it to a dog”. Although we are in that seemingly small minority in Cublington who don't actually own a dog, we are not untouched by the stress that dogs experience every 5th November. Not only (we must assume) are the pooches completely unaware that the thunderous bangs in the sky have something to do with religious intolerance in the early 17th century, but their hearing is many times more sensitive than our own. It must be truly awful for them.

The National Service of Remembrance on the second Sunday of the month is one of those occasions where, despite everything, one can still feel proud of being British. As a dignified, non-nationalistic reminder of the cost of war it has few equals. Unfortunately the human species is notoriously incapable of learning from history...Lest We Forget.

The eleventh month also witnesses a worrying tendency for men to sprout facial hair. Traditionally, many of Australia's greatest match-winning cricketers have sported imposing moustaches. And as the Crier's army of avid cricket lovers will know, this month sees the First Test in the latest Ashes series, due to take place in Perth starting on the 21st. The good news is that on that date Perth will be only 8 hours ahead so that it may be possible to kick off the day by tuning into a session or two of the match. The bad news is that no England side has won a Test in Perth since 1978...

Richard and Polly

DEC EDITORS: Pierre & Nicola

Congratulations

To all the Antosiewicz family as Helena and Olly were married in St Nicholas church.

Don't forget

Don't forget to send in your Christmas messages for publishing in the Crier in plenty of time this month. By the 15th latest please.

All we ask is you make a donation to your favoured charity in lieu of purchasing cards and stamps!

Wanted

Volunteers to participate in our ever popular Advent Window Walk. Starting on the 1st December and culminating in a walk round the village on Christmas Eve.

Pledge your participation please to Jane A janea2000@aol.com

This year's themes are Celebration and Nativity.

We will remember them

Remembrance Day service Sunday 9th at 9am



CRIER RATES

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

*The Crier
online...*

is now on
Cublington.com

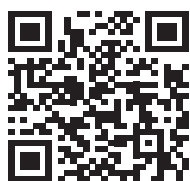
Please advise any readers of the Crier online you may know of. **Thank you.**

Still vacant

The post of clerk to the Parish Council is currently vacant or very soon will be...

If anyone is interested in this paid position please contact either cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com or a councillor for further information.

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.



SAVE OUR PUB

PLEASE - If you haven't already done so, please pledge your support !

It's massively important we save it for the community and future generations.

Further update *inside*

gofundme.com/save-the-unicorn-pub

Dont forget, if you want to see all 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

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The Crier Editorial Rota

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

2026...

- Jan** Maggie MacKenzie
- Feb** - Toosey's
- March** - Julie & Doug Merriman
- April** - Chris & Kevin Shults
- May** Selmes family
- June** Liz & Bob
- Summer** Emily & Jo
- Sept** Harris family
- Oct** Dawn & Peter Spinks

Nov Miranda and James
Dec - Graham & Judy Dunn

2027...

Jan Gates family
Feb - it could be you?!

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**

Crier Contact details

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SAVE OUR PUB



Update for pledgers!

Friends of the Unicorn Cublington – Survey October 2025

The working group continues to keep the wheels turning on striving to obtain The Unicorn to be enjoyed by the community as a working pub.

To enable us to have a better understanding of what the community would like as a village pub/amenity in the future we have compiled a short survey.

Please use the QR code below to complete the survey – all answers are in the strictest confidence. However the results of the survey maybe shared with the working group and any future interested parties.

***Please complete
this short survey***



***Point your camera
at this QR code***

***Please only complete the survey once, but feel free to
pass the code onto any family members who have an interest
in the Unicorn.***

***The Save the Unicorn Working Party.
STILL ROARING !!!***

Not there yet - we still need more pledges!

Support the campaign by pledging or donating today via GoFundMe:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-unicorn-pub>

Follow us for updates and ways to get involved:

Instagram: @savetheunicornpub

Facebook: facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577249199617

Microsite: <https://www.savetheunicorn.org/savetheunicorn.org>

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



November 25

Saturday 1st North Field Work Party - The Biggs Pavilion 9.30-11.30am
Monday 3rd Chatty Cafe The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am
Monday 3rd Art Group Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm
Wednesday 5th - Tai Chi Village Hall 9.45am-10.45am and 11am-12pm;
Wednesday 5th Wine Down Village Hall 5.30pm-7.30pm
Wednesday 5th - Cublington Winos The Biggs Pavilion 7 for- 7.30pm
Thursday 7th - Yoga Village Hall 10.30am-11.30am
Sunday 9th Table Top Sale Biggs Pavilion 1-3pm See ad inside. In aid of OG fundraising
Monday 10th - Byte and Brew Village Hall 10.30am-11.30am;
Monday 10th - Art Group Village Hall 1.45pm-3.45pm;
Monday 10th - Chess Club Village Hall 4pm-6pm
Tuesday 11th Village Lunch Club Biggs Pavillion See ad inside 12.15 Lunch served 1pm
Tuesday 11th - Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday 12th - Tai Chi Village Hall 9.45am-10.45am and 11am-12pm;
Wednesday 12th Wine Down Village Hall 5.30pm-7.30pm
Thursday 13th - Yoga Village Hall 10.30am-11.30am
Thursday 13th Sound Bath Session Village Hall 7.30pm
Friday 14th - Restorative Yoga and guided meditation Village Hall 6.30pm-8.45pm
Friday 14th The Orchard Pop Up Pub food served Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm See ad elsewhere
Saturday 15th North Field Work Party - The Biggs Pavilion 9.30-11.30am
Saturday 15th Cabaret Evening Biggs Pavilion
Monday 17th - Art Group Village Hall 1.45pm-3.45pm
Tuesday 18th - Ladies Lunch Break Village Hall 12pm-1.30pm
Wednesday 19th - Tai Chi Village Hall 9.45am-10.45am and 11am-12pm;
Wednesday 19th Wine Down Village Hall 5.30pm-7.30pm
Wednesday 19th Orchard Ground AGM Biggs Pavilion 7.00pm
Thursday 20th - Yoga Village Hall 10.30am-11.30am
Friday 21st - Art Group tutored session Village Hall 1.45pm-3.45pm
Saturday 22nd - 'Have a go at' - Festive Makes Village Hall
Sunday 23rd Village Roast 1.pm for 2pm serving Biggs Pavilion See ad elsewhere
Monday 24th - Art Group Village Hall 1.45pm-3.45pm;
Monday 24th Chess Club Village Hall 4pm - 6pm
Wednesday 25th - Tai Chi Village Hall 9.45am-10.45am and 11am-12pm;
Wednesday 25th Wine Down Village Hall 5.30pm-7.30pm
Thursday 26th - Yoga Village Hall 10.30am-11.30am
Friday 28th The Orchard Pop Up Pub food served Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm See ad elsewhere
Sunday 30th Christmas Market Village Hall 11.30-3pm

Hopefully,
you'll
always find
something
to do in
Cublington!

December 25

Monday 1st Chatty Cafe The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am
Monday 1st Art Group Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm
Saturday 6th North Field Work Party - The Biggs Pavilion 9.30-11.30am
Monday 8th Art Group Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm
Monday 8th Chess Group Village Hall 4pm - 6pm
Tuesday 9th Village Lunch Club Biggs Pavillion See ad inside 12.15 Lunch served 1pm
Friday 12th The Orchard Pop Up Pub food served Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm See ad elsewhere
Friday 19th The Orchard Pop Up Pub "Christmas Special" Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm
Monday 22nd Chess Group Village Hall

January 26

Monday 5th Chatty Cafe The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

February 26

Monday 5th Chatty Cafe The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

March 26

Saturday 28th Murder Mystery Evening
Biggs Pavilion 7 for 7.30pm See ad inside

April 26

Saturday 25th Ukelele Concert St Nicholas church

June 26

Saturday 20th Cublington Fete No holidays allowed! ;)

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.

Orchard Ground & North Field

LATEST UPDATES

North Field Update

The new planting season has started with the planting of six black poplar trees, a mix of male and female trees which were bought from the grant monies from the village fete which was held in June this year. Five black poplars have been planted in a nursery block; the other one has been planted down near the male poplar tree in the hedge line; can you find where it is? Other trees will be planted in November, either moved from the tree nursery area next to the allotments, or trees which have been donated and being looked after until the planting season. It would be great to have some help with the planting. Other tasks completed over the past few weeks include planting bluebells, trimming around the bases of birch trees, and repairing and refixing the deer netting which is a bit like 'painting the Forth Road Bridge,' as it's a never ending task. The deer are present hazard in North Field and will eat the bark off the larger trees, and branches of the small trees. We're grateful to Hugh for doing the last cut of field as we approach the winter. If anyone in the village has any bluebells they are digging out this autumn, we'll be pleased to have them for North Field, as now is an ideal time to plant them.

Dates for the North Field working groups for the rest of the Autumn months.

All Saturdays 9.30am until 11.30ish

1st and 15th November, 6th December,

Come along and have a chat to see what we're doing on North Field. Join us for a hot drink and a bacon roll 11.45am at the end of a working morning..

Please contact Martyn Waters for any information about North Field: Martyn.waters@icloud.com.
M: 07973754356

Martyn Waters

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.



Sprocket's Rural Rides

The first in a (possible) occasional series of local outings for devotees of two-wheeled velocipedes

One of the consequences of having lived in our current home for a longer period than either of us has spent in any previous abode is that we have accumulated a lot of clutter. In the course of a long overdue clearing out of the garden shed, I set sight, with a pang of guilt, on my Bianchi Camaleonte bike, purchased in a moment of excessive enthusiasm fully 12 years ago but used all too rarely. I resolved to do better. The words of Queen's song 'Bicycle Race' came to mind:

"I want to ride my bicycle
I want to ride my bike
I want to ride my bicycle
I want to ride it where I like" *

After a quick trip to Dorvics' store in Leighton Buzzard and an application of oil, the bike was ready for action. The question remained – where to go? My hope was to find a "go-to" round trip which could serve as a regular outing for my latest attempt at a fitness regime. It should ideally be reasonably quiet, not too long and without too many hills. Surely there would be some idyllic lanes nearby along which I could gently cruise, my senses stimulated by the floral scents of an English hedgerow, enjoying the vistas of wheatsheaves in golden fields?

The reality was more sobering. The sevenfold increase in traffic along the Wing Road, and the idiocy of some of the drivers one encounters there, immediately disqualified it from consideration.

The A413 between Whitchurch and Winslow was even worse, the traffic seeming to snarl as it careered past a lone cyclist minding his own business and who had every right to be there. After trying out various options, none of which could really be considered as rural idylls, I eventually settled on the following outing:



This is a circular route which is pretty good in either direction. Anticlockwise is perhaps better as it avoids an awkward right turn to Swanbourne after the (very short) section on the A413. Otherwise the volume, and for that matter the speed, of traffic is not too bad, especially in the middle of the day or at weekends. There are several hilly sections but they are not particularly steep or sustained. The recently resurfaced Stewkley road makes for a pleasant start as far as the junction with the road from Littlecote. Here

one needs to be prepared for an encounter with one of the many tipper trucks servicing the Doherty recycling business, although in my experience their drivers seem to be respectful of passing cyclists. At St Michael's church in Stewkley, follow the road round towards Soulbury. Roughly half a mile before reaching Soulbury, turn left along a single track road which takes one through the hamlet of Hollingdon, then through a very pleasant section with fields on either side leading to a hill up to a junction. This is one of the best bits of the ride where one can genuinely feel in the midst of the countryside. Turn left at the junction and soon arrive at the northern end of Stewkley, where one turns right towards Mursley. On the whole the traffic on this section isn't heavy and after a mile and half with pleasant views on both sides turn left towards Swanbourne. The road here is generally flat and of course the Betsey Wynne pub is available for well earned refreshments at roughly the half way point of the ride.

After an easy descent past Swanbourne House School there is a gradual climb up to the junction with the horrible A413 where one turns left. After a mercifully short section of 500 metres or so turn (with a sigh of relief) on to the road signposted to Hoggaston. What a gem this little village is with its old church dating back to the 13th century and the splendid manor house which now seems to be part of a farm with its own shop selling pork, beef and lamb on Fridays and Saturday mornings.

A gradual climb takes one up to a junction near Dunton. The camber here is more or less non-existent and any failure to keep an eye on the edge of the road could easily lead to an undignified tumble into a bed of nettles. At the junction one turns left, following the road past Littlecote and down a hill as far as the junction where one rejoins the outward route, noting with relief that it is but a mile and half back to the comforts of Cublington.

The obvious short cut up (or down) Cowsh*t Lane is probably best avoided despite the recent patching up of the road surface. From a cyclist's perspective, it might be good training for the Pyrenean sections of the Tour de France but is otherwise for masochists only.

Sprocket's overall verdict : 7/10

Not quite the rural idyll but much of the going is pleasant and displays the essential character of this part of the world. Moderately strenuous at times – you will at least know you have done it!

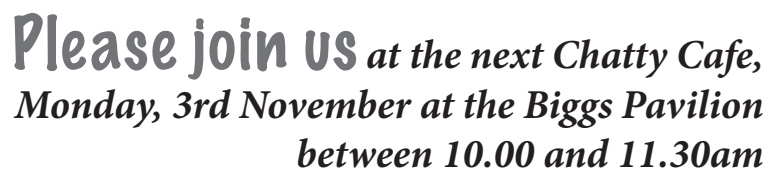
Swanbourne/Hollingdon Round

On Road	0 (0)	
Distance	Time	Total ascent
17.71 mi	1h 31m	794 ft
		Total descent
		789 ft

Add photos



**Readers of a certain age who remember Queen's 1978 album 'Jazz' which featured this song may understand why a picture of its front cover does not accompany this article – and that the reason has nothing to do with copyright or anything of that nature. The Crier stands as always as a beacon of propriety and good taste, navigating a careful course through the hazardous waters of gender-based identity politics*



What they say..

"It's a lovely get together so thanks to all who make it happen".



Hope to see you there.... Maggie and
Come along and JOIN IN...

Following our recent visit to Ireland during which we visited a beach which features prominently in one of the movies mentioned in this quiz, Polly and I amused ourselves on the ferry home by trying *to ‘merge’ the titles of some well known films*. Having come up with around 20 such titles, it occurred to us to make them the subject of a quiz, along the lines of the ‘Missing Vowels’ round in the TV quiz show ‘Only Connect’. Here they are then, after all vowels and any punctuation have been removed. We have also made it slightly harder by treating the letter ‘y’ as a vowel for this purpose (i.e. omitting it). There are absolutely no prizes on offer!

TH LN KNKS SPCH = The Lion King's Speech

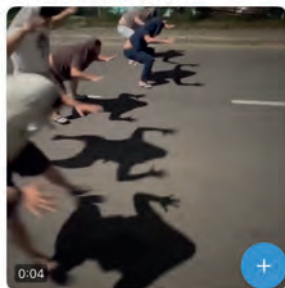
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6 THRS SMTHNG BT MR PPPNS
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9 GN WTH TH WND THT SHKS TH BRL
10 SVNG PRVT RNS DGHTR
11 CRR N DCTR ZHVG
12 LL TH PRSDNTS MN WH STR T GTS
13 TH NBRBL LGHTNSS F BNG JHN MLKVITCH
14 BRDG T FR FRM TH MDDNG CRWD
15 SHN F TH DD PTS SCT
16 LCNC T KLL MCKNGBRD
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20 BTMN RTRNS CPTN CRLLS MNDLN

SPOTTED!

Interesting items spotted on my phone and round and about... have you got any?



1. Men are simple creatures



Spotted

Good observation. looks like fun though!



Spotted

In a canal boat window down in Linslade. Good advice.

Spotted

How true...

I had just spent an hour in the bank with my father, as he had to transfer some money. I couldn't resist asking:

"Dad, why don't we activate your internet banking?"

"Why would I do that?" he replied.

"Because then you won't have to spend an hour here for things like that transfer.

You can even do your shopping online. Everything will be so easy!"

I was so excited about introducing him to the exciting world of online banking.

He thought for a minute, then answered "If I do that, I won't have to step out of the house?"

"Yes, yes" I said. I told him how even grocery can be delivered to your front door now, and how Amazon delivers everything!

His answer left me speechless.

He replied "Since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends. And I have chatted for a while with the staff who know me very well by now.

You know that I am alone. This is the company that I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank. I have more than enough time, it is the physical touch that I crave.

Two years ago I got sick. The shop owner, where I buy my fruit, came to see me and sat by my bedside and cried.

When your mum fell down few days ago during her morning walk, our local grocer saw her and immediately brought his car to rush her home, as he knows where I live.

Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online?

Spotted

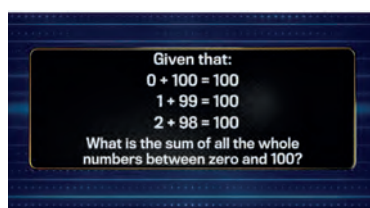
On the internet. Well I never!?

Though there has been an increasing interest in using step count as an easy-to-measure way of tracking activity levels, public health authorities have, until now, lacked the evidence to set a target that was scientifically backed.

The unofficial target of 10,000 steps originates from a marketing campaign for pedometers, which were advertised in the run-up to the 1968 Tokyo Olympics. The number wasn't based on any health guidance, but because in Japanese characters, the number 10,000 (万) looks like a person walking.

Spotted

On the Chase quiz. Can you work it out in 30 seconds. The contestants don't either. Let me know if you did. Answer below



| Credits:ITV

Spotted

Another Chase question - can you solve it in 30 seconds? Again let me know if you did. Answer below.

What number sequence replaces the question mark?

ONE = 321
TWO = 231
FOUR = 1234
EIGHT = 14235
FORTY = ?

Answers...

The picture explanation

If you can see a beach, waves breaking and stormy sky, then you're an artist!

But it's not that - it's actually the broken edge of a car bumper in need of repair!

The answer to Chase question 2 is 12345

- the numbers indicate the order the letters come alphabetically. The letters in FORTY are in alphabetical order so the number is 12345.

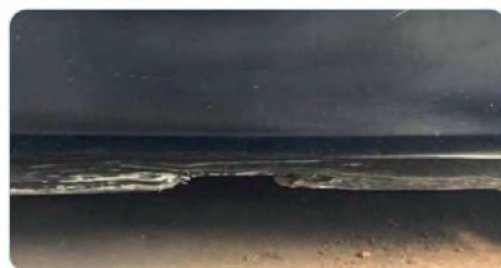
The answer to Chase question 1

explained why to the stumped contestants, revealed: "There are 50 pairs that total 100 (and 100, 1 and 99, 2 and 98 etc.) That makes 5000, but there is also the number 50 in the middle, that is not in a pair but also needs to be counted, giving a total of 5050."



Spotted

At the doctors surgery... if only life were that simple.



Spotted on internet

What do you see? Explanation at the bottom

Tips of the week... how to help the hedgehogs

- Join a "hedgehog highway". By linking your garden with others via 13cm gaps in fences, you can give hedgehogs easy access to a far larger area.
- Leave a patch of your garden wild and undisturbed to provide good nesting material and insects for prey.
- Leave out a dish of water. Some meaty cat or dog food can also supplement a hedgehog's natural diet well.
- Hedgehogs can get trapped in steep-sided ponds, so make sure yours has shallow sides or an escape ramp.
- Make a safe home for them to nest in - a log pile or a more structured little house.
- Clear litter from your garden and any loose netting they could get trapped in.
- Go organic: chemicals in lawn treatments or slug pellets kill invertebrate prey.
- Check tucked away areas before mowing.
- If you're having a bonfire, burn it on the same day as you build it.

SOURCE: THE DAILY TELEGRAPH



**Biggs Pavilion, Orchard Ground, Stewkley
Road, Cublington LU7 0LR**
9th November, 2025 1 – 3 pm
Sellers £10 per table (access from 11.30 to set up)
(book your table - Liz Smith 07708338795)
Buyers - £1 entry
Refreshments available



November Birthdays

Henry Hodgson – 14 on the 25th

New to the village? Let us know your children's birth dates. Up until their 15th birthday, they will get a mention... but only if we know..
info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk

ORCHARD GROUND AGM

Weds 19th November

7pm Biggs Pavilion

Come and have your say!

All welcome.





Hire The Biggs Pavilion

Current 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.

Contact Bob on 01296 680483 or bobpaine2002@hotmail.com

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!



Cublington Winos

(The Cublington Wine Appreciation Society)

We are delighted that we have a number of people recently moved in to the village and it's with that in mind some maybe unaware of our wine appreciation society get together. So to address that we would like to welcome both "new" villagers and obviously anybody else who may wish to join us.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every other month. So if anybody wishes to find out more and perhaps join us for a 'taster session' please contact Jackie 07968 672707 for more information.

The next Cublington Wine Appreciation Society (aka The Winos) meeting is on **Wednesday 5th Nov** in the Biggs Pavilion.

Contact Jackie 07968 672707 for more information.

NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

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

Cublington in Pictures Old and New
New stock - Now priced at £20

(a contribution from sales will go to the upkeep of St Nicholas Church)

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



So far over £330 has been donated to the church from sales.



Art At Wingrave

December Fri 5th 6.00-9.00
Sat 6th - Sun 7th 10.30-5.00

Community Centre, Church St., Wingrave, HP22 4PE

Including Refreshments  Cancer Research UK

'Art At Wingrave' 2025, now in its sixth year, is just around the corner...

look forward to joining us for a vibrant, joyful and free pre-Christmas Art Event showcasing the enthusiasm and talent of 20+ local Artists and Makers.

Whether you're an art enthusiast, a collector, someone hunting for original Christmas gifts or simply looking for inspiration, here's your chance to enjoy a festive weekend of art.

This year we're hosted by the village Community Centre, warm and welcoming for all. From the moment we open our doors on Friday evening, every corner of the space will be filled with captivating work. The Centre will be decked out for Christmas and the Bar will be open throughout the week-end,

Meet talented Artists and discover a wide range of work including Ceramics; Photography; Paper Sculpture; Print Making; Textiles and Felt; Glass Art; Jewellery; Watercolour, Geometric Abstracts and Mixed Media Paintings; Furniture Design; Hand-turned Wood and the striking metal sculptures of 'Riveting Welds'.

Explore the Artwork, soak up the festive atmosphere, enjoy refreshments and find that illusive gift – Art At Wingrave with something for everyone! So mark the dates, bring a friend, head down Church Street and pay us a visit, we look forward to welcoming you.

Don't miss out this December!

(Free entry · Refreshments in aid of Cancer Research UK)

(Additional parking: MacIntyre School, Leighton Road, HP22 4PA (Please display a note stating that you are attending Art at Wingrave)).

Andrew and Margaret Liversidge, Field View Studio



YOGA CLASS

@ THE VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY MORNING
10.30AM - 11.30AM

Drop-in session £11 per class or £10 by monthly pass payable in advance

Yoga for peaceful minds and happy bodies
 Everyone welcome, classes suitable for all.

-  Sarah Stratton-Hine 07842 863543
Yoga Alliance Senior Teacher and Reiki Master
-  Cublington Village Hall
Wing Road, Cublington LU7 0LF
-  www.sarahstrattonhine.com



CUBLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Christmas Market

Handmade crafts, gifts, art and more.....

Join us for mulled wine, mince pies
 and support your local artisans
 and businesses

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2025
11.30am - 3pm

Wing Road
 Cublington
 LU7 0LF



Re: What Future for The Unicorn? (Oct Crier #455)

John Gregory's letter last month was, I thought, a very well written, balanced piece highlighting both sides of the divide. We do however seem to have reached an impasse.

Several times over the last months I have wished for the Unicorn to be open if only to have a quick drink after tennis or work. However, as the survey you are asked to complete in this Crier might suggest, that is not the only use for a pub. A meeting place for friends, for clubs and committees, for family occasions. Another inciteful thought that struck a chord... Jeremy Clarkson said recently on his Clarkson's Farm show -

"A village without a pub is what? Just a collection of houses! "

Villagers... We must make this work!

Make a pledge, get involved, on social media, write to the Crier, respond to the survey within this Crier, do absolutely everything and anything you can.

Any thoughts readers? Send them in to info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk Ed



Cublington Village Pantomime: Could you help out?

There is a long history of village pantomimes in Cublington going back more than 40 years which brings the community together, not just for the four performances, but with opportunities to get involved in the production in some capacity. The pantomime earlier this year had 38 people involved in the production, helping with props, design of costumes, the make-up and face painting artistry, design and painting of the scenery and back drop, selling tickets, front of house, stage management, sound and lights, music and singing practices, the seating plan, writing the script

and the very important prompt person; and all before any member of the cast even steps on stage. Could you help out with any of these?

Work for the 2026 village pantomime has already started, a traditional plot taken from one of the Grim brothers fairytales. But 'grim' it will not be, with the audience participation including lots of: 'look behind you,' 'oh no it isn't,' and many opportunities for 'boooooo's,' many heckles from the audience, and all featuring well known Cublington characters woven into the storyline.

If you've been involved in 'amdram' before or not, if you have some hidden talents, or would enjoy the fun and laughter during the practices, or have skills and interests that could help towards the fun and laughter of the above; and to use a well-known strap line: 'it could be you,' we're looking for to help keep the tradition of pantomimes alive in our village of Cublington.

For further information, please contact: Di Grace: 07866370330, Vanessa Taylor: 07817457566, or Martyn Waters: 07973754346

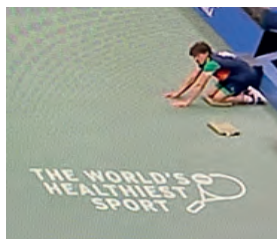


NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED.

IT'S YOUR TENNIS CLUB!

Tennis is a game for life. If you start early it gives you social opportunities for life.

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!



SPOTTED on the court
at the recent US Open final

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

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

Now booking for the New Year term starting January

Paul Hobday will be again offering coaching sessions on Friday evenings during the New Year

£126 for non members and £98 for members

First session 5.30-6.30pm Beginners / improvers / rusty rackets

Second session 6.30-7.30pm Improvers / advanced.

Contact: nmsheridan1@hotmail.com to book your slot .

JOIN IN OUR CLUB SOCIAL SESSIONS

Mixed Tuesday Evenings, 7-8.30pm, Ladies Weds 9.15-10.30am,

Club Saturday 3-5pm, Club Sunday 3-5pm (All Members only).

NOTE: Club matches take priority - check the calendar before arriving

Contact: gary@cublington.com and he'll add you to the relevant WhatsApp group.

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.

DON'T FORGET!

EVERY WEDNESDAY!

OCCASIONAL FOOD VANS

SEE CRIER WHAT'S ON DIARY
FOR FULL DETAILS



VILLAGE HALLS... DID YOU KNOW?

It has been estimated that there are some 10,000 village halls in the UK. It has also been estimated that UK contains some 6,000 villages. Just how these two estimates are to be reconciled with each other is unclear. If the purpose of a village hall is to serve as a meeting place for the local population and host a range of community-based events then some villages appear to be doubly blessed, if not actually a bit greedy.

Despite having a small population of around 330, Cublington may be one such village in that it has two buildings providing essential services, in the form of the Biggs Pavilion and the 'official' Village Hall on the Wing Road. The two institutions are separate but to a large extent complement each other. The purpose of this article is to draw attention to the wide range of activities carried on at the Village Hall following its recent 'renaissance'; it is not intended in any way to steal the thunder of the excellent Biggs Pavilion where many important events continue to take place and which we wholeheartedly support.

The building which now serves as the Village Hall was founded in 1872 as a National (Mixed) School for 60 children on land donated by the Biggs family and was governed by the Diocese of Oxford. Attendances seem to have averaged around 40 for much of the School's life. However early in the 20th century this number declined to around 15, leading to the eventual closure of the school in 1922. Anyone seeking more detail of this period in the building's history is directed to the County Record Office in Aylesbury where a two-volume Log Book has been preserved.

For most of the last century the building has operated as a conventional village hall apart from a recent period of use as a nursery for young children.

Most notably, the Hall has hosted the traditional Cublington panto each year. As such the building has borne witness to dramatic performances of such searing intensity that one wonders whether, as with many of London's great theatres, the lingering emotional energy might lead to eerie visitations by the unhappy spirits of Cublington's

finest thespians of bygone days. Perhaps fortunately, there is not a single scrap of evidence that would support this notion; any 'bumping' sounds that concerned pedestrians might hear as they pass by on dark nights are more likely attributable to Gwyneira Waters, the tireless Chair of the present Hall committee, wrestling with an awkward vacuum attachment in her quest to keep the Hall sparklingly clean or rearranging the furniture for the following day's activities.

The list of village groups availing themselves of the facilities of the Hall, following its substantial redecoration and updating over the past two years, continues to grow. **Regular users include an Art group, a Chess club, a Book club, Tai Chi and Yoga groups and a local band. There is a monthly 'byte and brew' session,** designed to help villagers to experience more fully the joys of information technology. **The main regular social occasion is perhaps 'Wine Down evening'** (bring your own booze, mingle a little and achieve a happy state in which you temporarily forget about the continuing closure of the Unicorn) but this year has also seen **two elegant cream teas** (worthy of the Ritz but at a fraction of the price), **several 'Ladies' Lunches', events celebrating the 80th anniversaries of both VE Day and VJ Day** and various evenings dedicated to the consumption of fish and chips or curry. Another **Christmas Fair** is scheduled for the end of this month. There surely cannot have been a time in the history of the Hall in which the interior has looked better or in which it has hosted a wider range of activities for the benefit of the local community. The courtyard at the rear of the building has also been tidied up – the rotten fencing around the oil tank has been replaced, there are several smart new wrought iron tables and chairs and flowers have been planted in what was a bed of weeds. All this is testament to the energy and vision of Gwyneira and her band of enthusiastic helpers whom I will not embarrass by naming – but they, like many of the Crier's readers, know who they are!

When one factors in the many activities carried on at the Biggs Pavilion, Cublington can certainly consider itself 'doubly blessed'.



PARISH NEWS

Main Contact :
cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 16th September 2025 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr G Antosiewicz (Chair)

Cllr H Vale

Cllr M Reilly

Cllr M Waters

Cllr Shults

Cllr Kathy Gibbon Bucks Unitary Councillor

(for item 4)

Cllr Julie Ward Unitary Councillors (for item 4)

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk) and one member of the public

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th July 2025 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Reports

Buckinghamshire Council will be publishing its Local Plan for consultation.

A discussion took place about the quality of the recent work conducted on Dunton Road. It was asked when the failed road on the Wing Road will be repaired. The Unitary Councillors to clarify the approach to how potholes are repaired as it was felt the current approach appears to duplicate work and is inefficient.

A query was raised as to how many pitches were required for gypsy and traveller sites in Buckinghamshire.

It had been discovered there was an application for a Environment permit to operate Biomass boiler at Wing Complex (this is alongside the chicken farm) to burn poultry manure and wood waste. The clerk had been in contact with Wing PC who were objecting to the permit. We had not been notified of the application nor invited to make any comments. Details of the application are on the Buckinghamshire Council website. Clerk to submit an objection.

Planning Applications can now be 'called in' by Parish Councils.

The new regional community board has its first meeting Thursday 18th September at Bierton village hall.

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting.

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st July to 31st August 2025:

30/7/25 SSE Energy - Electricity	£55.34
7/8/25 PAYE – Monthly PAYE July	£53.00
7/8/25 Autela Payroll Payroll costs	£84.00
7/8/25 McAfee – antivirus software	£89.99
7/8/25 Clerk salary - July	£211.55
26/8/25 Bucks Council – election costs	£107.00
26/8/25 Mainly Mowing – mowing and tree clearing.	£215.00
31/8/25 PAYE – monthly PAYE August	£52.80
31/8/25 Clerk Salary – August	£211.75
31/8/25 SSE – electricity	£57.19

5.2 To consider the accounting statement to 31st August 2025

M Joy presented the accounts to 31st August 2025 and forecast of the year ending 31st March 2026. There was a deficit of £4,664.41 for the period to 31st August 2025 and a surplus is forecast to 31st March 2026 of £882 .

The cash balance on 31st August 2025 was £16,688.

6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report

The fortnightly drinks evenings are well attended and now expanded into food fortnightly. North Field volunteers are meeting up fortnightly to complete maintenance work. There is a grant application to Fairview for container and mower for up to £10,000 and a grant application to the Tree Council for black poplar trees.

6.1 New Charity and lease

The charity constitution was circulated prior to the meeting with amendments from the Charity Commission. It was acknowledged the establishment of a charity will generate more administration.

The charity is being set up to ease grant applications and to be a vehicle to receive the Orchard Ground/ North Field asset should the parish council cease to exist. The draft lease between the parish council and the charity is ready to be signed once the Charity is formed.

A memorandum of understanding should be prepared for the tennis club to reflect the MU with the cricket club.

7. Planning Permissions

7.1 24/02039/APP- Ridings Cottage

Ridings Way Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7

0LW Erection of one new dwelling –

amendment to original plans – objection as set out on previous plans.

7.2 PL/25/3062/KA Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area Yew Tree House , Aston Abbots Road, Cublington, Buckinghamshire, LU7 0LF – no objection

7.3 PL/25/3520/KA 10 September 2025 Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area Mead Cottage , High Street, Cublington, - no objection

8. Village Matters

8.1 Traffic – calming.

Speedwatch Continued activity . There were four new volunteers. Traffic Calming a transport consultant approached us to assist in the review of traffic calming. The feasibility report from Bucks Highways is ready to be published but we have delayed it to enable us to put forward the points from our consultant.

8.2 Granite sculpture

Cllr Reilly presented design drawings for the memorial to Orchard Ground Committee. Samples were being prepared by Quartz Worktop Company. There will installation costs which need to be determined.

8.3 Appointment of Clerk

There had been no enquiries concerning the clerk's job which was published in the Crier. We shall advertise in the adjoining village newsletters and contact Bucks Association of local councils.

8.4 Thames Water

The pipes have been inspected and cleaned. A full survey has been conducted which showed no defects. This matter was first raised in February and finalised on 28th August. Clerk still trying to pursue a maintenance programme with TW.

8.5 Best Kept Village

Cublington has won the Gurney Cup, and the presentation will be held on Saturday 20th September at the Village Hall. Our previous Unitary Councillors have been invited to the presentation to thank them for all the support they have given us.

8.6 Village Fete Donation

The Village Fete Committee has kindly donated £300 to the Parish Council – the money has been put towards the new waste bins.

The next meeting of the

Parish Council will take place on Tuesday

11th November 2025 at 7.30pm at the

Village Hall.



Carol Service

Sunday, 21st December, 4.00pm



**If anyone would like a pdf copy of the
"Cublington remembers" pullout
published in November 2018, please email
me at info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk**



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

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

1st and 15th November

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: 07973751756



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

A poster for Cublington Village Hall Hire Charges for 2025/26. It features a yellow background with a string of bunting at the top left and a circular logo with a brick wall pattern and the text 'CUBLINGTON VILLAGE HALL' at the top right. The title 'Hire Charges 2025/26' is in a large, brown, cursive font. Below it is a table with hire charges for residents and non-residents. At the bottom, there is contact information and a website link.

	Residents	Non Residents
Meetings/Classes (per hour)	£10	£12
Regular Groups (up to 3 hours)	£18	£22
Functions/Parties (up to 6 Hours)	£55	£80

For more information or to arrange a viewing contact cublingtonvillagehall@gmail.com or call 07515 398111

Check availability and book online at www.hallbookingonline.com/cublington

CHRISTINGLE



**Christingle Service at Cublington
Church 9 a.m.**

**Sunday 7th December. Come along,
All welcome.**



WEEKLY BIN COLLECTIONS

Richard Burford has kindly agreed to publish weekly Bin collection data on the Cublington Life WhatsApp Group.

Watch out for it every Tuesday evening...

Thanks Richard

*Remember to put your bins out by 6.30am on the collection day,
preferably the night before! Wednesdays is our day, Thursday if it follows a Bank Holiday
Batteries and ink cartridges can be left out in a separate bag every week.*

SLOE GIN COMPETITION DETAILS

including categories and date
COMING NEXT MONTH

SLOE *Gin*

RECIPE - this is so simple!

500g ripe sloes (Right now they're perfect!)

250g golden caster sugar

1 litre gin

Step 1

Rinse and pick over the sloes, then pat dry in a clean tea towel. **Either** Using a stainless steel fork or cocktail stick, prick the sloes and tip into a 2-litre glass jar, or divide between two smaller jars. **Alternatively** freeze on a tray after washing, this negates the need to prick each berry. Then place in jars as above.

Step 2

Add the sugar and gin, then seal the jar. Shake well. Once a day for seven days, give the jar a good shake. Store the jar in a cool, dark place and leave for two to three months.

Step 3

Line a plastic sieve with a square of muslin set over a bowl and strain the sloe gin through it. Decant into clean, dry bottles, then seal and label. The sloe gin is now ready to drink but it'll improve and mature over time – so, if possible, make it one year to drink the next.

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

Darcey Sheriden
07387 996828



* School or Uni holidays only

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

THE CUBLINGTON CRIER



Greetings Exchange pages

Please get your Christmas Greetings to the
Crier by the 15th November for inclusion in
the December issue.

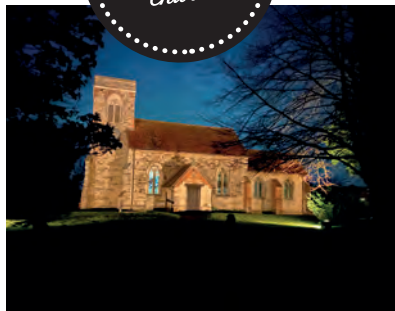


Email or handwrite and drop off to
Gary at 18 Ridings Way.

All we ask is you donate a sum to charity
that you would have spent on cards and postage!
Thanks!



When the floodlights are off, villagers may notice a glow from within the church...no, not on fire, but we are leaving the tower light on, it makes the building look alive and loved. Sponsored by the Alexanders



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR THE CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS? IN MEMORIAM • IN REMEMBRANCE • 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. *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.*

Thank you

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH LIGHTS SPONSORS

The church floodlights this month are sponsored by Gwyneira & Martyn in loving memory of Gwyneira's father & step mother, Viv & Jean Corbin."

also

"The church floodlighting in November is also sponsored by Gillian and Jan Antosiewicz to celebrate the marriage of their daughter Helena to Olly on 18th October. Congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Rowsell!"

Church Services for November



	Service	Taken by	OT/NT readings	Reader	Gospel and Coffee Reader	prayers
1st	Theological Breakfast		At Rectory Cottage, 9,30am		All Welcome	
2	First Sunday	Annie	Martyn		Gillian	Jane
9	11am	Dom	Sally		Diane	
16	LayLed	Jane&Michael	Peter		Gina	
23	11am	Dom	Helen		Julie	
10am**	30th BENEFICE SERVICE HERE***					

Theological Breakfast (an informal chat group, held monthly, all welcome, breakfast provided, 1st Saturday of each month) at Rectory Cottage

Remembrance Service on 9th of November.

***Benefice Service on 5th Sunday (30th) of November.** we are the hosts, so will need extra cake and biscuits!

Thanks to everyone who sent donations of craft material and for the local junior school in Vaalwater, South Africa. There will be some gifts made by the ladies for sale at the Christmas Market, including giraffes made by Emmie

QUICK QUIZ

1. There is a word in the English language in which the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four signify a great man, and the whole word, a great woman. What is the word?
2. You're escaping a labyrinth, and there are three exits. Exit A leads to an inferno. Exit B leads to an assassin. Exit C leads to a lion that hasn't eaten in 3 years. Which exit do you pick?
3. Turn me on my side, and I am everything. Cut me in half, and I am nothing. What am I?
4. First, I am dried, then I am wet. The longer I swim, the more taste you get. What am I?
5. Guess the next three letters in the series GTNTL.

RECIPE

Bangers, Mash & Savoy Cabbage

Fresh for...
November
5th

Ingredients

- 50g butter
- 1 onion, diced
- 500g floury potatoes (e.g. Maris Piper), diced
- 600ml chicken stock
- 200g savoy cabbage, cored and finely shredded
- 24 cocktail sausages
- 100g cream cheese
- To garnish:
 - 4 tablespoons fresh pesto

Cooking time	Serves
45 minutes	4

- ◆ Melt half the butter in a saucepan, add the onion and potatoes, then cover and cook for 10 minutes, without browning.
- ◆ Add the stock, then simmer for a further 20 minutes, until the potatoes are soft.
- ◆ Meanwhile, heat the remaining butter in a separate saucepan, add the cabbage and 2 tablespoons of water, cover and cook for 5-10 minutes, or until just tender. Season to taste.
- ◆ Fry the sausages until cooked and golden brown.
- ◆ Add the cream cheese to the soup, then blend until smooth.
- ◆ Reheat the soup, season to taste, then serve topped with the cabbage, sausages and a drizzle of pesto.

QUIZ Answers...

1. Heroine 2. Exit C. If a lion hasn't eaten in 3 years, it has definitely starved to death. 3. The number 8. 4. Tea 5. I, T, S. The complete sequence is the first letter of every word in the sentence.



The Festival of Christ the King

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Matthew 25:31-33

This is the ominous start to a passage in the bible known as the 'Parable of the sheep and the goats' which was told by Jesus and sometimes read on the last Sunday of November before Advent when we start to prepare for Christmas.

Most of the festivals we celebrate in church throughout the year are very ancient. From the earliest days Christians would have remembered the events of Good Friday and Easter around the time of the Jewish Passover every year. And if you listen to podcasts I would recommend "Christmas: Pagan or Christian" from The Rest is History series with Tom Holland and Dominic Sandbrook. Their conclusions might surprise you! But one major Christian festival that is only 100 years old will happen on Sunday 23rd November this year. This is the Feast of Christ the King. It is observed by many Christian denominations including Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans and Anglicans but it was only started in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. Some pictures and icons of Jesus as King can feel a bit intimidating a domineering. But this festival is actually a warning to the powers of domination and control.

Three years after Mussolini's fascist government took the reigns of power in Italy and a year after Stalin consolidated his grip over the Soviet Union, the Feast of Christ the King was, in part, an answer to the rise of authoritarian and ultranationalist political leaders. Despite the apocalyptic language of the parable of the sheep and the goats we find out that what the returned King, Jesus, is interested in is showing love and care to those most in need. King Jesus reminds us to love our neighbours as ourselves. One hundred years on in an age of increasingly febrile politics, at home and abroad, the festival of Christ the King seems as relevant as ever. The parable continues...

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:34-36

Rev'd Dom

Cottesloe Benefice Team



St Nicholas Church November Newsletter

The arrival of November and the last weeks of 2025 means that everyone is likely to be well on their way with plans for celebrating coming together for Christmas. On these darker evenings we appreciate the welcome glow of the new lights illuminating St Nicholas in the centre of our village.

Many thanks to everyone who has donated and requested they are lit in celebration of an event or in memory of someone throughout the year to enable them to continue to cheer us all.

Our Benefice team is now complete with both Rev Dom and our new Team Vicar, Rev Will Tupman taking services in Cublington on alternative months.

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Harvest Festival. There were many lovely donations of bakes and produce which were auctioned after the Harvest Supper. We are very appreciative of everyone who donated and bid and just over £400 was raised.

There is a planned In Memoriam service at St Nicholas church on Sunday 2nd November at 6pm.

Everyone is welcome but particularly those who have lost a loved one during the last year. The service is open to anyone from across the Benefice who would like to come together to remember family or friends.

Future dates for the diary in December are 7th December 9am for a Christingle service and 21st December 4pm for our Carol Service. You are all welcome so please support these annual services which are part of the build up to Christmas celebrations.



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.




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71 Leighton Road
Wing
LU7 0NN

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SOULBURY FIREWORKS

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
AT THE MILLENNIUM GREEN WITH
BBO & BAR

6:00 GATES OPEN
7:00 BONFIRE
7:15 FIREWORKS

Tickets £8 on Ticket source OR £10 on door
Under 16s go FREE



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/electricians/ 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



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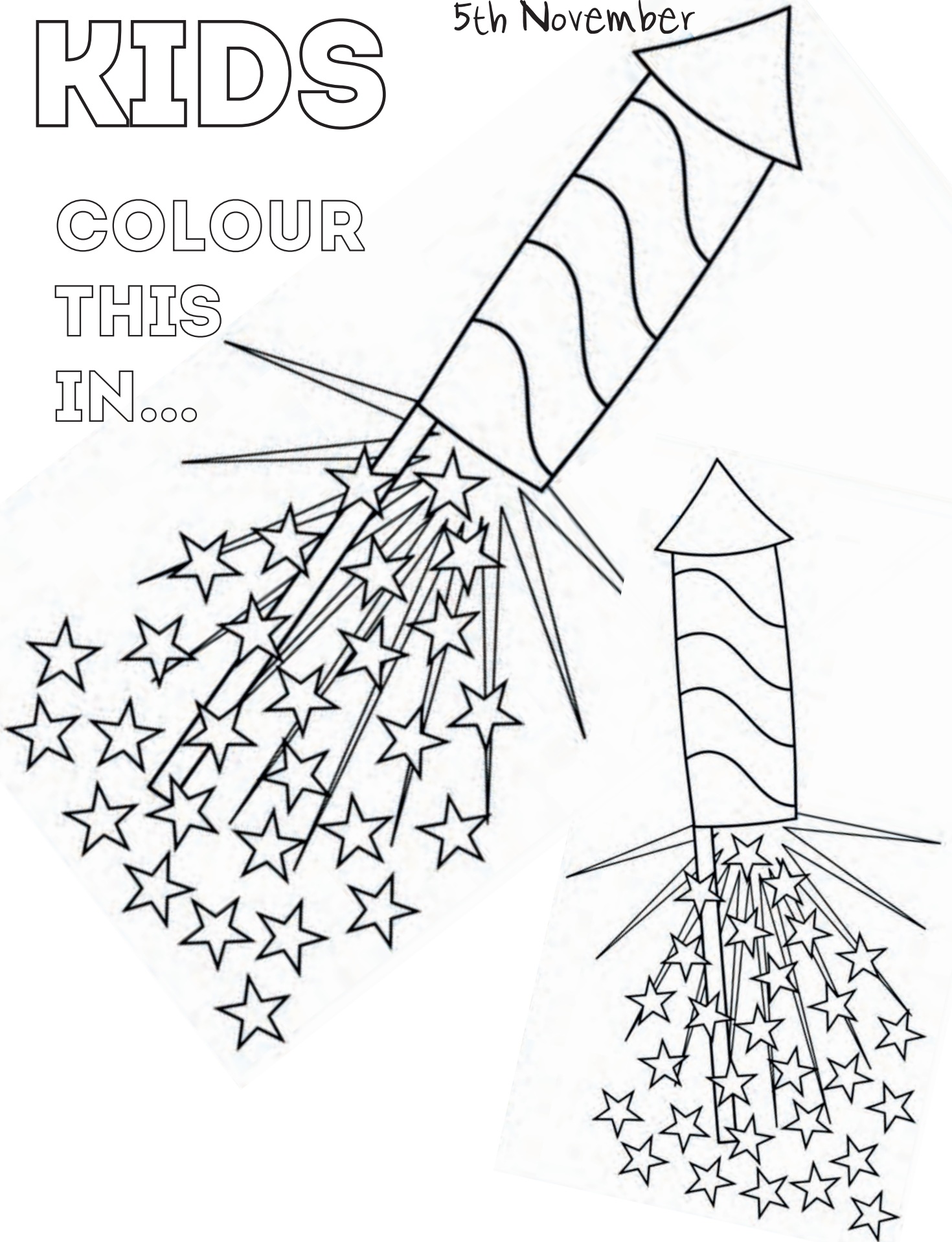


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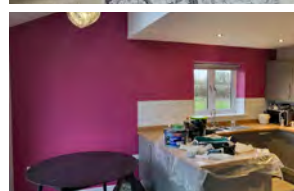
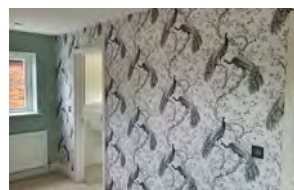
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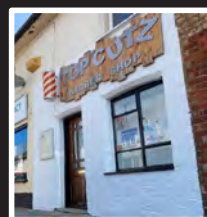
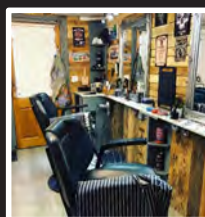
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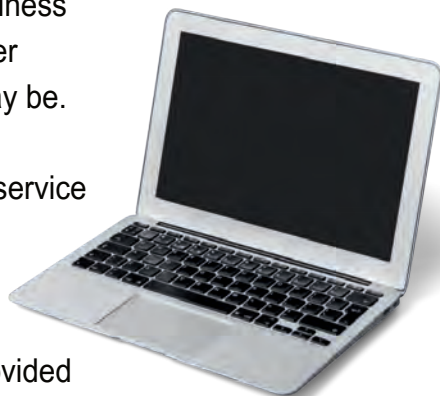
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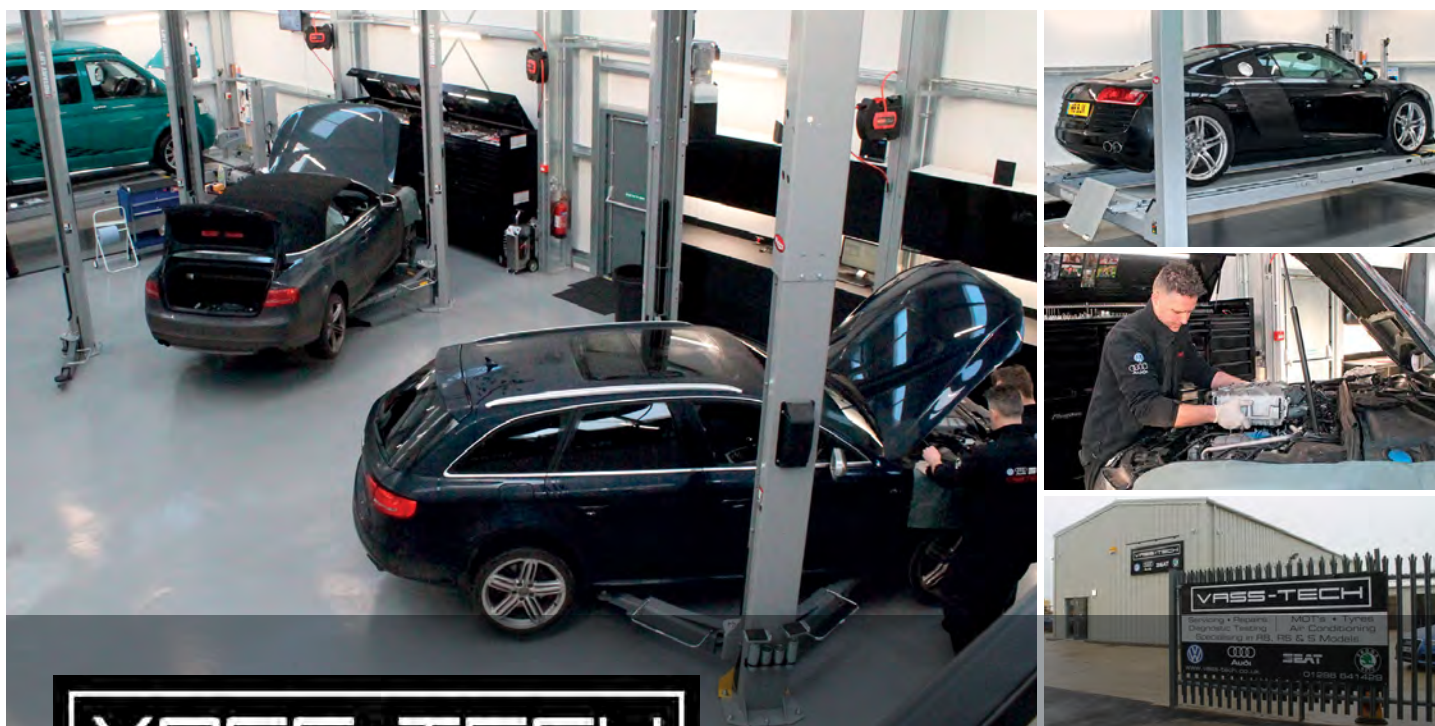
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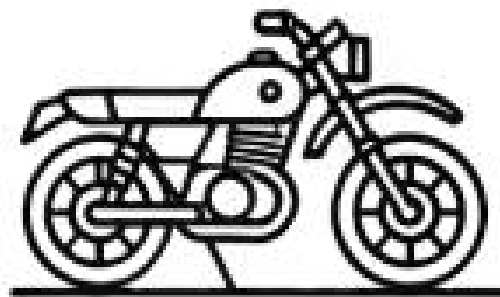
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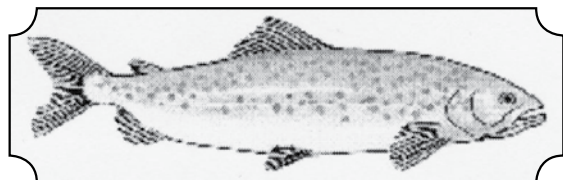
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Opposite is just a small sample of the brilliant work on show at the popular fifth annual Cublington Art Show... if you didn't come along to see it all you really missed a treat! Make sure you come along next year! October 10th and 11th if you want to pop it in your diary. With grateful thanks to all who visited, those who donated cakes and raffle prizes.

Here are just some of the amazing comments received...

From all the proceeds over the weekend, the exhibition committee has met and decided to donate funds the following to village facilities:

£100 to each of the Village Hall, North Field and Friends of St Nicholas, with a further £150 to Orchard Ground for the Biggs Pavilion.

Is there anyone else out there who might be interested in exhibiting?

Email me at info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk if so.

*Wonderful artwork on display. What a talented and creative village. **Matt B.***

*What a pleasure to see what Cublington artists are producing. beautiful and inspirational. **Jean B.***

*Thoroughly enjoyed seeing such talent. **Joyce R.***

*Beautiful work everyone. **Amy M.***

*Some amazing pieces and installations on show - what a delight! **The Wright Family***

*We can't believe how much talent there is! Wow - what wonderful work, we've so enjoyed seeing everything displayed. **Ann & Anwa***

*Really enjoyed the exhibition. Better and better every year. **Bob & Liz***

*Cublington is abound with such wonderful talent. A pure joy to look around. **Trisha B.***

I loved seeing all the art. Everyone is so creative. I LOVED Cubelington and all the pottery.

*Cublington Artists Rule!
Great show! Congratulations to all. **Philip.***



100 CLUB 2025/26

£1800 in prize money this year

In 2024 ticket prices for the draws were increased to £15 a ticket (the first increase for 25+ years) and **monthly prizes increased to £60 - £50 - £40 and £20 each month, with a special £100 bonus prize at Christmas.**

If you want to buy a ticket online for **the next set of ten draws starting in May 2026** please contact me direct at bobbaine2002@hotmail.com or call me on 01296 680483 and we will organise it. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Bob & the Orchard Ground Committee.



WINNING

PRIZE DRAWS 2025

October

1st Prize - £60 - Harriet Knights.

2nd Prize - £50 - Gill Uden.

3rd Prize - £40 - Charlie Powell.

4th Prize - £20 - Gary Brazier.

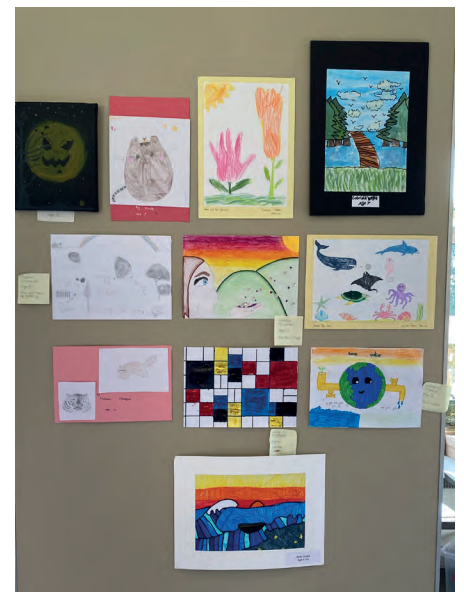
THE ARTISTS of Cullington



COMPETITION FOR

THE Young ARTISTS of Cullington

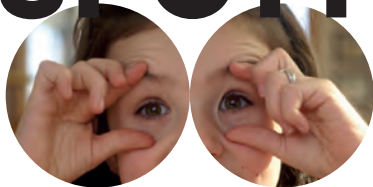
We had eleven brilliant entries this year and the winner once again on the votes cast was Gabrielle Wright Aged 7, Well done to all who took part, each receiving art equipment as prizes.



Don't forget, if you want to see all 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.cullington.com website.

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.

Send to gary@cublingtoncrier.co.uk **THANKS**

Helena Antosiewicz

Walking up Ridings Way on her wedding day, October 18th, to Olly Rowsell.



Spotted >

A new cone appeared on the High Street at the pinch. (Never heard it called that before-Ed) What are the odds of it surviving until the next Crier is published? **Still there as I write this. Ed**

Spotted >

This month's Crier editor, Richard Thornely, on a recent walk in the highlands, spotted two unusual phenomena. A Brocken Spectre, and a full cloud inversion over Glen Etive



Spotted

New church gates funded by the Friends of St Nicholas were blessed with Holy water this morning (Sunday 26th) by the new vicar Will.



Spotted

New traffic calming measures installed near the Nob. If they have some effect they are very welcome.



Spotted

Dead adder down by the ford. No match for a modern car!