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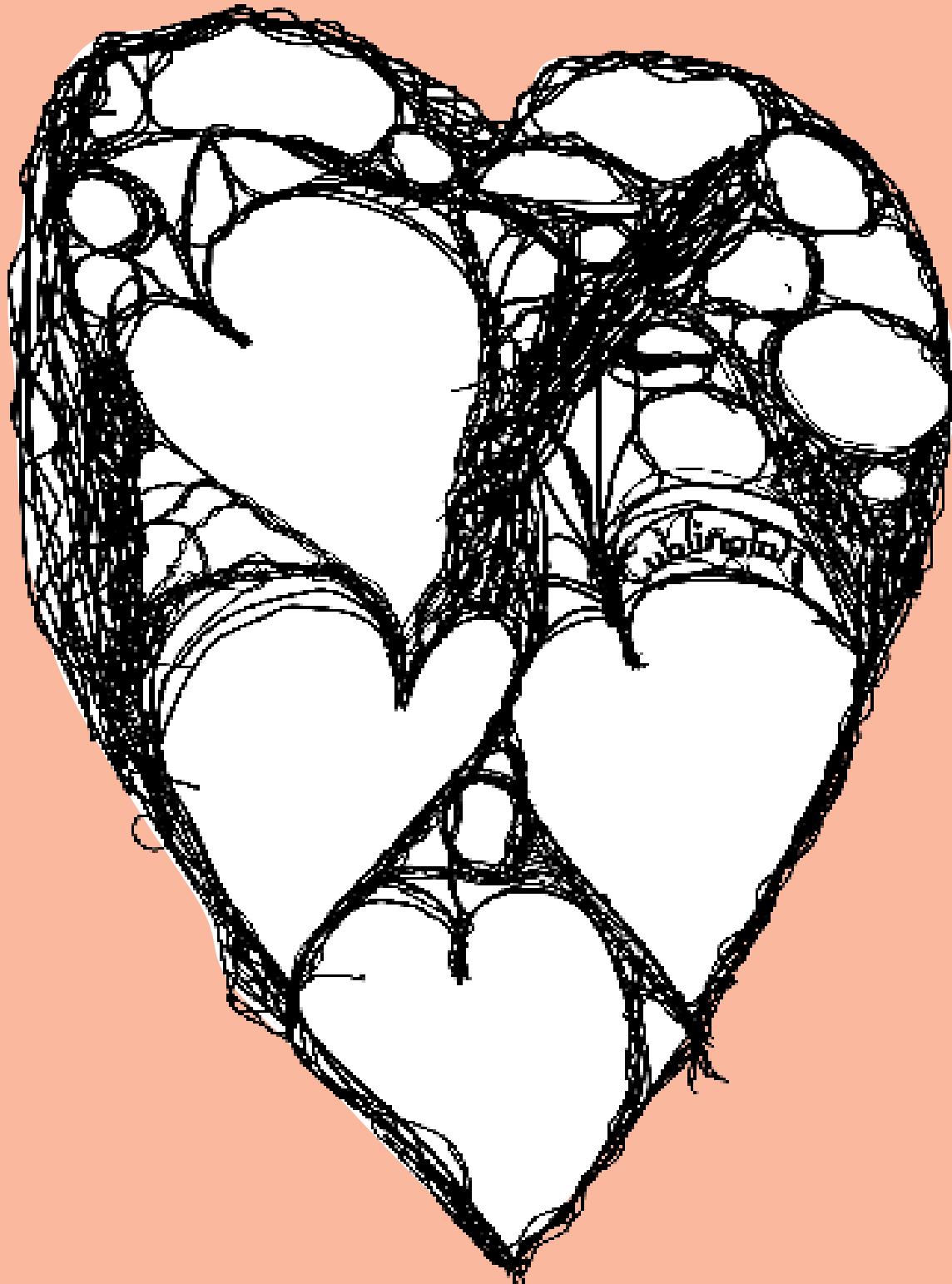
THE CUBLINGTON CRIER

Keeping you up to date on village life, news and events since 1984



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The Cublington Crier, articles to 18 Ridings Way please or info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk Editorial & Advertising: 01296 688548

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**

Spotted

Kevin Shults standing in the middle of the High Street photographing potholes! A new hobby of yours?

All potholes please report to FixMyStreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk



Spotted

A collapsed sleeper bridge down by the stream. Regular dog walkers will know where it is. Beware as it's also slippery.



Spotted

The second time I've posted a picture here. Inconsiderate and lazy vans turning round down at Ridings Cottage... and just driving down the verge! WHY? PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR DRIVERS TO KEEP OFF THE VERGES! UNNECESSARY

Spotted

The first daffodils out at Yew tree House in full flower during the second week of January. Bonkers.



Spotted

North Field volunteers enjoying coffee and a bacon roll after their efforts on Saturday morning.



Spotted

A badly corroded and potentially dangerous footpath signpost in need of replacing in Silver Street, Is this also done through Fix my street?



Spotted

Well they've been but not done a very good job. This one outside the pub won't last five minutes... till the next time it rains! Dreadful workmanship!

PS the cone has gone missing now!



Spotted

Cubby made it all the way to Iceland last week! The country not the store!



Spotted

The pond almost overflowing after the recent rains!



Spotted

Lots of new solar panels down Silver Street - we must be one of the greenest/ eco friendliest villages!

Spotted

BTW. Nice to see the pub lights on occasionally on these dark winter nights.



Editorial

Welcome to February, the shortest month of the year, a month of love, romance, and the promise of Spring. Our third month of winter, with longer warmer days just around the corner.

Happy Valentines day.

Maybe we will get the chance to toast all in our village pub this year.

*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of being and ideal grace.
I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.*

Sonnet 43 by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Charlie Toosey

**March Crier
deadline is
15th February**

MARCH EDITORS: Julie & Doug

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Panto!!

it's that time of year again - Oh no it isn't! (we hear you cry)

Tickets are on sale from the 1st of the month and you don't want to miss it. One of the highlights of the Cublington calendar!

Oops!

No one seems to have spotted the huge error in the last Crier. Not the proof reader, nor the printer. Maybe I'll just keep quiet then, as if it didn't happen.

Answers on a postcard to:

Allotment?

If you are a Cublington resident and fancy growing your own vegetables then you may need an allotment. If interested please contact Maggie on maggie@margaretbrandon.plus.com

Sorry to hear

Jane lost another horse very suddenly recently. Condolences from us all.

The Crier in full colour!

As we are funded through advertising and the occasional donation, we can only afford to print the outer four pages in colour.

We are aware that many of the articles benefit from being seen in full colour. That's why every month, if we remember, we also upload a colour pdf version to the Cublington.com village website.

Have a look! *Ed*

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

The Crier online...

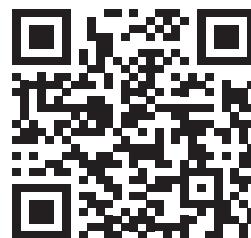
is now on
Cublington.com



Four grumpy old men... they don't look very happy do they?! What is going on?
See article inside...

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.



**SAVE
OUR
PUB**

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 Crier Guest Editorial Rota

2026...

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 - could it be you?!
March - could it be you?!

Please book your slot! Now booking 2027 and 2028 (yes really!) - so absolutely plenty of time to think about your content! Many Thanks.

April - Trish Bundock
May - ?
June - ?
Summer ?
Sept ?
Oct ?
Nov ?
Dec ?

2028...

To be a 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

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WHY NOT TRY YOUR SKILL AT THE CUBLINGTON CHESS CLUB?!

We meet bi-weekly on a Monday from 4-6pm in the village hall
and a small charge is requested to cover the hire.

Next meetings 2nd, 16th February, 2nd, 16th, 30th March

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

DON'T FORGET!

**EVERY
WEDNESDAY!**

**+ OCCASIONAL
FOOD VANS**

SEE CRIER WHAT'S ON DIARY
FOR FULL DETAILS



You are invited to the Community
Weekly Wine Down
Bring your own drinks!

£3 donation appreciated

Wednesday Evenings
5.30pm - 7.30pm

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.

WHERE IN THE WORLD? TIM'S FIENDISH FLYING PHOTOS



Clue this month... a city by a mighty river



Where is this in the world?

Last month's answer was Cairo!

No correct answers this month.

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.

MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES

February

Friday 6th The Biggs Pavilion 6pm + *Wesley Artisan pizza*

Friday 20th drinks only. The Biggs Pavilion 6pm Open until late for Panto audience and cast

Saturday 21st drinks only. Special opening for drinks after Panto

March

Friday 5th 6pm + Roast wrap food van

Friday 20th 6pm + FOOD tbc

Please contact Jackie 07968 672707 for more information.

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



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

THE CUBLINGTON CALENDAR

You'll always find something to do in Cublington!



February 26

Monday 2nd Chatty Cafe The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

Monday 2nd Art Group Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

Monday 2nd Chess Club Village Hall 4-6pm

Wednesday 4th Tai Chi Village Hall 9.45am -10.45am

Wednesday 4th Tai Chi Village Hall 11am -12pm

Wednesday 4th Wine Down Village Hall 5.30-7.30pm

Wednesday 4th Winos 7.30 hosted by Roger and Sue Biggs Pavilion

Friday 6th Orchard pop up pub The Biggs Pavilion 6pm + **Wesley Artisan pizza**

- menu will be sent round nearer the time via village WhatsApp group to order in advance

Monday 9th Art Group Biggs Pavilion 1.45-3.45pm

Tuesday 10th Village Meet up Village lunch Biggs Pavilion 1pm menus posted on WhatsApp group

Monday 16th Art Group Biggs Pavilion 1.45-3.45pm

Monday 16th Chess Club Biggs Pavilion 4-6pm

Wednesday 18th Tai Chi Biggs Pavilion 9.45am -10.45am

Wednesday 18th Tai Chi Biggs Pavilion 11am -12pm

Thursday 19th Pantomime Village Hall 7.30pm

Friday 20th Pantomime Village Hall 7.30pm

Friday 20th Orchard pop up pub drinks only. The Biggs Pavilion 6pm

Open until late for Panto audience and cast

Saturday 21st Pantomime Village Hall Matinee - 2.00pm Panto 8.00pm

Saturday 21st Orchard pop up pub special opening for drinks after Panto

Sunday 22nd Panto Village lunch Biggs Pavilion 1pm Tickets required

Monday 23rd Art Group Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

Wednesday 25th Tai Chi Village Hall 9.45am -10.45am

Wednesday 25th Tai Chi Village Hall 11am -12pm

Wednesday 25th Wine Down Village Hall 5.30-7.30pm

March 26

Monday 2nd Chatty Cafe The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

Monday 2nd Art Group Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

Monday 2nd Chess Club Village Hall 4-6pm

Friday 6th March Orchard pop up pub The Biggs Pavilion 6pm **Roast wrap food van**

Tuesday 10th Village Meet up Village lunch Biggs Pavilion 1pm menus posted on WhatsApp group

Wednesday 11th Wine Down Village Hall 5.30-7.30pm

Wednesday 18th Wine Down Village Hall 5.30-7.30pm

Friday 20th March - Orchard pop up pub The Biggs Pavilion 6pm catering tbc

Wednesday 25th Wine Down Village Hall 5.30-7.30pm

Monday 30th Tennis Club AGM The Biggs Pavilion 7.30pm

April 26

Wednesday 1st Cublington Winos 7.15pm Biggs Pavilion

Monday 6th Chatty Cafe The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

Monday 6th Art Group Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

Friday 10th Trivia Quiz The Biggs Pavilion Teams of six. Details to follow

Saturday 25th Ukelele Concert St Nicholas church

May 26

Monday 4th Chatty Cafe The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

Monday 4th Art Group Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

June 26

Monday 1st Chatty Cafe The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

Wednesday 3rd Cublington Winos 7.15pm Biggs Pavilion

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.



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

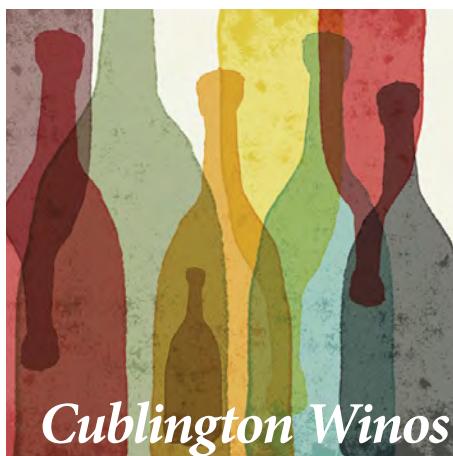
A refundable deposit of £25 is required at time of booking. Deposit will be returned if no costs are incurred with regard to cleanliness or damage to property/fixtures or fittings.

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!



The next Cublington Wine Appreciation Society (aka The Winos) meeting is on **Wednesday 4th February** in the Biggs Pavilion. Sue and Roger hosting.

Contact Jackie 07968 672707 for more information.

Cublington wine appreciation society enjoyed a variety of food together with a great selection of wines at our recent Christmas get together. Honest! :)



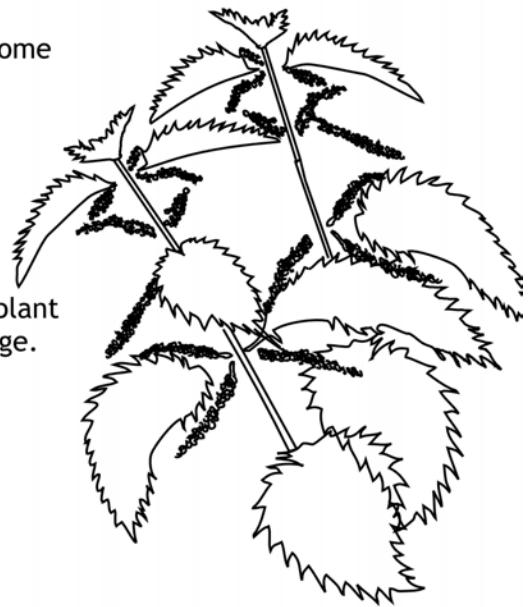
Foraging in Cublington

I have avoided the parsley family - (Cow Parsley, Alexander...) as these can be difficult to distinguish from other poisonous plants in Cublington.

When foraging, only pick what you know to be edible and leave some for others, allowing for regrowth.



Chickweed is often overlooked, delicious in salads and full of vitamins. A low growing green plant on the side of paths in the village.



Dandelion - Nice in salads. Use the leaves, flowers and roasted roots.



Nettles - A superfood, young shoots in spring can be fried as asparagus or the leaves made into pesto, soups and tea. In the autumn the female seeds can be toasted and added to salads.

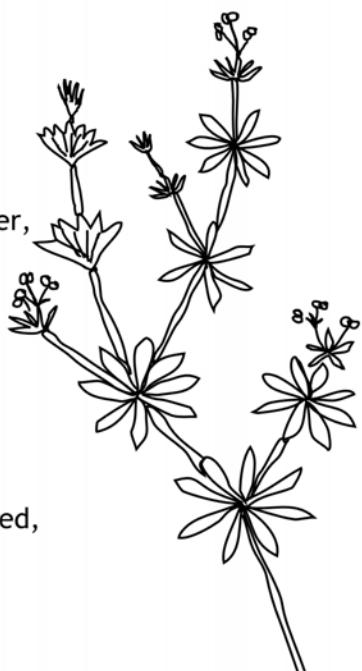
Sheep Sorrel
Identified by the little teeth at the base of the leaf, it grows in fields of grass.

One of my favourite wild herb, which is great in salads and high in vitamins. It can be found just over the river, across the wooden bridge, the undulating field called Devils Ground is full of it.



Sticky Willy, Goosegrass or Cleaver, another superfood. Great for Pesto. Leave overnight in the fridge in fresh water and use as a tonic drink. Found around the cricket ground and in the North Field hedgerow.

It is a member of the coffee family and the seeds, when toasted, are a coffee alternative (includes a little caffeine!).





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!

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



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

Term started January 16th for 10 weeks PLACES AVAILABLE

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

£90 for non members and £70 for members

One session 5.30-7pm Beginners / rusty rackets / 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.

**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

**14th February; 28th February;
14th March and 28th March.**



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

We've had two deliveries of chipped bark from village residents who were having some tree work. This chipped bark is a great help in providing material to top up the mulch around our trees and is being used on very wet areas of the footpaths. If you're having sometime work done and don't want to keep the bark chippings, give me a call if there is an opportunity for any chipped bark to be delivered to North Field; most contractors are very happy to tip this locally rather than transport it away.

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





Hire Charges 2025/26

	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

STEWKLEY PLAYERS PRESENTS

25TH - 28TH MARCH 2026

**8PM STEWKLEY VILLAGE HALL
(DOORS OPEN & LICENSED BAR FROM 7.30PM)**



MIDSUMMER/JERSEY IS THE HILARIOUS HIGH-OCTANE RE-TELLING OF SHAKESPEARE'S A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM SET ON THE BOARDWALK OF A SEASIDE TOWN IN MODERN-DAY NEW JERSEY.

TICKETS ON SALE 2ND MARCH

ONLINE: TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/STEWKLEY-PLAYERS

PHONE: 0333 666 3366
£15.50 INCL BOOKING FEE

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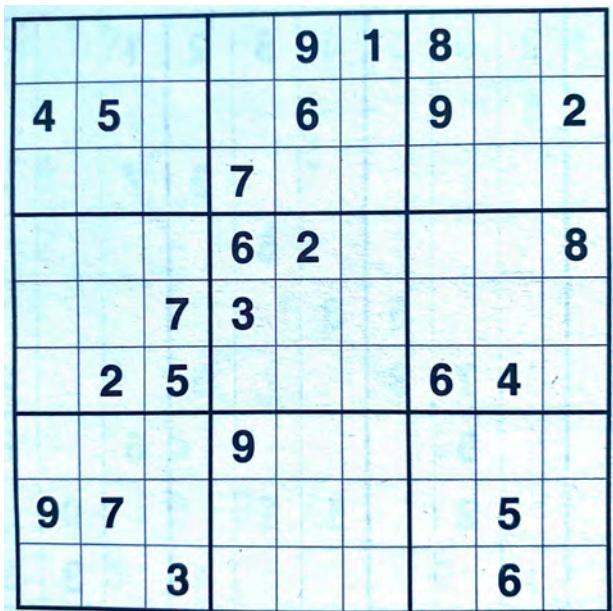


THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION OF "KEN LUDWIG'S MIDSUMMER/JERSEY" IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS LTD. ON BEHALF OF SAMUEL FRENCH LTD. WWW.CONCORDTHEATRICALS.CO.UK



SLOE *Gin* COMPETITION

Held on Saturday 31st January
Results will be published next month



*The chaser got this wrong. Do you know?
Answer at foot of page.*



Copyright The Chase

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.

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 Sheridan
07387 996828



* School or Uni holidays only

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

Chase Answer: Parsnip

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 lights are sponsored this month by Penny, Jack and Sam in celebration of Dennis's 70th Birthday. We send him lots of love and happiness from all the family"

Sarah George would also like to sponsor the lights as "she is celebrating life with gratitude on a significant birthday" in February.



Church Services for February

		Service	Taken by	OT/NT readings	Reader	Gospel and Coffee Reader	prayers
February	1st	First Sunday	Annie	Marty		Gillian	Jane
	7	Theological Breakfast	9.15am		At Rectory Cottage, 9.30am	All Welcome, theme is the Creed	
	8	HC	Will	Sally		Diane	
	15	LayLed	Jane&Michael	Peter		Gina	
	22	HC	Will	Helen		Julie	

Panto Village Lunch February 22nd Biggs Pavilion. Limited space, Tickets essential.

From the vicar



Walking through the Wilderness

It's not all that long since the Church celebrated Christmas, when we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, as a light shining in the darkness... and yet, it probably also feels like a very long time ago, so much having happened since then. This month, the Church begins its observation of Lent – the season when we remember the forty days and forty nights Jesus spent in the wilderness, without food or drink, leading into the time when we remember Jesus's death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Lent is traditionally a time of penitence, reflection and spiritual preparation. To remember how Jesus was tempted by the Devil, many people choose to abstain from various things they enjoy, such as chocolate, alcohol, social media, coffee, or tea. But many people choose to take something extra on during Lent – such as making time for extra reading, prayer, or going the extra mile to serve others.

Lent can be a challenging time. In the Bible, we read how when Jesus was in the wilderness, He was challenged and tempted by the Devil. Think of how hungry and thirsty Jesus will have been... oh, how much He might have loved to turn those stones into bread to eat... but, no. Christ did not give in. Christ did not give up... but the Devil did.

I think we can take from this a message of hope. Jesus never gave up, in all that He endured – from the wilderness to the cross. Jesus came through the wilderness. The Lord of Light and Love defeated the Devil, darkness and death at that first Easter, when Jesus died and rose from the dead, offering us the gift of eternal life with Him. And no matter whatever hardships we might sometimes find ourselves in along the way... never give up.

For most, Lent is a set period of forty days and forty nights, with a clear start and a clear end. But for many people, they find themselves trapped on a much longer walk through the wilderness... think of those who suffer from war, poverty, illness, or persecution. They have little or no choice – and for them, there is often no clear end in sight.

Lent is a time we are called to remember these people – and, if we have an opportunity, to bring them the light of Christ, in ways of love, service, a helping hand, and the Gospel.

What might you do for Lent... will you be giving up your favourite snack, or finally making some time to read that dust-covered book? As I write this, I still have yet to decide what I'll be doing for Lent. But whatever you do, I encourage you to spare a thought or a prayer for those who are on a longer walk through the wilderness – praying that they, and indeed the whole world, may know and experience God's hope, light, love, and peace.

Rev'd Will Lyon Tupman, Team Vicar



**What
they
say..**

"Great Chatty Café today - thanks to everyone who made cakes".

"It's a highlight of the month!"

"It's great that so many want to come".

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

Please join us at the next Chatty Café,
Monday, 2nd February at the Biggs Pavilion
between 10.00 and 11.30am



We hope to see you there.... Maggie and Sally

Cublington Oil Syndicate

Main Contact: Alison Head
cublingtonoil@gmail.com

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

We are aware that Alison now doesn't even have an oil fired boiler.... is there anyone willing to take on the Oil Syndicate in her place? Ed

Why not join the
Cublington Life
WhatsApp group

Now has 144 members!



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

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT DAY

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2026 11AM-1PM



COME AND MEET THE TEAM!

FIND OUT ABOUT THE MANY VOLUNTEERING ROLES AT YOUR LOCAL HERITAGE RAILWAY!

PLUS:

- Meet current volunteers
- Find out how you can help us, and how volunteering can help YOU!
- Bring a friend
- Our café will be open
- Free entry, no booking, just turn up!

VOLUNTEERING FOR US:

- 'Customer-facing' roles
- 'Behind the scenes' roles
- Weekends or weekdays
- As much/little as you like
- Come when you choose
- Make new friends!

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TEN Amazing body facts!

The human body contains enough fat to make 7 bars of soap.

Your nose can detect over 1 trillion scents.

Your eyes can distinguish about 10 million different colours.

Your bones are stronger than concrete. Ounce for ounce, they're tougher than steel too!

Your bones are constantly changing. Every 7-10 years, your skeleton is almost completely renewed.

You blink about 20 times a minute. That's over 10 million blinks a year — your eyes are busy!

Your brain generates enough electricity to power a small light bulb.

Your heart beats more than 3 billion times in your lifetime. That's a lot of love!

Your pinky finger does a lot of work. It provides 50% of your hand's strength!

You have about 100,000 miles of blood vessels. Enough to circle the Earth four times!

You have a unique tongue print. Just like fingerprints — no two are alike!

Seen at Stoke Mandeville Hospital

Orchard Ground & North Field

LATEST UPDATES

North Field Update

It's been a busy few weeks for the North Field volunteers using the donated chipped wood from the trees in the village that have been pollarded, had their canopies lifted or where hedges have been grub out and replanted. The latest source of wood chipping is from Kaiden who has been fundraising for a school trip, his latest enterprise was to take any Christmas trees from around Cublington and Aston Abbots for a modest fee. These were stored on North Field and chipped. North Field will use these particularly around some of the very muddy paths on the far side of the field. A donation has been made for Kaiden's school trip fund. North Field is very grateful for the donations of wood chip, if anyone is having some tree work done and doesn't want to keep the wood chip, ask the contractor if they can take it to North Field.

We have sixty tree and hedging whips arriving soon from the Woodland Trust, these are donated free to community groups, schools and small charities who have a woodland project. Some we will plant out on the field and in the hedgerows straight away, the rest will be planted in a nursery area for later use. One task this autumn has to move around 50 small trees out onto the main field and into the hedgerows; these had been planted 2-3 years ago as tree whips and provided a very useful resource.

We are exploring possible funding to refurbish the old pond that was in the far corner of North Field, the area is still very wet there with willow trees, several of which have fallen across where the old pond is. The plan is to put a new pond next to the old one, two water supplies have been identified including the water now being drained from the cricket pitch and outfield areas, this drainage work was completed in April of last year, funded by the Heart of Bucks Foundation and Orchard Ground

Dates for the North Field working groups for the new year are as follows.

All Saturdays 9.30am until 11.30/45ish

14th February; 28th February;

14th March and 28th March.

Please come along and have a chat to the volunteers to see what we are doing on North Field. It's a great way to meet new people if you've recently moved into the village. We have had several young people complete their Duke of Edinburgh Awards -



Community section by volunteering on North Field. Do come along for hot drinks and bacon rolls at 11.45am at the end of our work mornings.

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
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Bob & the Orchard Ground Committee.

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Thank you.



1st - £688.80 - Sarah George.
2nd - £391.04 - Gwyneira Waters.
3rd - £306.16 - Martyn Waters.

Nearly £1600 has been raised by the other 44 villagers so thank you all very, very much!

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THE UNICORN PUB IS STILL CLOSED

Whilst the village hall committee arranged weekly social get togethers with their 'Wine Down' events on Wednesday evenings at the Village Hall with monthly pizza evenings, and Orchard Ground arrange fortnightly 'Orchard' events at the Pavilion with regular food vendors, the village is still very much missing its pub. We've heard of various gatherings of people meeting in some rather odd places to catch up with friends, to have a drink and to huddle together to keep warm as there is no option to visit the pub and get warm by one of their log fires. The picture here shows 'men of a certain age' gathering in an outbuilding in the village, to have a chat, enjoy a beer and to keep warm.



To help keep the facts alive that the village still has no pub after it closed 18 months ago, it would be great if similar pictures could be taken of people meeting up in unusual places in the village, getting together for a chat and a drink. Unusual places might include out under umbrellas, in a local stables, in a horse box, or a sheep pen, at the bus shelter or at our 'walking in library' in a garden shed, over at the allotments or somewhere else that springs to mind. Please send your pictures in Jpeg format to the following email address: unicorncublington@gmail.com. We will publish the best ones in The Crier and add pictures to our website: savetheunicorn.org

As Valentines Day is fast approaching in the calendar, (guys it's the 14th February, the same date as last year!) and as the pub is still closed, that romantic meal for two you were planning could perhaps take place elsewhere in the village. Possible venues for this special meal might include any of the above alternative venues or somewhere else you have in mind. Please send your staged pictures in Jpeg format to the above email address, (all in the best possible taste!). We will publish the best ones in The Crier and add these to our website.

Save the Unicorn Working Group

SURVEY RESULTS



SAVE
OUR PUB



Friends of the Unicorn Cublington – January 2025 **SURVEY RESULTS UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey regarding what people would like to see in The Unicorn when it reopens.

We are now able to publish some initial results.

- 78% of respondents were aged over 45 with the majority over 60
- Prior to closure, nearly 60% visited at least monthly, with a significant cohort of weekly regulars. Usage was balanced between drinks, meals and community occasions, confirming that The Unicorn historically functioned as a social hub rather than a pure drinking establishment.

The strongest drivers for future visits when the pub reopens are

- o Socialising with friends, family & neighbours (86%)
- o Meals out (81%)
- o Community Events (60%)
- o Celebrations i.e. birthdays (60%)

Open text comments repeatedly state

- “a real part of village life”
- “a refuge on a dark winters night”
- “essential to social cohesion”



“What a frightening looking hairy beast.”

Dennis

We will be publishing more results in the March Crier but in the meantime the survey is still open so if you haven't had a chance to complete it there is still time to do so. It would be great to get some more input from the younger generation in the village.

Please use the QR code above to complete the survey – all answers are in the strictest confidence. If you are unable to access the QR code the web address is www.surveymonkey.com/r/KFRG2MW

*The Save the Unicorn Working Party.
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Support the campaign by pledging or donating today via GoFundMe:

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Cheers Gary/Ed

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HOW TO MAKE PANCAKES

Tip the flour and milk
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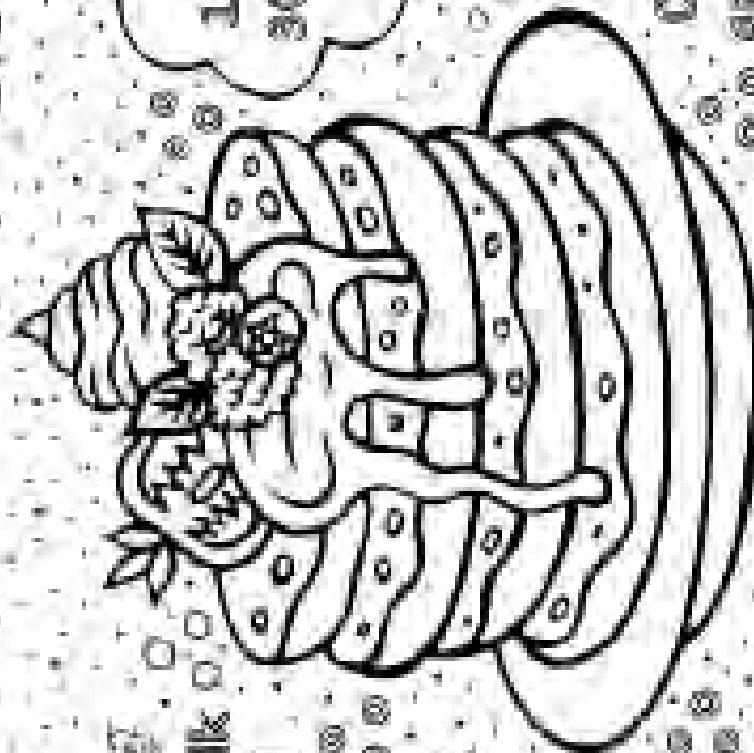
Crack the eggs and add them
to the bowl.



Whisk the ingredients
together.



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Pour the mixture into
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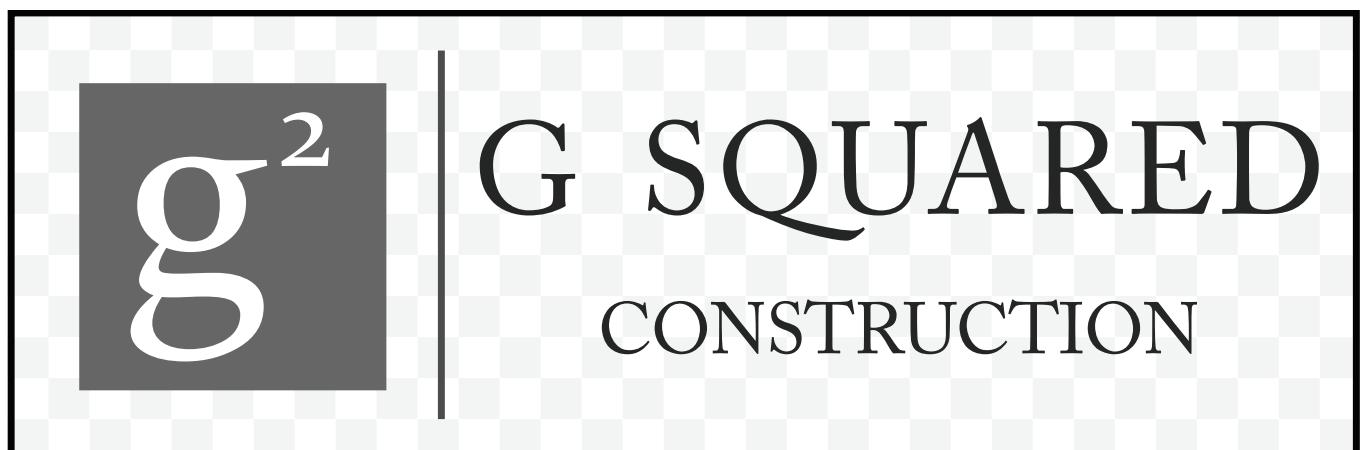
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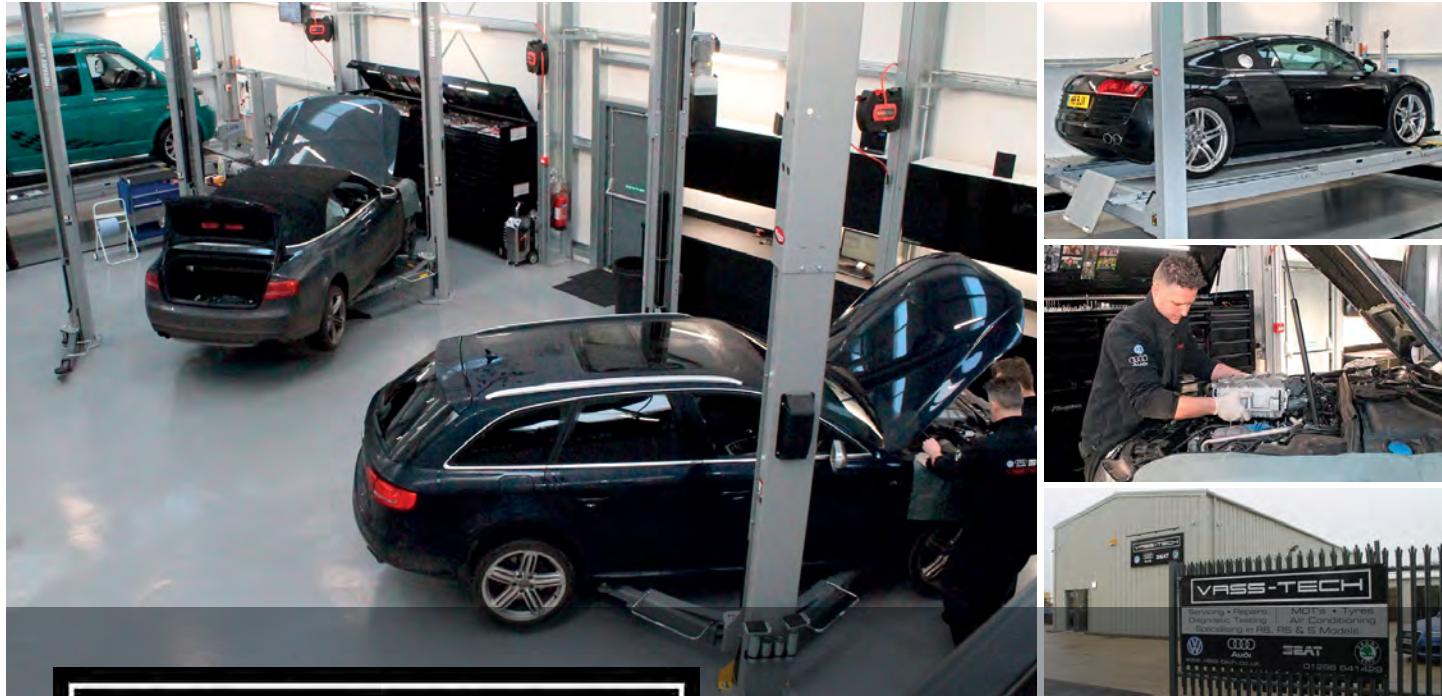
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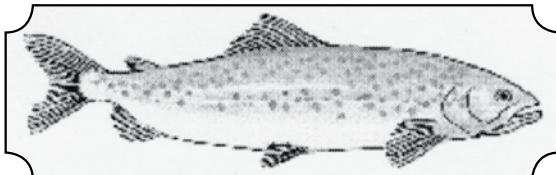


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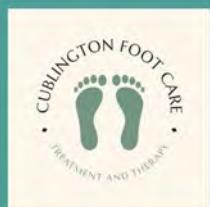
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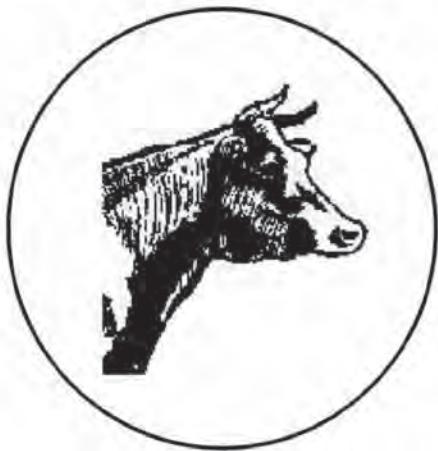


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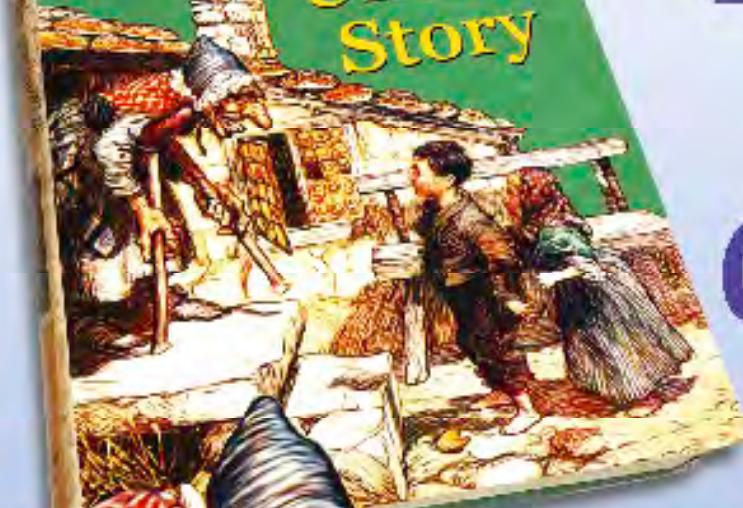
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