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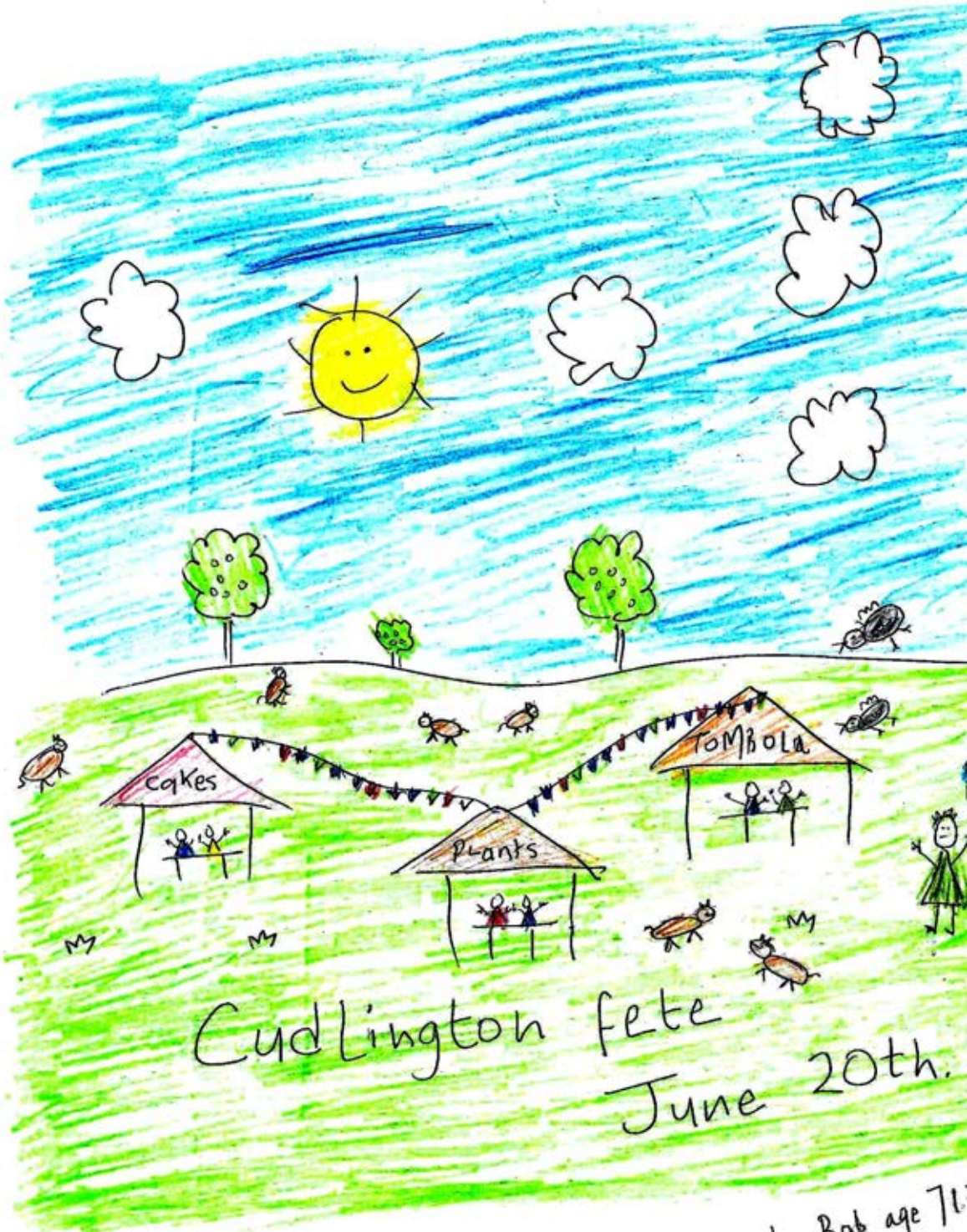
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by Bob age 71

1PM SATURDAY 20TH JUNE

Cublington Bollywood Ball 2026

Ten years ago, friends and family came together in Cublington for a spectacular Charity Bollywood Ball in memory of our dear friend Abby Webb, who sadly lost her life to a rare form of cancer. What became an unforgettable evening of celebration, generosity, and community spirit raised over £15,000 for charity.

This summer, we're doing it all again!

YOU'RE INVITED TO
A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

CUBLINGTON
Bollywood Ball
2026

Marking 10 years
since the first Bollywood Ball!

FUNDRAISING FOR

Penny Brohn Cancer Care
Living Well with Cancer

Florence Nightingale HOSPICE CHARITY

Local Village Causes

THE OLD STABLES, CUBLINGTON
Wing Road, Cublington, Buckinghamshire, LU7 0LE

SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2026

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF:

BOLLYWOOD DANCERS | **DJ & DANCE WORKSHOP** | **MAGICIAN** | **AUCTIONS** | **DELICIOUS INDIAN-STYLE FOOD ...AND MORE!**

INDIAN STYLE CANAPÉS & DRINKS RECEPTION FROM 6:00PM ★ TAKE YOUR SEATS 7PM
INDIAN INSPIRED MEAL ★ RAFFLE ★ LIVE AUCTION ★ SILENT AUCTION
DRESS: BLACK TIE WITH A BOLLYWOOD TWIST ★ CARRIAGES AT MIDNIGHT

ADMIT ONE | **TICKETS £40** | **BOOK NOW**

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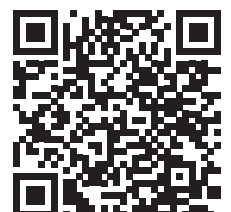
On **Saturday 18th July 2026, The Old Stables, Cublington** will host the Cublington Bollywood Ball 2026, marking ten years since the first event and bringing our community together once more for a vibrant evening of fundraising, celebration, and unforgettable entertainment.

We will also be celebrating several big birthdays including Becky's 40th, and consider this one last hurrah to our family home of over 30 years!

Expect Indian-inspired food and drinks, Bollywood dancers, a DJ and dance workshop, a magician, live and silent auctions, a raffle, and plenty of sparkle, all in support of Penny Brohn Cancer Care, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, and local village causes.

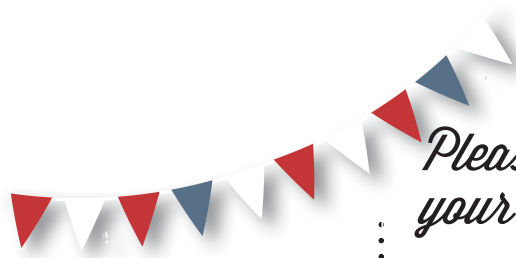
We would love you to join us for what promises to be a very special evening.

Please follow the link or QR code in the poster to buy your tickets





Editorial



Please put out your bunting!

Any time between now and the fete would be great!

The Fete is now just three weeks away!

Inside you will find an appeal for help...

Cakes for the Cake Stall, Prizes for the raffle, items for the tombola, Plants and cuttings for the plant stall, bottles for the wheelbarrow of booze, unwanted toys for sale, Bric a Brac (collectables), produce, jams, chutneys, breads etc etc.

Please help out in any way you can. Thanks!

Watch out for Raffle tickets in this issue - please buy or sell them all - it makes such a difference to the funds we can raise!

Oh, and don't forget your bunting!

Apologies

Due to holidays, anything received after 23rd June could not be included in this Crier.

Welcome to the June edition of the The Crier.

A great month with the longest days, the best weather (we hope) and lots to do. If you like football, you can fill your boots on the World Cup tournament throughout the month. Come on England! (The last time we won I was in the Girl Guides. Ummm.)

More importantly, preparations for Cublington's annual fete are really hotting up. Huge hats off to Gina Reilly and her team of organisers; it really is a mammoth task and is the village's biggest fund raiser of the year providing much needed funds for the upkeep of Orchard Ground, North Field, The Village Hall, and the Church. We are so lucky to have these facilities which provide great venues for the multitude of activities in the village. Whether it's making cakes, buying raffle tickets, donating plants, toys, books and bric a brac or volunteering on the day, your contributions are absolutely vital. Equally important are the people who come along to the fete and bring as many friends and family members as possible to join in the fun. It really is a great event where the whole community can come together to eat drink and be merry. For any newbies here are a few of hot tips for the day;

1. It's probably advisable to discourage young children from joining in with the Morris Dancing (a health and safety issue apparently),
2. If the Beagle pack is there, don't worry; they usually find their own way home eventually.
3. Likewise the birds of prey, some of whom have in the past taken a liking to the Tombola stall. (Locating the birds' display tent behind the coconut shy may have contributed to this issue.) And
4. Best to get there early as the cakes disappear really fast.

Thoughts of cake and the multitude of village activities prompted us to include a light hearted tour of what's available in Cublington. Whether you like, sport, art, music, drinking, eating or talking to trees we reckon there must be something for everyone. If nothing takes your fancy why not start a group?

Using the terms, "Fill your boots" and "Hats off", got us thinking about the strange quirks of our language. Love a duck! Imagine translating some of our common idioms to a friend from afar; we've included some examples to get you thinking. When you're at the end of your tether with that, we hope you enjoy "Reasons to be Cheerful - part 1" - (inspired by Ian Drury) which takes a look at some of the small stuff in life that makes us happy. We'd love to hear yours.

So it's chocks away, over and out for now, Bob's your uncle and see you later alligator; maybe at the white elephant stall?

Liz and Bob xx

Summer edition EDITORS: Emily & Jo

Welcome!

to Nick and Hannah with kids Oscar (7) and Martha (3) and dog Chester to the other Old Post Office!



Crier deadline is 15th June please.

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



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online...
is now on
Cublington.com

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

COMMENT

RE: CUBLINGTON LIFE WHATSAPP GROUP

It appears that following last month's appeal - reprinted here, that several members, who should indeed know better, recently put on incendiary, mocking and exceedingly unhelpful comments regarding a) traffic and b) horse droppings.

Again here is a gentle reminder from the admins:

Cublington Life WhatsApp Group is intended for sharing useful local information, events, recommendations, help for the community and updates related to the village.

There are currently 155 villagers on this WhatsApp group and we'd just ask that posts stay relevant to the local community and respectful of others so the group remains helpful for everyone.

Please think carefully before posting anything that can be taken as critical or in the wrong way.

Thank you for your understanding.

OUR SAVE PUB

As the Crier was going out last month - news was included that the Unicorn could re-open in the Summer. Sadly nothing further has been heard in the month since.

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...	<i>Sept</i> Harris family	<i>Sept</i>
	<i>Oct</i> Dawn & Peter Spinks	<i>Oct</i> ?
	<i>Nov</i> Miranda and James	<i>Nov</i> ?
	<i>Dec</i> - Graham & Judy Dunn	<i>Dec</i> ?
2027...	<i>Jan</i> Gates family	2028...
	<i>Feb</i> - Morgan's	<i>Jan</i> - ?
	<i>March</i> - could it be you?!	<i>Feb</i> ?
	<i>April</i> - Trish Bundock	<i>March</i> - ?
	<i>May</i> - Vanessa Taylor	<i>April</i> ?
	<i>June</i> - ?	<i>May</i> - ?
	<i>Summer</i> ?	<i>June</i> ?

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

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



Crier Contact details

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**DON'T FORGET!
EVERY WEDNESDAY!**

+ OCCASIONAL FOOD VANS

SEE CRIER WHAT'S ON DIARY

You are invited to the Community

Weekly Wine Down

Bring your own drinks!

£3 donation appreciated

**Wednesday Evenings
5.30pm - 7.30pm**



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.

**Available for clubs, parties
and any special events
Booking 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!

Contact Bob on 01296 680483 or

bobpaine2002@hotmail.com

THE ORCHARD

CUBLINGTON'S

POP-UP PUB



EVERY OTHER FRIDAY NIGHT

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

6-10PM
Biggs Pavillion

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES

June (see menus below)

12th Willies garden kitchen food van

26th Bee Thai food van

July

10th Jacket potatoes with various fillings

24th Howes fish and chip van

August

7th Wesley pizza van

21st BBQ

September

4th Vanessa catering

18th Saffron Turkish food van

Please contact Jackie 07968 672707 for more information.

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



Willie's Garden Kitchen Menu

The Village to Village

Grilled Halibut £10
Wildly caught halibut steaks, charred and served in a light sauce with a side of potatoes and a seasonal salad.

Grilled Aubergine (Vegetarian) £8
Wildly caught aubergine steaks, charred and served in a light sauce with a side of potatoes and a seasonal salad.

The Grill menu - £7

Cheese Burger
My kitchen style burger with cheese, onion, tomato, and a special sauce on a bun.

Pulled Lamb & Cajun Baked Chicken
Served in a special sauce with a side of rice and a seasonal salad.

A Sub is too...

Hand cut crispy Parmesan potatoes £11
Served in a special sauce.

Pan-fried Fish £12
Served in a special sauce.

Califlower portion £2 add to ribana roll - £8
With cabbage and cabbage sauce. Also available with a side of rice and a seasonal salad.

Grand Longacre mature Cheddar £1
To eat in your house.

Pot of gravy - £2
Served in a special sauce.

The Village to Village

Willie's Venison Burger £10
My special venison burger with cheese, onion, tomato, and a special sauce on a bun.

The Venisonner £8
My special venison burger with cheese, onion, tomato, and a special sauce on a bun.

Willie's Lambroudy £8
My special lambroudy burger with cheese, onion, tomato, and a special sauce on a bun.

The Venison £9
My special venison burger with cheese, onion, tomato, and a special sauce on a bun.

Other Great Dishes

Pulled Lamb & Cajun Baked Chicken £9
Served in a special sauce with a side of rice and a seasonal salad.

12 hour slow cooked Lamb £10
Served in a special sauce with a side of rice and a seasonal salad.

Willie's Sampler £14
My special sampler with cheese, onion, tomato, and a special sauce on a bun.

Pan-fried Fish £12
Served in a special sauce.

Pan-fried Fish £12
Served in a special sauce.

Pan-fried Fish £12
Served in a special sauce.



FOOD MENU Bee Thai

GREEN CURRY
Coconut milk, peas, green beans and mixed vegetables
£12

- Chicken
- Vegetables

MASSAMUN CURRY
Coconut milk and mixed vegetables
£12

- Chicken
- Vegetables

PAD THAI
Stir fry with rice noodles, egg, beansprouts, carrots and sweet sour tamarind sauce
£9

- Chicken
- Vegetables

Spotted
The very successful Thai night at the Orchard pop up pub on 1st May organised by Jenny & Andy




FOOD MENU Bee Thai

SPRING ROLLS
VEGETABLES 4PC
£5
Deep fried spring rolls filled with carrot, cabbage, glass noodles

SPRING ROLLS CHICKEN 4PC £5
Deep fried spring rolls filled with chicken, carrot, cabbage, glass noodles

SESAME PRAWN ON TOAST 3PC
£5



07938567459 f Bee Thai food Catering

THE CUBLINGTON CALENDAR



You'll always find something to do in Cublington!

June

- Monday 1st Chatty Cafe** The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am
- Monday 1st Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm
- Wednesday 3rd Cublington Winos** 7.15pm Biggs Pavilion
- Thursday 4th Cheese & Wine evening** St Nicholas Church at 7.15pm
- Saturday 6th North Field Work Party** Orchard Ground at 9.30am
- Monday 8th Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm
- Tuesday 9th Village Meet up Village lunch**
Biggs Pavilion 1pm menus posted on WhatsApp group
- Wednesday 10th Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30-7.30pm
- Friday 12th - Orchard pop up pub Willies garden kitchen food van** The Biggs Pavilion 6pm
- Monday 15th Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm
- Wednesday 17th Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30-7.30pm
- Saturday 20th Cublington Fete** No holidays allowed! ;)
- Monday 22nd Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm
- Wednesday 24th Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30-7.30pm
- Friday 26th - Orchard pop up pub Bee Thai food van** The Biggs Pavilion 6pm
- Saturday 27th North Field Work Party** Orchard Ground at 9.30am

July

- Monday 6th Chatty Cafe** The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am
- Friday 10th - Orchard pop up pub Jacket potatoes** with various fillings The Biggs Pavilion 6pm
- Saturday 11th North Field Work Party** Orchard Ground at 9.30am
- Saturday 18th July 2nd Cublington Bollywood Ball** The Old Stables
- Friday 24th - Orchard pop up pub Howes fish and chip** The Biggs Pavilion 6pm
- Saturday 25th North Field Work Party** Orchard Ground at 9.30am

August

- Monday 3rd Chatty Cafe** The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am
- Wednesday 5th Cublington Winos** 7.15pm Biggs Pavilion
- Friday 7th - Orchard pop up pub Wesley pizza van** The Biggs Pavilion 6pm
- Saturday 15th VJDay Further Exhibition** Village Hall
- Friday 21st - Orchard pop up pub BBQ** The Biggs Pavilion 6pm
- Saturday 22nd Cublington Horticultural Show** Biggs Pavilion
- Sunday 30th -St Nicholas Cream Teas**

September

- Friday 4th - Orchard pop up pub Vanessa Catering**
The Biggs Pavilion 6pm
- Saturday 12th Bucks Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride**
- Friday 18th - Orchard pop up pub Saffron Turkish food van** The Biggs Pavilion 6pm

October

- Saturday 10th Cublington Art Exhibition** Biggs Pavilion 10am-4pm
- Sunday 11th Cublington Art Exhibition** Biggs Pavilion 10am-4pm



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.

Times and dates may vary from those published above. We try and publish correct information.

WHERE IN THE WORLD?
TIM'S FIENDISH FLYING PHOTOS

**TEMPORARILY
GROUNDED**



PARISH NEWS

Email: clerk@cublington-pc.gov.uk
Website: www.cublington.com

Following on from some recent posts on the Cublington Life WhatsApp Group, we are republishing an article that first appeared in The Crier in April 2025

Cublington Traffic Issues – HGVs

In the article that was published in the Crier in February 2025, it was reported that the Parish Council had had a site meeting with the Bucks Transport Strategy Manager and our Unitary Councillor, Diana Blamires.

We were advised at the time that it was unlikely that, in the near future, a freight restriction would be placed on routes through the village. We were however also told about informal steps that have been taken in Aston Abbotts to try and reduce the amount of heavy freight (single Trailer 3- or 4-axle Trucks or greater) through their village. From the enquiries that have since been made we understand that the initiative has had some success in reducing the number of HGVs using the village

How the Scheme Works:

The scheme works by residents simply noting the name of the company of any lorries driving towards and through the village together with time,date and direction of travel.

This information is passed to a central point, the company can then be contacted and asked if it would be possible for them to find alternative routes in future. At the time of contact it would be explained that it was felt that the narrow and rural nature of the roads around and through the village made them unsuitable for HGVs.

This scheme will launch with immediate effect and the point of contact is Alison Head via the NEW Parish Council email - clerk@cublington-pc.gov.uk

Let's see if we can really make a difference!!



The *Cublington Life* WhatsApp group

Now has 155 members! Also see Comment on page 3.

Originally set up to provide help during the pandemic, this group has changed into a very strong 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.



Thank you.

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 an administrator knows and adds you.

Admins are: Martyn Waters, Catherine & Charlie Toosey, Liz Smith and Miranda Mercado Gregory

20 DAYS AND COUNTING!!!



THE FETE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP PLEASE!

Without the villages' input we cannot even begin to run the fete - the major village fundraiser every year. Vital funds get distributed to most of the village venues and causes every year. It's a huge undertaking and that's why we are asking for your input.

So please, we need your briq-a-braq, any nice raffle prizes, any tombola donations - tins/bottles/sweets/cans smellies, any bottles or cans for the Wheelbarrow of Booze, any toys for the toy stall, your old books, any plants and cuttings for the plant stall, and home made Jams and Chutneys for the produce stall, CAKES... we'd love you to make a cake for the Cake Stall.

Perhaps you might have a **crafty friend who'd like a to sell from a stall?** Do you know anyone who could bring their **classic car?**

Do you have a **dog** to enter the dog show? Could you help out in the car park or on a stall for an hour?

Most of all we'd love to see you there on the day - or even the Friday 19th afternoon at 3pm, as we set it all up!

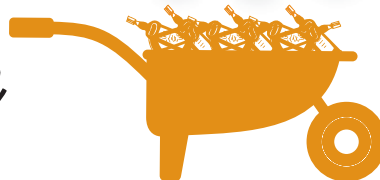
Thanks for reading. See you all there!

The Fete Committee

*Donate a raffle
or tombola prize*



*Bake
a cake*



*Donate a
bottle to the
wheelbarrow*

For details see also elsewhere in this Crier

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 Chess Club meetings 8th, 22nd June

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



Cublington   **A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT**

SUMMER FETE

Saturday 20th June
from 1pm
at Orchard Ground, Cublington LU7 0LR
FREE PARKING

ALL YOUR TRADITIONAL FAVOURITES

- BBQ • Bar • Fun DOG show •
- Children's Games • Winslow band •
- Punch & Judy • Blacksmith demo •
- Arts & crafts • Classic Cars • Cream Teas •
- Cakes • Produce • Plants • Raffle •
- Games Galore & much, much more •

Fun for all the family!
£2 entry - kids U12 & 65+ free
cash & card payments available



**COME AND
CELEBRATE
WITH US**



VJ DAY
15th AUG 1945



**Jon and I are planning to do another VJ exhibition this year
on August 15th, VJ day at Cublington Village Hall**

We are planning to display more details of the war in the Pacific e.g Pearl Harbour and other islands occupied by the Japanese.

During the last exhibition a number of people mentioned that they had relatives who fought in the Far East and who were apart of the Forgotten Army and that they have memorabilia .We would love to share what you have at the exhibition .

Trisha



MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

Classical concert

St James church, Aston
Abbotts

SUNDAY 7 June, 7.30pm

Tickets £15

Caroline Lane, 01296 681373

carolinelane@btinternet.com

or direct at bmiqp.org

Programme includes:

Arenzky (Quartet for 2 Cellos, Violin and
Viola)

Dotzauer (Grand Quartet Concertant)

Raising money for the church

Raising money for the church

Also in Wingrave Sat 13 June with a different programme

COME & TRY

INTERESTED IN GIVING KAYAKING A GO FOR FREE?

We are a super friendly club. There is no need to book, just pop down to the club on one of these dates and have a go

Ages 9+ and able to swim 50m
Shower/changing facilities available

Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club
Mentmore Road
Leighton Buzzard
LU7 2AE
(Behind Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre)
Email: comeandtry@lbcc.org.uk

LEIGHTON BUZZARD CANOE CLUB

Saturday 9th May
11am - 1pm

Friday 12th June
6pm - 8pm

Saturday 27th June
11am - 1pm

Saturday 18th July
11am - 1pm

Saturday 1st August
11am - 1pm

PADDLE ENGLAND QUALITY CLUB

NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

YOUR *Fascinating*

VILLAGE'S HISTORY... IN PICTURES

Cublington in Pictures Old and New

Priced at £20

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

Contact rr@cublington.com

for your view on op.



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

Available at the fete

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

Darcey Sheriden
07387 996828



* School or Uni holidays only

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

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



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

Sadly at time of going to press early this month, no one had come forward to sponsor the church lights.



St Nicholas Church June Newsletter

We all enjoyed another concert performed by the **Berkhamsted Ukulele players** on the last weekend of April. Thank you to everyone who attended or supported which enabled us to raise around £500 which is brilliant.

Looking ahead we are holding a **Cheese & Wine evening on Thursday 4th June at 7.15pm** to coincide with National Cheese Day. Entry to this will be by donation and there will be a raffle. We also will have musical entertainment to enjoy so do please come. Later in the summer there is a **cream tea afternoon planned for Sunday 30th August** so add this to your diaries. Sitting under the churchyard lime trees in the dappled sunshine with tea and scones is not to be missed on a hopefully warm summers afternoon.

Also for your diaries is the **September date of Saturday 12th** which is the date for the **2026 Bucks Historic Churches Trust (BHCT) Ride and Stride event**. Please can we have some support from Cublington's cyclists and walkers this year to help fundraise. The BHCT gives out grants to help with the repair and maintenance of the churches in the county and we hope to benefit from this for future work on St Nicholas. More information and sponsorship forms from djandpallen@gmail.com

Our little nature area at the back of the churchyard is now beginning to fill out with wild flowers and we saw cow parsley showing its frothy heads during May. Perhaps you may like to take your children up to look and see what plants/bugs you can identify in the nature area. Please keep from walking inside the roped area.

We wish you a joyful month during June and hope to welcome you to Sunday services and refreshments afterwards in St Nicholas along with our events above.



From the vicar



Pentecost: Celebrating diversity today

Summer is now upon us, and many of our beautiful villages are hosting a plethora of wonderful events to celebrate: Open gardens, summer fêtes and barbecues, cream teas, garden parties, classic car gatherings, and more. These events draw many visitors to our villages – and how wonderful it is, seeing communities of different people coming together to celebrate as one.

In the Church, we have recently celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, also known as Whitsun – the coming of the Holy Spirit. In St. John's Gospel, the risen Lord Jesus says to His friends “Peace be with you,” and breathing on them, He adds “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Soon after, in the earliest days of the Christian Church, the Holy Spirit comes upon the Apostles and the whole Church, famously gifting them with the ability to speak in many different languages.

The Holy Spirit is God's presence and power in the world today, and empowers us with many different gifts. God loves us all, and makes us all in His image and likeness – and with this, He gives us a universal dignity. And at the same time, God makes us all unique, with many differences.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes how the same Holy Spirit equips different people with a variety of gifts. We all have our own hobbies, interests, gifts, talents, and callings in life – be it to marriage, family life, or other vocational roles such as medicine, teaching, farming, caring – perhaps a combination. These things are integral to our identity, making up who we are – and Paul adds that just as the different parts of the human body make up the whole person, so too does each and every person make up the whole community – with everyone being greatly valued.

We are all God's children – and yet, we are all different. I think that is something to be celebrated; it might be a bit boring if we were all the same! And while differences in views and opinions can sometimes be challenging, its part of what makes us human – the diverse people God has lovingly made.

As we come together this summer – whether close to home, or somewhere further afield – may we always do our best to recognise the presence of Christ in the other, and to celebrate the ways God moves us today.

Rev'd Will Lyon Tupman, Team Vicar

Church Services for June



7	First Sunday	Annie or Jane & Michael	Carly	Linda	Penny
6**	Theological Breakfast	9.15am	At Rectory Cottage, 9.30am	All welcome	
14	HC	Will	Lucy	Martyn	
21	Lay led	Sarah & Steve	Penny	Sally	
28	HC	Will	Diane	Julie	



Cublington Winos

(The Cublington Wine Appreciation Society)

What people said:

"What a fabulous evening! Thank you for an entertaining and enjoyably social evening with some excellent wines and interesting labels"

"Thank you for a lovely evening. Excellent wines. Great topic. Will look at labels now in a different light"

"A really enjoyable evening. Great wines and presentation. Loved the hand-made screen and other tailor-made illustrations"

Some pictures taken at the last Winos evening hosted by Sandra & Nigel.
Nigel made an excellent wine waiter, the theme of the evening was can you taste the difference between Posh and Plonk wine.
Overall I believe we did but with a few surprises along the way, a really fun evening had by all!



The next Cublington Wine Appreciation Society (aka The Winos) meeting is on **Wednesday 3rd June** in the Biggs Pavilion.
Contact Jackie 07968 672707 for more information.

The Wine Appreciation Society meet on the first Wednesday of every other month.

An exciting collection from 11 local artists

JUNE 12-21st
Friday-Sunday
10.30-5.30

Art at Wingrave

Field View, Castle Street, Wingrave, HP22 4PT

BUCKS ART WEEKS
Supporting Breast Cancer Research

including delicious cakes and drinks

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

And if you want to... why not join the new WhatsApp group!

Let me know if you'd like to be on the Cublington Sociable group WhatsApp, send me your telephone number and I can make sure we add you. **Admin is: Di Grace**





It's never too late to enter...



"100" CLUB 2026/7 Results

£1800 in prize money this year*

Committee members will be out selling tickets for the 2026/27 draws in the near future. Please continue supporting Orchard Ground - it really is appreciated. Thank you.

If you want to buy a ticket online for the next set of ten draws starting in May 2026 please contact me direct at bobpaine2002@hotmail.com or call me on 01296 680483 and we will organise it.

Your continued support is very much appreciated. Bob & the Orchard Ground Committee.

May 2026.

- 1st - £60 - Jake Taylor.
- 2nd - £50 - Liz Darlington.
- 3rd - £40 - Steve George.
- 4th - £20 - Cublington Cricket Club.

June 2026.

- 1st - £60 - Jean Barnett.
- 2nd - £50 - Helen Taylor.
- 3rd - £40 - Cublington Cricket Club.
- 4th - £20 - April Curnow.

What could be easier?...



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orchardground

Please help us fundraise for Orchard Ground and the North Field Project anytime you shop online - it really doesn't cost you anything and is so easy!!

Please don't think about it, just do it...

If you'd like help setting it up please see the web address above or email bobpaine2002@hotmail.com who will be happy to help. **Thanks**

THANK YOU

49 village supporters have now raise a brilliant £3037.44 for the upkeep of Orchard Ground. Current league is as follows;

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

Thank you.

- 1st - £704.40 - Sarah George.
- 2nd - £393.72 - Gwyneira Waters.
- 3rd - £310.33 - Kevin Shults.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orchardground

Wingrave Parish Church

present

A Taste of Harmony

Join us for an afternoon of tea, treats, and wonderful singing.



with

**Glee Club UK (Leighton Buzzard)
& Sing Well With Rachel**

**Saturday 11th July - 3pm
Wingrave Parish Church**

FREE entry

Donations to the church and Tibbs Dementia Foundation



Ask on
Cublington Life



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.

CUBLINGTON CREAM TEAS
(INCLUDING GLUTEN FREE)

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST
14:00 - 17:00
at **ST NICHOLAS CUBLINGTON**
OUTSIDE IF LUCKY WITH THE WEATHER / INSIDE IF NOT.

RAISING MONEY 50/50 for:
ST NICHOLAS CHURCH
STREETVETS
www.streetvet.co.uk

ANY QUERIES CONTACT:
DI GRACE 07866 370330 or
JANE ALEXANDER 07971 531564

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AYLESBURY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Did you used to learn an instrument as a child?

Would you like to make music with like minded people?

Are you looking to develop your playing as an adult?

Come and join
Aylesbury Community Orchestra

Thursdays

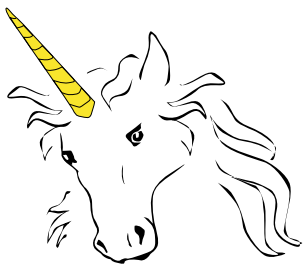
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Aylesbury Music Centre

www.bucksmusic.org

aylmusic@bucksmusic.org





THE UNICORN



OUR SAVE PUB

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:

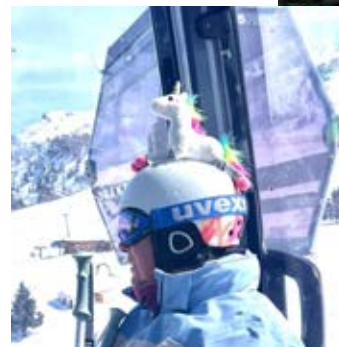
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Facebook: [facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577249199617](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577249199617)

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



You'll be aware from news in The Crier and pictures of his travels, that Cubby the Unicorn has been travelling the world looking for fun and friendship since his home at the Unicorn had become a very cold and lonely place after the pub closed at the end of August 2024. In April, Cubby went to Austria to visit several of his old unicorn friends and met up with people from Cublington who were skiing there, spending several days with them skiing and enjoying the hot chocolate, and reminiscing about living at The Unicorn pub, with all of the fun and laughter of those days, the gin nights, the beer festivals, the outdoor theatre events and the quizzes and darts nights. Cubby said he had heard on the grapevine that the pub would be opening in June and was looking forward to returning to live in his 'forever home;' sadly, his friends from Cublington were not able to update him on the plans to reopen our village pub.



Friends of The Unicorn Cublington

Please join us at the next Chatty Cafe, Monday, 1st June at the Biggs Pavilion between 10.00 and 11.30am



“Chatty Café”

What they say..

"Great Chatty Cafe 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".



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

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

Villages Art Group

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

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

Come along and paint and sketch and learn together

- EVERY MONDAY 1.45-3.45pm

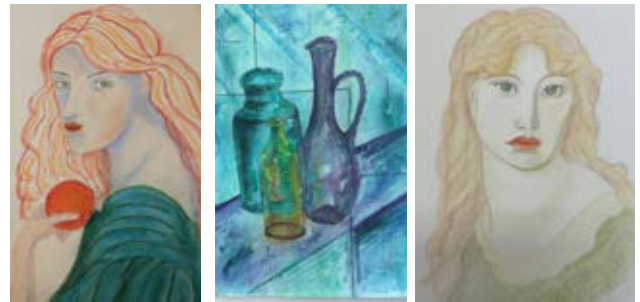
At the Village Hall, Cublington

Please come along with your paints, pencils, easels etc and join us working side by side for a couple of hours. Tea/coffee cake and biscuits to sustain us! Small donation for hire of hall appreciated.



We would like to encourage you to join us... trying out new techniques and most of all, having fun creating art!

CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS



ENTER THE ART COMPETITION

EXHIBITED AT THE ART EXHIBITION 10TH/11TH OCTOBER

(UP TO 16 YEARS OF AGE, OPEN TO CUBLINGTON RESIDENTS AND THEIR GRANDCHILDREN)

Any subject, any medium, up to A4 in size. Prizes for age groups.



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

**6th and 27th of June
11th and 25th of July**

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

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



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

PLEASE JOIN THE



St Nicholas Church Cublington



Help us to keep the Church lawn looking beautiful

Last year was interesting. As the dry summer progressed it became unnecessary to cut the grass. So some of you will have been disappointed to have missed their turn. If you want to step forward for an extra cut this year please don't hesitate to contact me.

If, when you arrive for your turn and the grass does not need cutting using the strimmer around the gravestones would be an excellent alternative.

I have adjusted the rota slightly as requested. If I forgot or misunderstood your request please let me know on **07748525145** or email **djandpallen@gmail.com**

To try and keep days between mowing more equal volunteers are allocated a weekend as a target but can work either side of it depending on other commitments or inclement weather.

Cheers

<i>Weekend</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Sept 5th - 6th</i>	Andy Brown + Nigel loli
<i>June 6th - 7th</i>	Colin Antosiewicz	<i>Sept 12th -13th</i>	Mark Harris
<i>June 13th -14th</i>	Sarah and Jason Keane	<i>Sept 19th - 20th</i>	Alan Richardson
<i>June 20th- 21st</i>	Vacant	<i>Sept 26th - 27th</i>	Andy Peck
<i>June 27th - 28th</i>	Martin Gibby	<i>Oct 3rd - 4th</i>	James Francis
<i>July 4th - 5th</i>	Jason and Vanessa Taylor	<i>Oct 10th - 11th</i>	Harry Gadsby
<i>July 11th -12th</i>	Chris Brandon	<i>Oct 17th - 18th</i>	Chris and Ali Mountfield
<i>July 18th - 19th</i>	Michael Alexander	<i>Oct 24th - 25th</i>	Vacant
<i>July 25th - 26th</i>	Vacant		
<i>August 1st - 2nd</i>	Caroline and Mike Lightfoot-		
<i>August 8th- 9th</i>	Nigel Loli + Andy Brown		
<i>August 15th -16th</i>	Abbie and Lee Stopher		
<i>August 22nd - 23rd</i>	Graham Dunn		
<i>August 29th - 30th</i>	Tom and Helen Gadsby		

*Several vacant dates.
More new
volunteers wanted
now please!*

Contact Dennis on 07748525145 or email djandpallen@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

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.





The Cubbers Bookworms

Meets in the Cublington Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm

Refreshments provided, tea Coffee and Biscuits

£5 per month

Our first book review was *The Women by Kristin Hannah*

Anyone interested in joining us please let me know.

Di Grace

07866370330

NEXT MEETINGS

Tue 16 Jun 2026 19:30-21:30

Tue 21 Jul 2026 19:30-21:30

Tue 18 Aug 2026 19:30-21:30

Probably won't go ahead due to Summer Holidays

Tue 15 Sep 2026 19:30-21:30

Tue 20 Oct 2026 19:30-21:30

Tue 17 Nov 2026 19:30-21:30

Tue 15 Dec 2026 19:30-21:30

This one may be cancelled as possibly too close to Christmas.



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



Certificate of thanks to

Cublington Variety Club For raising £700.00

Your generous support delivers critical care to people in a medical emergency, **365 days a year.**

Thames Valley Air Ambulance is a charity entirely funded by the community we serve and in 2025, we were called out 3,302 times. On an average day, our crews can be called out up to nine times to treat people in need. You ensure that, within minutes, they bring the expertise, equipment and treatment of the hospital to the most critically ill and injured patients across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. With both a paramedic and doctor on board, we can deliver advanced hospital-level emergency care, setting us apart from the standard ambulance service.

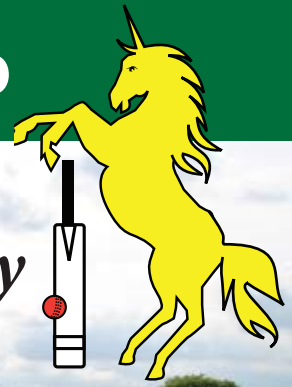
Thank you for again thinking of us and your generous support.

Kind regards
Nicola

Nicola Bishop
Community Fundraising Manager



Cublington Cricket Club



Come along and give cricket a try



Walking cricket started on Thursday 7th May

Do come along and give walking cricket a try at 6pm on Thursdays at the Orchard ground. The aim is to have a bit of gentle, sociable exercise for an hour. There will also be a free beer or glass of wine afterwards.

No prior experience of cricket required and the aim is to get a bit of gentle exercise and have fun. It will be played with a soft ball and all equipment will be provided. Men & women cordially invited. Look out for further updates on Cublington Life.

Contact – Tom Gadsby, 07527 989639

Game Changers disability cricket

is now taking place outside at the Orchard Ground every Saturday from 10-11am. In the event of rain we will set up table cricket in the pavilion. Do please spread the word about this excellent and already very popular programme.

Contact – Harry Gadsby, Disability Cricket lead,

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

We will be running sessions on Fridays from 8th May at 6pm for eight weeks for our youngest players, girls and boys. Booking is now open on www.ecb.clubspark.uk. For location enter 'Cublington' and select 'All Stars' for 5-8 year olds or 'Dynamos' for 8-11 year olds. We also run a BBQ alongside

the session so that you don't even have to worry about cooking supper afterwards.

Contact – Nikhil Shetty, Head of All Stars & Dynamos, 07984 201237

Under 9s to Under 17s

We will also be running our junior cricket training for girls and boys on Friday evenings. All our coaches are ECB-qualified and DBS-checked. The children will have the chance to play matches throughout the summer, home and away culminating in an end of season awards evening to celebrate the juniors' achievements.

Contact – Tony Lewis, Junior Head Coach, 07446 939216

Senior Cricket

The club offers structured training every Tuesday evening for seniors and those juniors from U13 upwards who would like to play senior cricket. We work hard to ensure that the transition from junior to senior cricket is a good experience. The session will run from 6.15- 7.45pm. There will also be nets on Thursday evenings at from 6.15 to 7.45. Open to all club members.

Contact – Tom Gadsby, CCC Chairman, 07527 989639

Safeguarding

Cublington CC is signed up to the ECB's Safe Hands Management system. All our junior coaches and key officers are DBS-checked.

Contact – Riaan Krynauw, Safeguarding Officer 07908 991899

WE NEED PLAYERS AND GROUND MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS SEASON 2026

www.cublingtoncc.org



June Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...

Noa-Rose Adeline Dean is 8 on the 3rd

Edwin Vale is 9 on the 13th

Immy Garwood is 12 on the 19th

Darcey Hanson is 11 on the 23rd

Rowan Tommy Dean 2 on the 24th





**COME ALONG
AND HAVE A GO.**

**NEW MEMBERS
ALWAYS WELCOMED.**

Tennis is a game for life.

If you start early it gives you social opportunities for life.

Tennis 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

It's not too late...Term started April 24th for 12 weeks

Paul Hobday will be again offering coaching sessions on Friday evenings

4.30-5.30pm Kids tennis 11 weeks total as gap for half term. £66 member / £77 non member.

5.30-6.30pm Beginners / Intermediates

6.30-7.30pm Intermediates / Advanced. £84 members £108 non members

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

JOIN IN OUR CLUB SOCIAL SESSIONS via the relevant Club WhatsApp group **Contact:** gary@cublington.com and he'll add you.

Mixed Tuesday Evenings, 7-8.30pm Club Saturday 3-5pm, Club Sunday 3-5pm
(All Members only).

NOTE: Club matches take priority - check the calendar and the relevant WhatsApp group to see who might be attending.

**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.



21st Cublington Horticultural Show 2026

Saturday 22nd August
The Biggs Pavilion, Orchard Ground

Everyone is welcome to come and support the Horticultural Show as a competitor or spectator. Refreshments will be available.

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

All entries must be home produced. All produce must be ripe and shown in a clean condition and polished to improve the look. Each category costs 50p per entry.

It is hoped that produce will be available to be sold after the show for Friends of St Nicholas but if you wish to keep your produce please remove it after judging.

Summer Fruit Drizzle Cake

Ingredients

2 large eggs

2 tsp vanilla extract

175g raspberries and blackberries

140g granulated sugar

1-2 tbsp citrus juice (lemon, lime or orange)

175g very soft butter plus extra for greasing

175g golden caster sugar

250g self-raising flour

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease a 900g/2lb loaf tin and line the base and ends with a long strip of baking parchment. Put the butter, caster sugar, flour, eggs and vanilla extract into a large bowl and beat with an electric hand mixer for 5 minutes until pale and creamy - the mixture will be very thick.

Spread one-third of the cake mix into the tin, then scatter over 50g of the fruit. Carefully dot and spread another third of the cake mix on top and scatter with another 50g fruit. Finally dot the rest of the cake mix over and gently spread with the back of a spoon. Bake for 1 hour until an inserted skewer comes out clean.

Poke the cake all over with a skewer. Put remaining 75g fruit into a bowl with the granulated sugar. Stir in 1 tbsp of the citrus juice first with a fork, mashing a little of the fruit as you go. If it's a bit dry, add a splash more juice and spoon over the cake. Leave in the tin until the cake is cool and the topping is set and crisp.

Judges Tips

Freshness is important.

Quality and uniformity.

All vegetables must be cleaned well.

Onions must have roots taken off.

Beans must have about 2mm stalks on.

Apples must have stalks on.

It is preferable for beets to have a straight root, so snip off any curly ones.

Flowers on courgettes is good.

It is important to make the cake exactly as the recipe.

**A big thank you
to all our sponsors!**

Categories and Sponsors

Vegetable Categories

- 1 Vegetable tray, 4 kinds of vegetable displayed on a tray no more than 18" x 24", no more than three of each kind; could include any vegetable not mentioned below
Structured Growth Garden Design
- 2 Three parsnips, foliage trimmed back to 3" leaving tops
Jenny and Andy Brown
- 3 Three carrots long or intermediate, foliage trimmed back to 2" leaving tops
Vanessa and Simon Morgan
- 4 Three carrots short or stump rooted, foliage trimmed back to 2" leaving tops
Sue and Tim Taylor
- 5 Three white potatoes
Honor and Hugh Vale
- 6 Three coloured potatoes
Cublington Tennis Club
- 7 Six runner beans, stalks attached
Linda and Colin Justice
- 8 Six of any other climbing bean, e.g. French, stalks attached
Freddie and David Bradbury
- 9 Three beetroot with tops trimmed to 2". Leave root on
Sue and Roger Bottle
- 10 Three courgettes, length 4" - 8"
Courgette Bob
- 11 Five chillies
Jill and John Gregory
- 12 Three onions with tops trimmed and tied
Cublington Allotments
- 13 Five tomatoes maximum 1½", with calyx
Sally and Joe Missen
- 14 Five tomatoes on the vine
Gillian and Jan Antosiewicz
- 15 Salad tray with 4 kinds of salad items. Name them please.
Sandie and Mike Joy
- 16 Longest parsnip, measured to end of tap root
Gwyneira and Martyn Waters
- 17 Longest runner bean
Platinum Landscapes
- 18 Two of any other single variety of vegetable not listed in any other category
Diane Grace

19 Most oddly shaped vegetable
Letterbox4you

20 Heaviest pumpkin
Chris and Bron Jones

Fruit Categories

21 Ten autumn raspberries, stalks attached
Judy and Graham Dunn

22 Three culinary apples, stalks attached
The Crier

23 Three dessert apples, stalks attached
Julie and Doug Merriman

24 Three pears, stalks attached
Sarah and Steve George

Flower Categories

25 Best single rose in a plain glass vase
Susan and Iain Black

26 Best flower arrangement in a plain glass vase, mixed garden flowers, not shrubs, to face all round
Lucy and Andy Peck

27 Vase of dahlias, five blooms, can be mixed
Jackie Farrands (Avon)

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

Children's Categories

29 Four chocolate brownies
Sheridan family

30 Decorated plant pot
Maggie Mackenzie

Domestic Categories

31 Beetroot chutney
Penny and Dennis Allen

32 Raspberry jam
Wonky Dog

33 Courgette quiche
Helen and Paul Thornton

34 Summer fruit drizzle cake
Evelyn and Gerry Griffiths

35 Chelsea bun
Gill and Gary Brazier

Virtual Pets

36 Photograph your pet and name it
Jane and Michael Alexander

So many things to do in such a small village!

Social things:

Chatty Café. So good it's been entered for an award. First Monday of every month, meet at The Biggs Pavilion 10 am until 11.30 am for hot drinks and home made cake – all for a donation of £1. Absolute bargain. Really friendly. Please come along, you will be made very welcome.

Wine Down. A regular Wednesday evening gathering in The Village Hall, 5.30 til 7.30. Bring your own tittle and make a small donation to cover costs of heating etc. Another really friendly gathering (and room for lots more) for anyone who fancies an early evening meet up.

Wine Appreciation Society (aka Winos). Every two months. Also on a Wednesday evening starting at around 7.15 pm. Some have been know to attend this group and Wine Down on the same evening. (I'm just saying.) An opportunity to expand your knowledge and enjoyment of fine and less fine wines plus plenty of foodie bits to keep you going if you've missed your tea by going to Wine Down first. Always a great evening. Jackie Farrands is the organiser.

The Panto. Every February half term, the Am Dram gang put on a panto for the delight of the village.

The writing begins in the summer, auditions and rehearsals start in the Autumn with the intensity hotting up after Christmas. If you want brilliant fun and loads of laughs but maybe not fame and fortune, sign up now. All four performances sell out to the extremely enthusiastic and loyal followers.

The Orchard – pop up pub. Alternate Fridays from 6 pm. Food usually available either from visiting vans or local cooks. There seems to be a demand for good food at a reasonable price or alternatively just come for a drink. It's a bring your own booze policy and definitely makes a great night out. Would anyone else like to take a turn cooking?

The Unicorn. No definite news at the time of writing. Shame.

Sporty things:

Cricket. Such a beautiful pitch in a stunning setting. The envy of villages far and wide. If you can play you're in. If not it's a great spectator sport where having a snooze is perfectly acceptable. Bring your own deckchair. Tom Gadsby is your main man.

Tennis. Two first class courts with plenty of availability for booking. Several teams play regularly which are also great to watch. No barracking please, (Bob). Group coaching on Friday evenings for those with rusty rackets or Wimbledon style aspirations. Gary Brazier is head honcho.

Table tennis. Alternate Thursdays in the Biggs Pavilion 7pm til 9pm. A great group with a very broad age and ability range. Only one table so plenty of time for a sit down and a chat. Sense of humour is main requirement plus £2. Bob Paine is in charge so you will not be allowed home until he wins the "round the table" game.

Brisk Walkers. Every Friday morning, meet at The Biggs Pavilion at 10 am. Have a chat, discuss where to walk, what's for lunch and who is going in which car. Repeat. Set off and hopefully all meet up at the designated destination. Resume chat. Walk, usually about 5 miles, which includes necessary stops for rests/chats and/or al fresco comfort breaks. You get the picture; it's a great, super friendly group.

Tai Chi. Wednesday mornings with Lee. At the Biggs Pavilion in the summer and the Village Hall in the winter. It's so popular that there are now two classes. Great exercise for all sorts of things including retuning your chakras I believe.

Chess Club. Not a sport but a game of logic, strategy, memory, concentration, and many other skills alien to me. This small, very friendly, group of mixed ability chess enthusiasts meet every other Monday, 4pm to 6 pm in the Village Hall to do battle on the chess boards.

Spiritual things:

The Church has a service every Sunday at 9am followed by coffee and biscuits and often cake. Everyone welcome. Several excellent music events throughout the year are really popular. Many thanks to the dedicated group of villagers who look after our lovely church and churchyard.

Green things:

North Field. A fabulous green space next to Orchard Ground with approx. 5,500 trees and whips planted over the last 5 years. Designed for the present and future enjoyment of our community. Inspired and driven forward by the amazing Martyn Waters and his jolly band of volunteers. Come and have a walk round any time of the day or night, let the kids run free (maybe not at night). Have a picnic. Donate a tree. Count lucky stars.

The Allotment Society. A peaceful place for growing veg but also a very sociable place when other allotment holders are about or dog walkers strolling by. In summer regular picnic meet ups end with a friendly game of boules. (The women currently letting the men win). One half sized allotment is available at time of writing. See Maggie Brandon for details.

The Horticultural show. A traditional end of season bonanza for showing off your best veg, flowers, baking and lots more besides. A great fund raiser which brings out the best produce and competitive spirit. Who knew how much it mattered to have the longest runner bean?

Arty things:

Art Group. Every Monday afternoon 1.45pm. – 3.45pm. this group get together in the Village Hall and get creative. Seemingly willing to try anything, they achieve fantastic results which are often on display in the Hall. This friendly and supportive group are always encouraging others to join them. (They seem to include cakes too!)

Art Exhibition: This has become a really popular annual event which celebrates and showcases the work of local artists. Hosted in The Biggs Pavilion it takes place over a whole weekend in Autumn and includes a great variety of different styles and mediums. If you are interested in exhibiting contact Martyn Gates.

We think we've got it covered but really sorry if we've missed anything out. There's always room for more if anyone wants to start something new!

Reasons to be cheerful Part 1.

Inspired by Ian Drury and the Blob heads (Part 3)

With such terrible things going on in the world we thought it might be good to focus on a Top 10 of some more mundane things which bring us a bit of joy.

This is what we came up with and hope that others might add their own.

1. The new super smooth road surface going out of Wing towards Leighton Buzzard.
2. The pause button on the remote control. (But where does that time go?)
3. A ceramic hob top.
4. The public conveniences at the multi storey car park in Leighton Buzzard. – Worth a visit.
5. The Uber app. and taxi service. “Denzil will be with you in three minutes”. And he is.
6. The e consult service at the GP surgery. No longer is your call 18th in the queue at 8 am.
7. Repeats of Frasier. Makes us laugh out loud.
8. Free meds on the NHS.
9. Radio 4. (and 5 apparently).
10. Heated car seats and steering wheel (luxury items).

For the love of Idioms (and suggested translations.)

It's raining cats and dogs – it's definitely raining a lot

He's barking up the wrong tree - confused dog has got his facts wrong

He got cold feet – chickened out

Chickened out – bottled it

Bottled it – got cold feet

It's a piece of cake - so easy – might regret it later

Bite the bullet – take the pain you wimp

Don't beat around the bush – probably of Australian origin

Break a leg – A way of saying good luck without saying it because that would be bad luck

The last straw – probably the one that broke the camel's back

By the skin of your teeth – been there - (O level Chemistry exam)

Going on a wild goose chase – as opposed to a tame goose chase

The elephant in the room – not seen one yet

(More suggestions please on a postcard to the Ed.)

Half an allotment available

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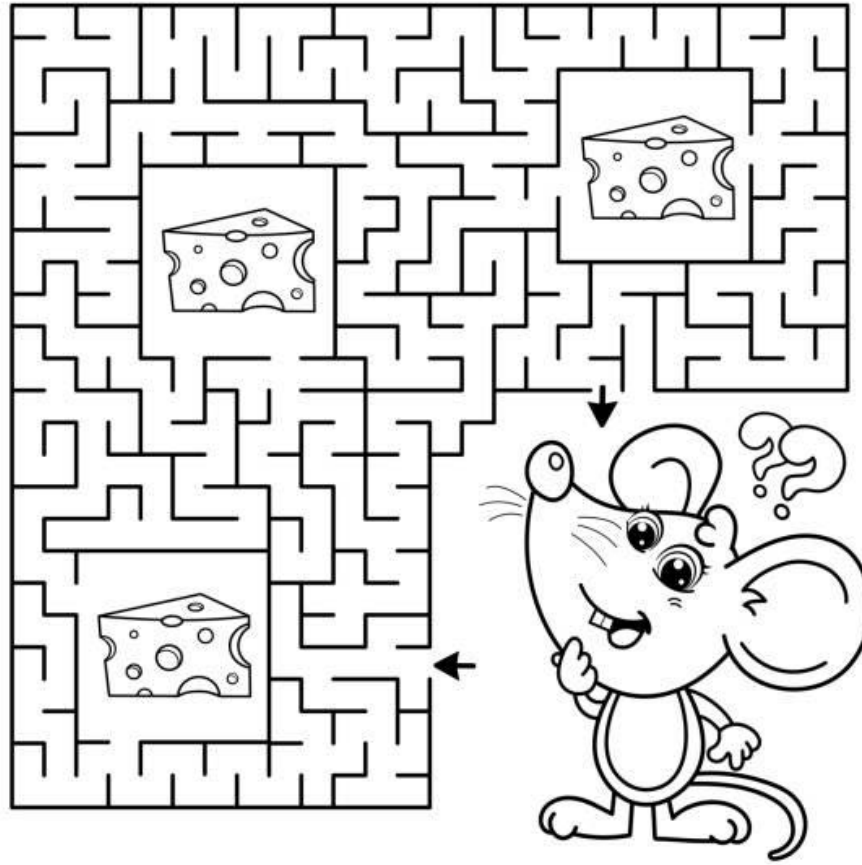
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*June 4th
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*June 22nd
World Rainforest Day*



Not Spotted

The owl box behind Ridings Way was sadly found to be empty, save for some nesting squirrels. The Barn Owls are around but where are they nesting?



Spotted

Jenny Brown playing table tennis with a sauce pan!

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Buckinghamshire County Scouts



Squirrels and Explorers are growing

The number of Squirrels (young people aged 4 to 6) has increased by over 110% in the last two years, and the number of Explorers (young people aged 14 to 17) has increased by over 15% in the same period.

James Williamson, Lead Volunteer for Buckinghamshire Scouts said, “It’s great to see the growth in Squirrels with more Dreys being open across the County. It’s also brilliant to see that the number of Explorers is increasing. The numbers in Explorers are the highest for more than 25 years.”

He added, “Our increasing numbers show that our amazing volunteers provide incredibly varied activities for young people. Badges the young people can earn range from Air activities to Emergency Aid, Global Issues to Martial Arts. Nights Away to Pioneer and Scientist to Water Activities”

James went on to say, “However, the number of young people aged 4 to 17 on our waiting list has increased by nearly 27% in the last twelve months. We now have nearly 3400 young people across the County who would like to join Scouting,”

He added, “We are looking for volunteers. If you want to be involved in any of the other sections, Beavers (aged 6 to 8), Cubs (aged 8 to 10) and Scouts (aged 10 to 14) we would be able to find you a role. We also have various roles in the background ranging from being a trustee, looking after the finances, IT, fund raising, admin etc. Whatever time you can give, we would be able to find a role for you. If you want to stay in your comfort zone, you can, but if you want to be taken out of your comfort zone, you can too.”

Adult volunteer Nigel, said, “Volunteering with Scouts is a great opportunity to help young people learn and develop skills along with having fun and trying out new activities. It’s also a great opportunity to learn and develop new skills yourself, make friends, try new activities and take pride in seeing young people develop. As volunteers, we can help put the foundations in place. We then encourage the children and young people to build upon them as they try new activities and learn skills for life. Children and young people want adventure and we provide the opportunity to have those adventures.”

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Midnight Walk Returns with Magical Summer Solstice Celebration

The much-loved Midnight Walk returns on Saturday 20th June at Roman Park, Aylesbury. Organised by Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, this special event brings the community together for an evening of remembrance, celebration, and connection, all while supporting vital hospice care. Solstice Unwind is a new feature and takes place before the Midnight Walk at Roman Park.

The Midnight Walk promises to be a magical night, as walkers gather on the summer solstice. Friends, families, and supporters will take to the streets of Aylesbury to honour loved ones and celebrate life, united under the solstice sky. Participants will once again light up the night in colourful and creative style, with glow sticks, fairy lights, and face painting. Every walker receives a free commemorative t-shirt, and, new for 2026, light-up solstice headpieces and luminous flower crowns will be available to purchase, helping to create a vibrant and uplifting atmosphere across the town.

“Midnight Walk is always such a special event for our community, bringing people together to remember loved ones while celebrating and supporting our Hospices,” said Lyn Denham, Community & Events Fundraising Manager at Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity. “This year, with the addition of our solstice theme and Solstice Unwind, we’re creating even more opportunities for reflection and connection. It’s set to be a truly memorable evening for everyone involved.”

Solstice Unwind is a calming and restorative pre-walk wellness experience, included in the entry fee for all registered Midnight Walk participants. Taking place from 7:00pm at Roman Park Hall, this special addition will feature professionally-led yoga, soothing sound baths, pilates and other wellness sessions plus wellbeing stalls to explore. It will offer walkers time to relax, reflect, and connect ahead of the main event. This is a connected but separately ticketed event to Midnight Walk. Solstice Unwind is free to attend (with a pre-booked Midnight Walk ticket) and the wellbeing sessions are £10 per person, however, Midnight Walk participants can book onto these expert-led sessions for £5.

The Midnight Walk remains one of the Charity’s flagship fundraising events, helping to raise essential funds to support patients and families across Buckinghamshire and its borders who rely on hospice care.

For more information and to sign up, please visit www.fnhospice.org.uk/mnw26

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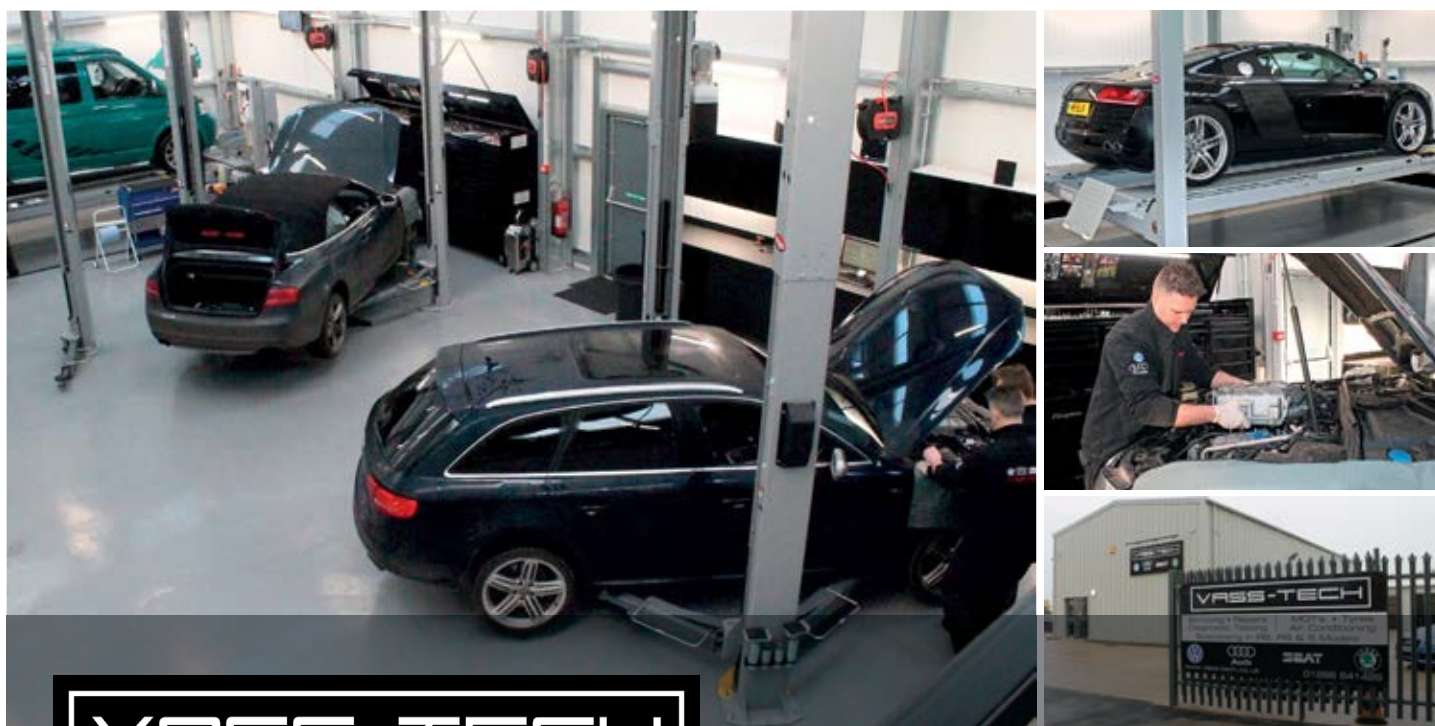
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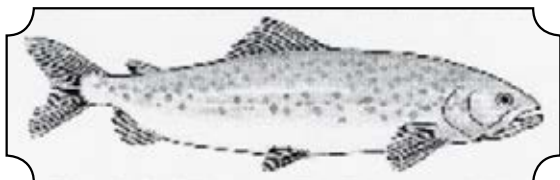
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LATEST UPDATES

North Field Update

North Field is exploring another grant from The Tree Council, they have been very generous to the North Field project with grants totalling £5,500 since the first planting took place in January 2021. Their grant monies have helped in the purchase of many of the more mature trees that you see around North Field, including the red oaks and scots pines that were planted to commemorate the life and reign of the late Queen, Queen Elizabeth II. Funding for some of the fruit trees in the orchard and hazel, sweet chestnuts and walnut trees. Other trees include some of those in the blossom circle, silver birch, rowan, field maple, hornbeam and oak trees.

As mentioned in a recent edition of The Crier, a grant application has now been submitted to reinstate the field pond in the far corner of North Field. A pond, will help reinstate the wet area in this damp part of North Field and encourage and support wildlife. The plan includes a viewing platform across the pond along with fencing for safety purposes.

Several Volunteers from the Buckinghamshire Rapture and Owl Group (BORG) visited North Field looking at possible sites for nesting boxes for owls and kestrels. They have identified several nest box sites along the west side of North Field, and while there are several possible sites on the east side, traffic on Stewkley Road poses a unacceptable risk to owls and raptures. BORG have suggested one barn owl nesting box and one kestrel nesting box along the west side boundary in the mature ash trees. Did you know that kestrels prefer a higher nesting box, so they can survey their hunting grounds? BORG will send us a brief report giving their suggested locations and positioning for a nesting box for a barn owl and a box for a kestrel. The two nesting boxes will cost around £200, (£120 for a barn owl box and £80 for a kestrel box), BORG make them to a particular specifications for different birds. They will put up the nesting boxes in the late autumn and make regular follow visits to check as to any nests, debris from the start of nest building etc. BORG will also put the North Field nesting boxes on the national register. Please contact Martyn. Waters if you would like to sponsor a nesting box, or part sponsor a box.

**Dates for the North Field working mornings,
Saturdays 9.30am until 11.30ish**

**6th and 27th of June
11th and 25th of July**

Our volunteers are a very friendly bunch, and will welcome you to share in their hot drinks and hot rolls at the end of their volunteering on the dates set out above. Do please drop in for a chat and some refreshments.



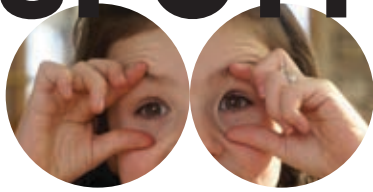
**Please contact Martyn Waters for any further information about the North Field project:
Martyn.waters@icloud.com
M: 07973754356**

Martyn Waters

New Orchard Ground committee members & North Field volunteers always wanted.

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

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

Pair of Partridge in the garden last week.



Spotted

The nice new fencing holding back the laurels around the tennis courts, providing both a visual and a wind break for the tennis players! Thanks Mike Joy.



Spotted

A new definition of asleep on the job?! Ha Ha :)



Spotted

An Egret (I promise) flying over Ridings Field (the big one beyond the Mound Field) towards Whitchurch

Spotted

Great fun had by all at the recent Village Hall Afternoon Tea event. Well done to Gwyneira and all concerned. Very smart gents!



Spotted - dreadful repairs that won't last a week!

if we think our pothole repairs are bad and leave a lot to be desired... But...at least they are getting done, which is more than some repairs in these village, reported recently. You've got to laugh or you'll cry!



Pothole repair lorry swallowed by pothole it was sent to fix

Stranded vehicle has become an attraction for bemused villagers in Somerset



A lorry became stuck in a hole as workers prepared to fix a pothole in a crumbling road in Somerset | Credit: JASON BRYAN

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After subsidence left a country road riddled with almighty craters, workmen were sent out to clean up the mess.

Spotted

Great to see such enthusiastic participants for Harry Gadsby's inspired Gamechangers Cricket.

