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Winslow Young Farmers tractor run

**STOP THE
WING NEW
TOWN!**



**CUBLINGTON
UNDER THREAT
OF EVEN WORSE
TRAFFIC CHAOS**



21st Cublington Horticultural Show 2026



The 21st Cublington Horticultural Show was held rather early this year on 22nd August, but then most growers would have been thankful they didn't have to water their (few) prize specimens any longer. A difficult year, growing wise, meant the number of entries was down this year, but conversely the number of entrants was up! Well done all!

Sally Jones and David Bradbury were the judges who crowned Jan Antosweicz champion grower winning the Growers Cup. He also achieved Best in Show for his two beautiful Butternut Squashes. Julie Merriman was the deserved Domestic Champion and surprise winner of the Best Bread Maker was Gary Brazier! Gill accepted the award on his behalf as he was playing tennis at the time.

Many thanks to all who took part and of course the brilliant organisers, our wonderful cake bakers and tea servers!

Congratulations to all our winners and make sure you enter something next year! All monies raised go to Friends of St Nicholas to help with the maintenance of our historic church building.





Welcome to the September edition of the The Crier.

As September arrives, there is a gentle sense that another season has turned. After the long days of summer, with gardens in full bloom, hose pipe bans, the spectacular village fête, cricket, family gatherings and perhaps a few welcome days away, we begin to notice the subtle signs that autumn is on its way. The mornings are a little cooler, evenings draw in just a little earlier, and the hedgerows are heavy with berries already colouring that little bit earlier than usual and bringing colour to our countryside.

Summer has, we hope, given many of you the chance to slow down, enjoy the beauty of our village and wider Buckinghamshire landscape, and spend time with children, friends, neighbours and family. Whether your highlights were walks across the fields after this year's early harvest, afternoons in the garden, cheering on local cricket, or simply enjoying a cup of tea in the sunshine, these are the moments that make village life so special, and we hope you have enjoyed them all.

Autumn has its own unique charm. It is a season that invites us to pause, reflect, look ahead and be thankful for all we have. Soon the trees will begin their spectacular display of gold, amber and crimson, the scent of woodsmoke will return to the air all too soon, and cosy evenings will replace long summer sunsets. For everyone who purchased a hedgehog house, birdhouse or insect house from us, we hope they have now found their place in your gardens and are ready to welcome some new residents in the months ahead.

By the time you are reading this, we hope everyone is keeping their fingers crossed that The Unicorn will soon return to the heart of the community and we can all enjoy a village get together. As a family that moved into the village the very same day that the pub closed its doors (we're trying not to take it personally!!), we very much looking forward to the prospect of enjoying a tippie there.

In the mean time, as our village settles into its autumn routine, there are still many opportunities to come together once again. Cublington boasts a vast array of events, clubs, church activities and pop up pubs which all depend on the enthusiasm and support of volunteers and residents alike. Whether you are a long-standing member of the community or have recently made the village your home, we hope you will find a warm welcome and perhaps discover something new to enjoy.

We would like to thank everyone who contributes to making our village such a wonderful place to live—from those who organise events and maintain our shared spaces to the many quiet acts of neighbourliness that often go unnoticed but are deeply appreciated.

Wherever the summer has taken you, we hope it has left you with happy memories. As we welcome the richness of autumn, may the months ahead bring continued friendship, community spirit and plenty of reasons to come together.

Inside, you'll find a yummy autumnal recipe and some jokes for a giggle!

Wishing everyone a happy and fruitful September.

The Harris Family

Oct edition EDITORS: Dawn & Peter Spinks

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Anyone new to the village?

I can't be everywhere or know everything, so please make yourself known to the village and me by emailing the Crier with all your details and get an official welcome!

So... Welcome

To Nishali and Andrew who have moved to Ridings Way with their two dogs (Jasper and Ralphie). They say they absolutely love it here already and can't wait to meet everyone!

New booking system for the Biggs Pavilion

<https://hallbookingonline.com/orchardground/>

Check it out...

Apologies

The second page of the Horticultural Show information was omitted in error during final page swapping around last month.

Waze to reduce traffic...

See the article inside and help stop traffic coming through Cublington. Winslow Young Farmers tractor

Amazing

Nearly £6,000 has been distributed around village causes from the Fete Committee. What a great fundraising day out that is! | Well done all! Brilliant.

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.



**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:

[https://hallbookingonline.com/
orchardground/](https://hallbookingonline.com/orchardground/)

Find a date you want and contact

Bob Paine on 01296 680483

bobpaine2002@hotmail.com

to book it!

Contact Bob on 01296 680483 or
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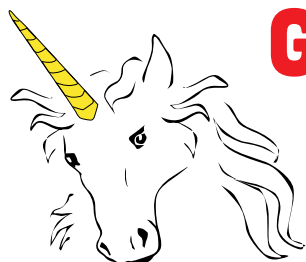
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*The Crier
online...*

is now on
Cublington.com

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



GREAT NEWS

The Unicorn Investor group are pleased to announce that advance assurance of EIS qualification has now been granted by HMRC and contract negotiations with Sam & Chris George are progressing well.

It is still too early to propose a reopening date, but we will plan to give more updates in the coming weeks.'

THE UNICORN

STOP THE WING NEW TOWN!

You will all hopefully have had numerous flyers through your door imploring you to object before the 6th September. DO IT NOW!

A useful list of grounds for objection and instructions how to do so are in the latest flyer circulating in the village. See also a post by Jenny Brown on Tuesday 18th Aug also detailing these objections. It is vitally important you do this as already the village is a rat run and we certainly do not want any more cars whizzing through. Ed



The Crier Guest Editorial Rota

2026... Nov Miranda and James
Dec - Graham & Judy Dunn

2027... Jan Gates family
Feb - Morgan's
March - Alison Head
April - Trish Bundock
May - Vanessa Taylor
June - Robertson's
Summer ?

2028...

Sept ?
Oct Toby & Tom
Nov Mary Richardson
Dec?

Jan - ?
Feb ?
March - ?
April ?
May - ?

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



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PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES

September

4th Bee Thai food van
(change from previously advertised)

18th Saffron Turkish food van

October

2nd, 16th, 30th

Food vans to be confirmed

Please contact Jackie 07968 672707 for more information.

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

Spotted

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

Why don't you come along?



Re-registration of The Unicorn Pub as a Community Asset

At the end of April following a TEAMS meeting between several members of the Friends of the Unicorn working group and Buckinghamshire Council, Cublington Parish Council made an application to Bucks Council asking that the Unicorn pub be re-registered as an asset of community value; this registration was due to expire on 26th June. The Friends of The Unicorn working group offered to collect the necessary evidence in support of this application that, prior to the closure of the Unicorn, it was actively used to further the social wellbeing and social interests of the local community. On 3rd August, Bucks Council confirmed that the Unicorn will remain on the list of assets of community value for a period of 5 years (to 2nd August 2031). This listing affords some protection should a person want to redevelop the pub and the land on which it is located.



We are grateful to the many clubs, societies, interest groups, event organisers in the village and our local MP Laura Kykre-Smith who provided evidence in support of the application made by the parish council.

The Friends of the Unicorn

THE CUBLINGTON CALENDAR

You'll always find something to do in Cublington!

September

Friday 4th - Orchard pop up pub Bee Thai food van
(change from previously advertised) The Biggs Pavilion 6pm

Monday 7th Chatty Cafe The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

Monday 7th Art Group Village Hall 1.45 - 3.45pm

Monday 7th Cublington Parish Council Village Hall 7.30 - 9.00pm

Tuesday 8th Meet up lunch club is back The Biggs Pavilion 12.30am
menu and booking details will be sent out on Cublington Life WhatsApp

Wednesday 9th Wine Down Village Hall 5.30 - 7.30pm

Saturday 12th Bucks Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride

Monday 14th Art Group Village Hall 1.35 - 3.45pm

Monday 14th Chess Club Village Hall 4.00 - 6.00pm

Tuesday 15th Cubbers Bookworms Village Hall 7.30 - 9.30pm

Wednesday 16th Wine Down Village Hall 5.30 - 7.30pm

Friday 18th - Orchard pop up pub Saffron Turkish food van The Biggs Pavilion 6pm
Details will be sent out on Cublington WhatsApp nearer the time Wednesday 2nd Wine Down
5.30 - 7.30pm

Monday 21st Art Group Village Hall 1.45 - 7.30pm

Tuesday 22nd PCC Meeting Village Hall 7.30 - 9.30pm

Wednesday 23rd Wine Down Village Hall 5.30 - 7.30pm

Thursday 24th Panto Get Together Village hall 8pm

Sunday 27th Sewing Bee Village Hall 2.00 - 4.00pm

Monday 28th Art Group Village Hall 1.45 - 3.45pm

Monday 28th Chess Club Village Hall 4.00 - 6.00pm

Wednesday 30th Wine Down Village Hall 5.30 - 7.30pm

October

Friday 2nd - Orchard pop up pub - food van to be confirmed The Biggs Pavilion 6pm

Sunday 4th Harvest Festival St Nicholas Church 9am

Monday 5th Harvest Supper & Auction St Nicholas Church 6pm

Wednesday 7th October Cublington Winos Biggs Pavilion 7pm

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

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

Friday 16th - Orchard pop up pub food van to be confirmed The Biggs Pavilion 6pm

Friday 30th - Orchard pop up pub food van to be confirmed The Biggs Pavilion 6pm

November

Saturday 14th Cabaret Evening Biggs Pavilion

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



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.

The Cublington Life WhatsApp group

Now has 155 members!

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.

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.

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



I saw this on the news feeds and tried one question (No6) and didn't get the right answer! I thought the student had failed. I never was very good at maths! 😂 See how you get on! **Ed**

“Would YOU pass GCSE maths today?

Test yourself with these 7 real exam questions, published in the Sun to find out.

Studying for GCSE maths exams is a struggle that most of us remember, whether it was graded with letters or numbers.

To pass GCSE maths with a standard Grade 4, students usually need to get between 20 per cent to 25 per cent on a Higher paper, or about 55 to 60 per cent on the Foundation paper.

Grab a pencil, some paper and have a go at these questions – the answers are written opposite.

Question 1

Work out the following: -3.5×-4

Question 2

Solve: 0.1 divided by 0.4

Question 3

A straight line has the equation $y = 4x + 9$
Write down the gradient of the line.

Question 4

An electrician charges £30 per visit plus £22 per hour
Write an expression for the cost, in £, charged by the electrician for one visit lasting n hours.

Question 5

Work out the following: 1.2 divided by 0.03

“Question 6

An examination has two parts.
A student scores 10 out of 15 marks on Part 1.
They score 4 out of 10 on Part 2.
To pass the examination the student needs to score 54% of the total marks.
Show that the student passes the examination.

Question 7

Ryan makes a journey of 200 miles from his home to the coast.
1/10 of the journey is on roads with a speed limit of 40 miles per hour. 40% of the journey is on roads with a speed limit of 50 miles per hour. The remainder of the journey takes a time of 1 hour 30 minutes.
Ryan leaves home at 8.50am and does not exceed the speed limits on the journey.
Find out the earliest time that Ryan could arrive at the coast.
You must show your working.”

Here are the answers from these Higher tier GCSE maths questions:

Question 1 (worth 1 mark)
Answer: 14
Top Tip: Two negatives multiplied together always make a positive, so you only need to calculate 3.5×4
Answer: 0.25 or $1/4$
Top Tip: $0.1 \times 10 = 1$, and $0.4 \times 10 = 4$, so you can rewrite the division as 1 divided by 4

Question 2 (worth 1 mark)
Answer: 4
Top Tip: Every straight line equation can be written in the form: $y = mx + c$, where m is the gradient and c is the y intercept

Question 3 (worth 1 mark)
Answer: 4
Top Tip: Working out the algebraic expression would look like this, total cost = call-out fee + hourly fee

Question 4 (worth 2 marks)
Answer: 30 + 22n
Top Tip: Multiply both numbers by 100, so $1.2 \times 100 = 120$ and $0.03 \times 100 = 3$. Then you only need to solve 120 divided by 3

Question 5 (worth 2 marks)
Answer: 40
Top Tip: Multiply both numbers by 100, so $1.2 \times 100 = 120$ and $0.03 \times 100 = 3$. Then you only need to solve 120 divided by 3

Question 6 (worth 3 marks)
Total available marks in paper: 15 + 10 = 25 marks
Write this as a fraction: $14/25$. Then, multiply the top and bottom by 4 to make the denominator 100
This equals $56/100$, which is equivalent to a 56% overall mark
Conclusion: 56% is higher than the 54% pass mark, proving that the student passes

“Question 7 (worth 6 marks)
Answer: 12:26pm
Step 1: Calculate the distance for Part 1 (Speed limit = 40mph)
1/10 of 200 miles = 20 miles
Then use the equation: Time = Distance/Speed
20 miles / 40mph = 0.5 hours or 30 minutes
Step 2: Calculate the distance for Part 2 (Speed limit = 50mph)
40% of 200 miles = $0.4 \times 200 = 80$ miles
Then use the equation: Time = Distance/Speed
80 miles / 50mph = 1.6 hours or 1 hour and 36 minutes
Step 3: Add up the total times taken
Part 1 time: 30 minutes
Part 2 time: 1 hour and 36 minutes
Part 3 time: 1 hour and 30 minutes (given in question)
Total time = 30mins + 1hr 36mins + 1hr 30mins = 3 hours and 36 mins
Step 4: Calculate the arrival time
Add 3 hours and 36 minutes to the start time of 8.50am
8.50am + 3 hrs = 11.50am
11.50am + 10mins = 12:00pm (noon)
12:00pm (noon) + 26 mins = 12:26pm (the answer!)”

Answers

Excerpt From
“Would YOU pass GCSE maths today? Test yourself with 7 real exam questions” Abigail Mableson The Sun
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A BBQ was held to thank the many helpers of the Village Fete...



Dear all

Following on from the fete meeting tonight I can confirm that the fete committee has agreed the following donations from the event - we had a good year and everyone made a fantastic contribution on the day and in the run up to the event.

It was great to see so many of you could make it to the BBQ this evening to say a big thanks and if we totalled up the years people have spent on this event we would definitely be in 4 figures! Sally and I are making it to over 100 between us! So now is the time to start bringing in new people from the village. Also a big thank you to Jason and Vanessa for once again demonstrating true BBQ prowess.

There are some great ideas already around how to spend the contribution, so we will all get to see the difference the money makes across Cublington and amongst all the hard work we took the time to have a laugh and a few Pimms!

Best wishes Gina

<i>Friends of St Nicholas</i>	£1,000.00
<i>Village Hall</i>	£1,000.00
<i>Orchard Ground</i>	£850.00
<i>Cublington Tennis</i>	£150.00
<i>Parish Council</i>	£300.00
<i>Cublington Crier</i>	£300.00
<i>Northfield</i>	£1,000.00
<i>Cublington PCC</i>	£1,000.00
<i>Cublington Cricket Club</i>	£300.00

Total donations £5,900.00



Ecuador was less messy than Cublington!

60 cans collected today between Littlecote and New Dairy Farm. And I only collected cans! Photo is of a stall holder in Quito sweeping up her pitch, and a black furry womble!



Spotted

And picked up at the crossroads after the 4 way closure. Suspected it was the workman sitting in his car all day monitoring the closure. What a job that is eh?! AND we're all paying for it!!!!





**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 the next term of
tennis coaching with Paul Hobday?** LTA level 4 coach

Paul Hobday will be again offering coaching sessions on Friday evenings starting on 18th September for 12 weeks 5.30-6.30pm beginner/intermediate 6.30-7.30pm Intermediate/Advanced £84 member £108 Non member

Junior Coaching starting 18th September 4.30-5.30pm for 6 weeks
£36 member £42 non member

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.

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:
14th and 28th September*

*If this is something
you might like to get
involved with, please
contact Martyn Waters
on 07973 754356 or
martyn.waters@icloud.com*

*Please note new
contact details!*



VJ DAY
15th AUG 1945



Our second VJ exhibition held on 15th August 2026 was a great success.

We featured more on Pearl Harbour and operations in the Pacific, as well as the memorabilia we displayed before.

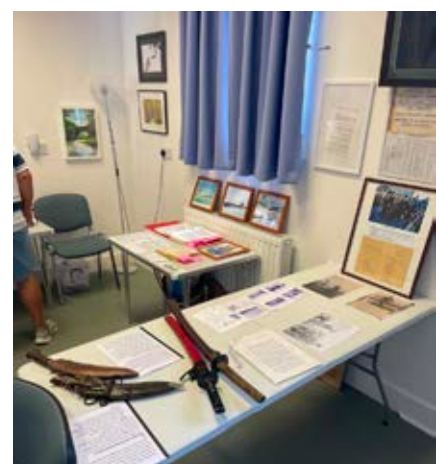
All proved very interesting to many who were able to come along.

We had many people from further afield which was great. A gentleman, Mr Bryn Blake came from the Royal British Legion and was impressed with our display. He had just come from a ceremony held in Aylesbury to commemorate VJ Day. He told me that this is what we need to bring awareness of VJ day and for what our Veterans have done for us.

A huge thanks must go to Diane Grace (for the cakes to die for) and Ev Griffiths who kept refreshments going. They were troopers.

Lastly a massive thank you to the many people who donated to help us raise a wonderful £630 . This will go to the Royal British Legion.

See you next year Trisha and Jon





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

12th September

3rd and 17th October

*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

NORTH FIELD - BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMMUNITY PROJECT AWARD WINNER 2023

Exciting things happening in September

- **National Read a Book Day - 6 September**

A perfect excuse to visit the local library, swap books with neighbours, visit the book exchange at the bus stop or simply enjoy a quiet afternoon with a good novel.

- **International Crochet Day - 12 September** - There are many talented people in the village - I'm sure there are some who would love to crochet for a day!

- **Roald Dahl Day - 13 September**

A particularly fitting celebration for Buckinghamshire, as Roald Dahl lived in the county and the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre remains a popular local attraction.

- **Autumn Equinox - around 22 September**

The official start of autumn, when day and night are approximately equal in length.

- **International Coffee Day - 1 October**

Not quite September, but close enough to justify a final coffee morning before winter arrives!

- **Sourdough September** - a month-long celebration of traditional baking.

- **Organic September** - promoting sustainable food and farming.

**BABYSITTING
DIRECTORY -
all listed are 14+**



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Katie Keane 688133 or
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or 07896 894914
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Darcey Sheriden
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Contact gary@cublington.com

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

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



(The Cublington Wine Appreciation Society)



What people say:

"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"



We held our annual Winos BBQ in August and were extremely lucky to be treated to entertainment as well. It was the evening of the eclipse and although none of us had the required glasses, Andy had bought a box made up with the relevant hole to try to see the eclipse, and a kitchen sieve was also extremely useful! As we would expect this year, the sun shone.

We tasted wine from various wine boxes which went down very well. Bob took on the BBQing duties so we had perfectly cooked burgers and sausages and everyone attending bought various salads and desserts. So together with the very enjoyable company it was an exceptional evening.



The next Cublington Wine Appreciation Society (aka The Winos) meeting is on ***Wednesday 7th October*** in the Biggs Pavilion. ***Contact Jackie 07968 672707 for more information.***

The Wine Appreciation Society meet usually on the first Wednesday of every other month. New members always welcome



Cublington Oil Syndicate

Main Contact: Alison Head
cublingtonoil@gmail.com

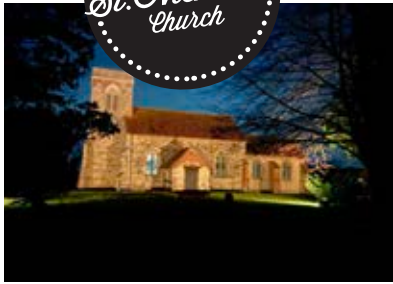
Lovell Fuels - 01844 202777
 YourNRG 01525 643019
 Certas Energy - 01296 561150
 Watson Fuels 01438 721594

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**



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



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

Gary sponsors the lights for the last week in August.
It's two years now since his dad Mike passed away. He stayed with us during Covid times and loved walking round Cublington. Miss you dad.

"Gina and Michael are sponsoring the church lights to celebrate the christening of their grandson, Finlay Joseph Reilly, in the church of St James in Weybridge on 23rd August.
Also to celebrate this with his parents Oliver and Scarlett".



Church Services for September

		Service	Taken by	OT/NT readings	Reader	Gospel and Coffee Reader		prayers
September	6	First Sunday	Annie or layled	Martyn		Gillian	Jan	
	13	HC	?	Sally		Diane		
	20	LayLed	??need someone to lead	Peter		Gina		
	27	HC	?	Helen		Karly		

Harvest Festival Service 9am Sunday October 4th - families especially invited.
Harvest Supper and Harvest Auction 6pm Monday October 5th



From the Rector



Outsider on the Inside

'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!' Ruth 1:16-17

The short book of Ruth, near the start of the Bible, is one of the most heartwarming and romantic stories in the Old Testament. It opens with a family reduced to ruin by famine in Bethlehem, more than a thousand years before Christ. A woman called Naomi moves to Moab — a different country with a different religion — with her husband and two sons.

Traces of ancient Moab survive in the modern city of Madaba in Jordan, where I spent a couple of fascinating days in 2023. At the top of the hill, on the site of the city's ancient citadel, stands a Catholic church dedicated to St John the Baptist, with magnificent views from its tower and caves beneath. In one of these caves was a veiled model standing outside a tent — a representation of Moab's most famous daughter, Ruth.

The story of Ruth is remarkable, and its main characters are women. It's quite a racy tale too — if I just say that the word for 'feet' in Hebrew is a euphemism, you'll have to read the book for yourself! But that's not why it's so shocking. Against the backdrop of a hostile biblical attitude towards Moab, where Israelites were forbidden to intermarry, a foreign Moabite woman turns out to be the heroine. Naomi's sons have married Moabite women, but when her husband and both sons die suddenly, leaving her destitute, she urges her daughters-in-law — who have no children yet — to return home. Ruth alone pledges her faithfulness: 'Where you go, I will go... your people shall be my people, and your God my God.' Ruth follows the destitute Naomi back to Bethlehem, to a country she doesn't know, risking exclusion. Naomi believes her suffering is God's punishment. When friends and relatives greet her after so long away, they ask, 'Is that you, Naomi?' But she replies, 'Don't call me Naomi. Call me Mara (which means bitter). For the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.'

But the story isn't finished. After relying on charity for a while, Naomi sets about finding Ruth a new husband — a businessman and distant relative called Boaz. It's not a conventional match: this is Ruth's second marriage, and Boaz is no longer young. Yet it's a love match that brings joy to the whole community. From this controversial union, the most famous Israelite king of all, David, will be born a couple of generations later. And some twenty-eight generations after that, Bethlehem — and the name 'Mara' or Mary — will feature in the Bible again. Ruth the outsider becomes an ancestor of Jesus.

The gospel is a story of people like you and me, who sometimes find ourselves outside, feeling abandoned or judged. That can be the very moment of salvation — through Jesus, who was himself outside, abandoned and judged, when he died on the cross.

Revd Dom Wright – Team Rector

WHERE IN THE WORLD?
TIM'S FIENDISH FLYING PHOTOS

**TEMPORARILY
GROUNDED**

Hopefully restarting soon as events in the Middle East recede.



Please join us *at the next Chatty Cafe,
Monday, 7th September 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



September Birthdays

*Weirdly we don't seem to have a note of
any September birthdays (Under 15)...*

*Unless you know differently and have maybe
forgotten to tell us?*

Gary



A Recipe for Plum & Apple Cobbler

As the trees are laden with fruit, here is a
tasty recipe to help use up the surplus.

Serves: 8-10

Ingredients

For the fruit

- 100g butter, cubed
- 100g golden caster sugar
- Seeds from 2 vanilla pods (or 2 tsp vanilla extract)
- 700g firm plums, stoned and roughly chopped
- 300g Braeburn apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

For the cobbler topping

- 280g plain flour
- 140g cold butter, diced
- 140g golden caster sugar
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- Pinch of salt
- 1 egg
- 100ml milk
- 2 tbsp demerara sugar

To serve

- Clotted cream, custard or vanilla ice cream

Method

1. Heat the oven to 190°C (170°C fan/Gas 5).
2. Put the butter, caster sugar, vanilla, plums, apples and cinnamon into a saucepan. Warm gently, stirring until the butter has melted and the sugar has dissolved. Simmer for about 10-15 minutes until the fruit softens but still holds some shape.
3. Transfer the fruit mixture to a large ovenproof baking dish.
4. In a bowl, rub the cold butter into the flour until the mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs. Stir in the caster sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and a pinch of salt.
5. Beat the egg with the milk, then pour into the dry ingredients. Mix lightly to make a thick, soft batter.
6. Spoon generous dollops of the topping over the fruit, leaving a few gaps so the bubbling fruit can show through. Sprinkle with the demerara sugar.
7. Bake for 35-40 minutes, until the topping is golden brown and cooked through and the fruit is bubbling around the edges.
8. Leave to stand for 5-10 minutes before serving warm with plenty of clotted cream, custard or vanilla ice cream.
9. Enjoy!

Orchard Ground & North Field

Cublington Orchard Ground Association (COGA)

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Registration Number 1215172

LATEST UPDATES

North Field Update

Our work through this very hot summer has been around maintenance. Water has always been used very sparingly to water in newly planted trees, the sub strata on North Field is green sands shale which has kept our larger trees with a supply of water until they have become established. However, due to the very hot summer, we have been watering within the guidelines of Anglian Water hose pipe ban. we've been permitted to water the fruit trees in the orchard, and any trees planted last season. As you wander the paths, you'll have noticed the chipped bark around each of the older trees and around in the orchard, this has helped to retain moisture and to keep the base of the trees and their roots cool. The badgers have taken great delight in digging out this bark foraging for food, our job has been to dig it all back into place. Deer have been seen in the middle of the field during the daytime, search for green grass and attempting to move the deer netting around the trees to eat the bark; more maintenance tasks to ensure the deer meeting is put back in place. Whilst we've run the hose across the field, we've used buckets and watering cans to water directly into the chipped bark of the fruit trees and the recently planted trees, it's been quite noticeable that the recently planted trees have been a bit droopy, and most of the older trees doing ok.

We are very grateful to the village fete for their very generous donation of £1,000 from the village fete committee, this has enable some tools and equipment to be purchased including two wheel barrows that have a much quicker squeak than the ones we have been borrowing. This donation will also help towards the annual maintenance costs of the North Field project. Two bat boxes have been donated by Jane and Michael Alexander which have been put up in an old ash tree on the northern boundary of North Field near to bench donated by David and Freddie Bradbury in celebration of the their diamond jubilee wedding anniversary. Bats need a clear flight to roosting boxes and are not easily able to navigate around tree branches. The boxes were made by Lindengate, a local charity based near Wendover. Lindengate provides specialist gardening, allotments and nature based activities in a supportive and safe environment to help improve participants mental health and wellbeing.

We are grateful for the donation of a load of chipped bark following some tree work being undertaken in the village, another resident has contacted us about some tree work they are having done in September. Chipped bark is used to provide mulch around the trees on North Field, wood chips from hard and softwood trees is very welcome except from laurel, holly or yew trees. Please contact Martyn Waters if you're having any tree work done and don't need to keep the chipped bak.

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

12th September

3rd and 17th October



**Our volunteers have hot rolls and tea/
coffee after their work on North Field.
Do please come along and share in our
refreshments on the dates set out above.**

**Please contact Martyn Waters for any
information about the North Field
project: Martyn.Waters@icloud.com
M: 07973 754356**

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.



It's never too late to enter...

*The more who are in.. the more you could win!**

"100" CLUB 2026/7 £1800 in prize money this year*

Please continue your support of Orchard Ground via the 100 Club - 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 bobbaine2002@hotmail.com or call me on 01296 680483 and we will organise it.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Bob & the Orchard Ground Committee.

August 2026 Winners

1st Prize - £60 - Vanessa Morgan,

2nd Prize - £50 - Avril Gates.

3rd Prize - £40 - Gerry Griffiths.

4th Prize - £20 - Jason Taylor.

Sept 2026 Winners

1st Prize - £60 - April Curnow.

2nd Prize - £50 - Toby Walls.

3rd Prize - £40 - Jane and Mike Alexander.

4th Prize - £20 - Caroline Lane.

What could be easier?...



easyfundraising

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 bobbaine2002@hotmail.com who will be happy to help. **Thanks**

THANK YOU

49 village supporters have now raise a brilliant £3,131.95 for the benefit of Orchard Ground - many, many thanks to you all.

Current league is as follows;

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

Thank you.

1st - £704.84 - Sarah George.

2nd - £399.53 - Gwyneira Waters.

3rd - £362.16 - Martyn Waters.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orchardground



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



Ask on
Cublington Life

Need a plumber, a carpenter, a builder, a decorator or electrician?

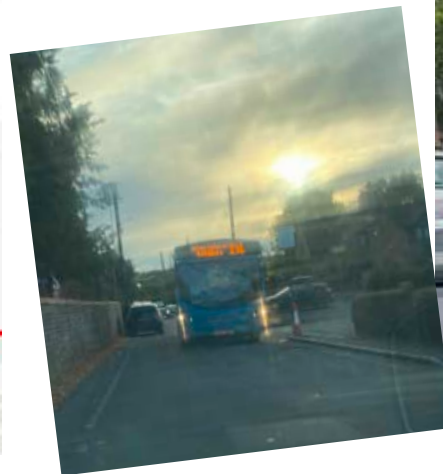
I hold a directory of tradesmen who have been recommended by someone using them in the village.

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.



STOP THIS MADNESS!

You will all hopefully have had numerous flyers through your door imploring you to object before the 6th September. DO IT NOW!

A useful list of grounds for objection and instructions how to do so are in the latest flyer circulating in the village. See also a post by Jenny Brown on Tuesday 18th Aug also detailing these objections. It is vitally important you do this as already the village is a rat run and we certainly do not want any more cars whizzing through. See also Waze to help stop the rat run opposite. Ed



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)

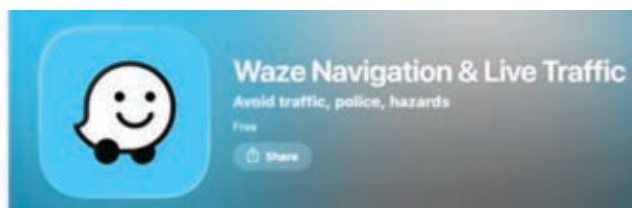
Any subject, any medium, up to A4 in size. Prizes for age groups.



PARISH NEWS



The Parish Council have agreed to put this information about Waze in the Crier. Make sure you download this app.



USING WAZE TO HELP REDUCE RAT-RUNNING

Cublington life is often affected by concerns about the speed and volume of traffic passing through our rural village. Since the Bierton traffic calming scheme was introduced, residents have reported a significant increase in rat-running along the High Street, including lorries being directed by satellite navigation systems onto what appear to be quieter roads.

Why SatNavs Can Be a Problem

SatNav algorithms do not always take account of the realities of country lanes, including narrow roads, pinch points, parked cars, limited visibility at junctions and other local obstacles. As a result, drivers may be sent through Cublington as a shortcut, only to become frustrated by delays once they encounter these difficulties.

To reduce this problem, the information used by navigation apps needs to reflect the true conditions on our village roads, so that Cublington becomes a less attractive route for through traffic.

How Waze Can Help

Waze is a free SatNav app that relies on community input. Its route information is updated by users who report traffic conditions, hazards and delays. These updates can also feed into Google Maps, which is widely used by commercial and private drivers.

Our Speedwatch teams have noticed that traffic often slows when speed cameras or police activity are reported on Waze. Regular, accurate reporting of local road conditions may therefore help discourage drivers from using Cublington as a shortcut.

If you would like to help reduce the volume and speed of traffic through the village, please consider downloading Waze to your Apple or Android phone and reporting road conditions in Cublington, e.g.

- Lane closures or narrow sections
- Standstill or slow-moving traffic
- Potholes or roadworks
- Stopped vehicles or other hazards
- Visible police or speed monitoring activity

The more residents who take part, the more useful and accurate the information becomes. By sharing real-time local conditions, we can help navigation systems better reflect the challenges of our village roads and encourage traffic to use more suitable routes.

Harvest Festival service

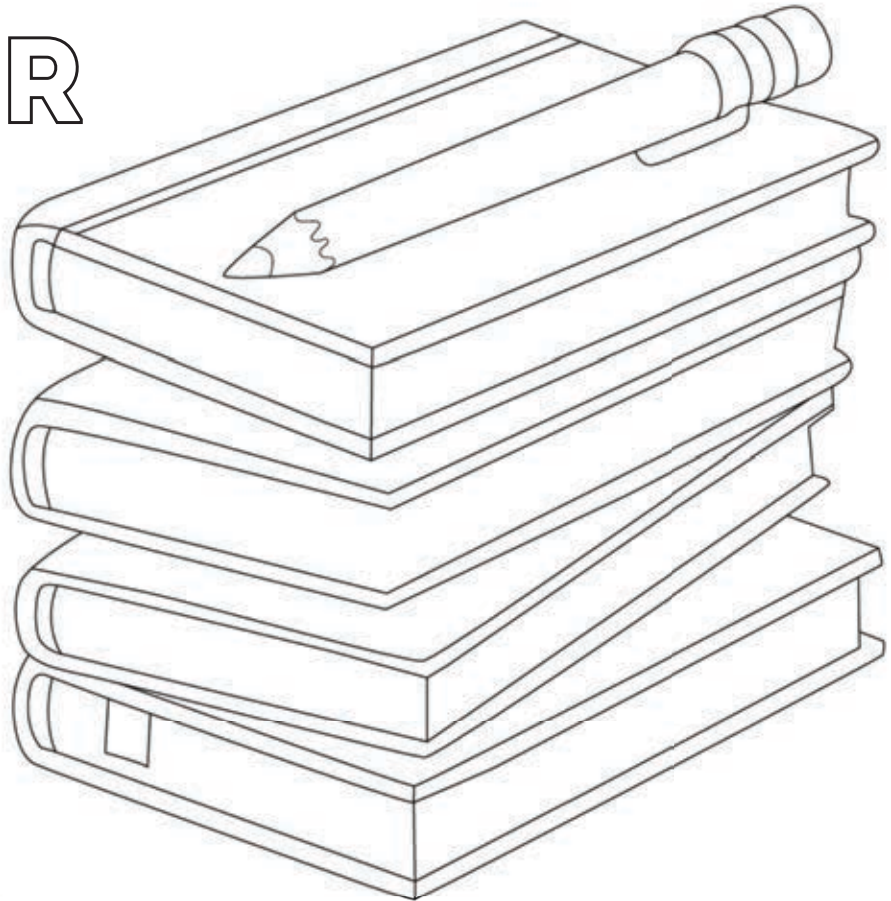
9am Sunday October 4th - families especially invited.

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6pm Monday October 5th

COLOUR ME IN

National Book Day
6th September



Remembering the Summer of '26



PLEASE JOIN FOR NEXT YEAR



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

Weekend	Name
Sept 5th - 6th	Andy Brown + Nigel Ioli
Sept 12th - 13th	Mark Harris
Sept 19th - 20th	Alan Richardson
Sept 26th - 27th	Andy Peck
Oct 3rd - 4th	James Francis
Oct 10th - 11th	Harry Gadsby
Oct 17th - 18th	Chris and Ali Mountfield
Oct 24th - 25th	Vacant

*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.





Ten years on, Cublington Bollywood Ball raises in the region of £24,000 for local and national charities

Ten years after it was first held in memory of a close friend lost to cancer, around 200 guests came together at The Old Stables, Cublington, on Saturday 18 July for the Cublington Bollywood Ball 2026, raising in the region of £24,000 for charity.

Organised by Becky, Sam, Sarah and Steve George, the sold-out event brought together friends, family, local businesses and supporters from across the area for an evening of Bollywood-inspired entertainment, authentic food, auctions, games and dancing.

The event was held in support of Penny Brohn UK, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, and local village causes, with all proceeds helping to fund the invaluable work these organisations do.

The main beneficiary, Penny Brohn UK, is a cancer health and wellbeing charity offering free, personalised support to adults across the UK living with any type of cancer. Its whole- person approach supports people's physical and emotional wellbeing, helping them to feel more informed, resilient and in control during and beyond cancer treatment.

Guests also heard from two members of Penny Brohn UK's fundraising team, who attended the Ball and spoke passionately about the charity's work and the difference its services make to people affected by cancer. Their moving contribution provided a powerful reminder of why everyone had come together and how the funds raised will help support people and their loved ones through extraordinarily difficult times.

The Bollywood theme held a particularly special significance. Steve and Sarah George had dreamed of hosting a Bollywood Ball after several trips to India through charity work, where they fell in love with the country's colour, warmth and vibrant culture. At almost exactly the same time, Becky and Sam's close friend, Abby Webb, had independently chosen the very same theme for her own 25th birthday celebration.

Tragically, Abby never got the chance to celebrate. Following a five month battle with a rare form of cancer, she passed away in December 2015. It therefore felt only right that the first Bollywood Ball, held in 2016, raised funds for Penny Brohn UK – the charity that had supported Abby throughout her illness and one she had encouraged others to support. Ten years on, the event returned once again to honour Abby's memory while raising vital funds for Penny Brohn UK, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity and local village causes. Becky George said: "It's difficult to put into words what the evening meant to us. To see so many people giving so generously, whether by buying tickets, donating prizes, bidding in the auctions or simply coming along to support, it was incredibly moving.

We're so grateful to every single person who helped make the evening happen. From our volunteers and entertainers to the local businesses that donated prizes and our guests who embraced the spirit of the event, it truly was a team effort.

Hearing first-hand from the Penny Brohn team about the difference their work makes to people affected by cancer reminded us exactly why we wanted to bring the Ball back. Knowing that the funds raised will help support people and families through some of the most challenging times in their lives made every hour of planning worthwhile."

The organisers would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the event – from the volunteers, entertainers and local businesses who donated prizes and supported the event programme, to every guest who supported the evening with such generosity.

Becky and Sam would like to make a special mention of Bespoke Wealth Management and Steve and Sarah George, whose generous financial support helped keep ticket prices affordable, ensuring as much money as possible could go directly to the charities. They would also like to thank Steve and Sarah for the countless hours they dedicated behind the scenes to help bring the event to life.

While the final fundraising total is still being confirmed, the event is expected to raise in the region of £24,000, making a meaningful difference to the charities and local causes it supports.

Raising funds for
 **Penny Brohn^{UK}**
 Cancer wellbeing for everyone

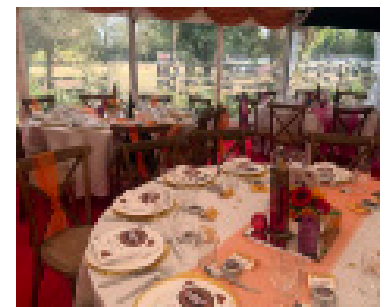
 **Florence Nightingale**
 HOSPICE CHARITY
 Care for those you know and love

Village causes including

Orchard Ground
The Biggs Pavilion



Fire eater and multi arts performer Dion



Tables set and ready for guests



Magician and content creator Neil Henry



Interactive Bollywood dance workshop



Master of ceremonies Elliot Harper



CUBLINGTON CABARET - BIGGS PAVILLION
SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 7.00PM
THEME - SPAIN

Tickets for the 'one and only Cublington Cabaret' are just £15.00 per head to include a two course meal. Bring your own drinks.

Tables of 8 - please try to arrange your own 8 and nominate someone to cook the main and another to provide the pudding. A suggestion of main and pudding will be given nearer the time. Nibbles and/or cheese are up to individual tables. If you don't have a table of 8 just let us know.

Everyone is welcome to perform in this prestigious event - in fact the more performers the merrier.

Tickets will be available from 1st October. Due to normal high demand we would like to keep this open mainly to villagers.

To book tickets please Whatsapp or text Jackie on 07968 672707. Anybody wishing to perform, please let me know on the same number. Just to confirm all performers need to buy a ticket.



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The Cubbers Bookworms

Meets in the Cublington Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm

Refreshments provided, tea Coffee and Biscuits £5 per month

Anyone interested in joining us please let me know. Di Grace 07866 370330

NEXT MEETINGS

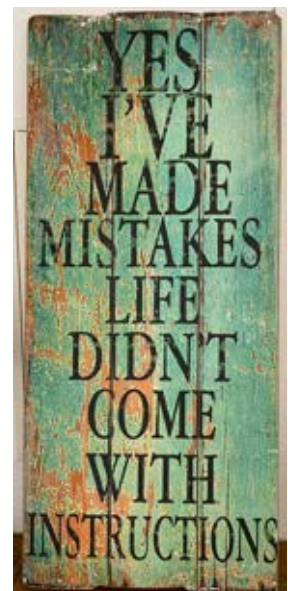
Tue 15 Sep 2026 19:30-21:30

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.





Traffic issues note. (circulated by PC) Aug 2026

Response from Steve & Sarah GEORGEto the PC 8/8/2026

The general concern about the type, amount and speed of traffic is understandable and expected given the increase in volumes (2019 vs 2025). It is likely volumes have increased further since 2025 and with the prospect of the Wing development (8000 additional cars) there will be an unsustainable increase in traffic with the underlying concern will be that it is only a question of time before there is a serious, possibly fatal incident.

Our view is that:

- The best solution should be implemented (regardless of cost)
- The solution should aim to tackle all 3 concerns
- The PC should seek a suitable solution to alter the crossroads so that there is a beneficial effect on all 4 roads leading into the village and the High street.

Whilst the 4 ideas put forward would have some beneficial effect none of them solve all the issues.

Our preferred solution involves changing the way we look at the crossroads.

Several years ago there was a fundamental change made to rights of way in Wing (where the Stewkley road meets the High street) Whilst it took a while to get used to it, everyone now has and it was an obvious beneficial change.

The statistics would need to be looked at but we imagine the volume of traffic heading each way on the Wing/Whitchurch road is higher than the Stewkley/Aston Abbots road.

Regardless of volume of traffic on the individual roads, most would agree that the most dangerous place in the village is turning right or going straight on at the crossroads when coming from Aston Abbots. Turning right at the crossroads into the High Street is also dangerous. The main issue causing concern is therefore the type, amount and speed of traffic travelling on the Wing road (which affects the High Street).

We propose a 3 part solution.

1. Change the priorities at the crossroads so that traffic on the Stewkley/Aston Abbots road has priority at the crossroads (with all the necessary signage about change of priorities etc)
2. Introduce 2 new chokers. One coming from Aston Abbots to Cublington (bulb-out to be on left hand side of road giving right of way to traffic leaving the village) and one coming from Stewkley to Cublington (bulb-out to be on left hand side of road giving right of way to traffic leaving the village). The exact location of the bulb-outs would need determining but we suggest they would be about where the current 'Cublington' signs are.
3. Implement the idea already suggested of 'Road narrows' sign and edge lining coming from Whitchurch

Benefits

1. All traffic coming from Wing would have to stop at crossroads
2. By definition the speed of all traffic coming from Wing would have to slow along the Wing Road
3. All traffic coming through the High street would have to stop at the crossroads
4. By definition the speed of all traffic coming from Whitchurch direction would have to slow down through the High Street.
5. All traffic coming from Aston Abbots and Stewkley would have to slow down considerably and when busy, stop, before entering village environs because of the chokers
6. Chokers would be designed and implemented to deal with cars whilst allowing farm traffic access and commercial vehicles. It would however act as a deterrent to large commercial lorries that currently use Cublington as a 'cut-through'.
7. All cars would be forced to slow down (and very often, stop) as they approach 'chokers' and for those who currently use our village as a 'cut-through' or 'rat-run', this new set-up will act as a deterrent with the potential beneficial effect of less traffic but certainly would succeed in slowing traffic, not speeding it through
8. Whilst the change in priority would require thoughtful and well signposted introduction, and some re-education it does not require significant capital cost
9. The Chokers (constructed on one side of the road) would be cheaper than chicanes (both sides of road)
10. Therefore the overall cost, whilst not inconsiderable, will be more cost effective than speed cushions which was the most expensive calming option proposed.

More importantly this new proposal does not suffer from the collective 'cons' highlighted in the paper circulated by the PC

We would be interested in your response to this idea.

Note: This proposal was formulated after I posted on Cublington Life - Just change the priorities. Simple!
I therefore wholeheartedly concur with this proposal. What do you think? **Ed/Gary**

WHAT A SPECTACLE!



Huge thanks to Chris Smith for keeping us informed on the WhatsApp group as the eclipse progressed! Excellent stuff.

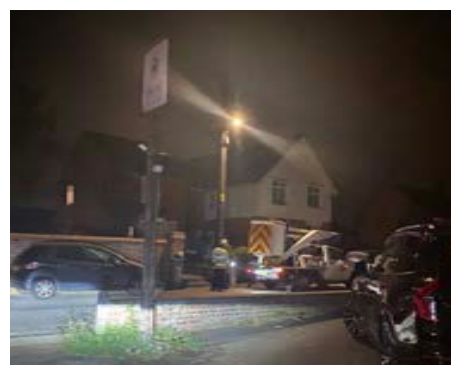


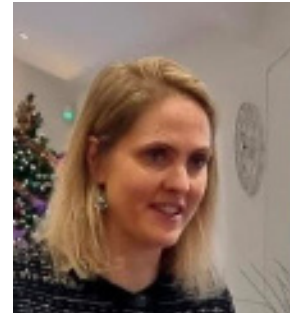
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Huge thanks also to these two... Andy and Nigel who cleared several public footpath gates and stiles of the overgrown brambles and nettles. Your work is very much appreciated,

Spotted

Amazing the amount of chaos replacing a few telegraph poles makes to small village roads. Coupled with a major gas leak on the main Wing to Aylesbury road and the mayhem was complete. There are simply too many cars on the roads!





It's such a pleasure to be writing for this edition of Cublington Crier. I hope you've all been keeping well in the heat.

It's fair to say that there's been a lot going on in politics in recent weeks! But the most important part of my job continues to be taking the issues that matter to my residents to Parliament, raising them with Buckinghamshire Council or government Ministers, and trying to make progress. I've found the energy and focus of Andy Burnham's early days in office really promising. The announcement of a 20% cut in business rates for pubs and music venues is particularly welcome for Aylesbury and the villages, as is his promise to focus on social care. and I'm looking forward to seeing what else this summer has in store.

The break in Parliament over summer means that I have been spending even more time in the constituency, celebrating our history, hosting events for businesses and young people, and enjoying the delicious food and live music we have on offer. I hope you've been enjoying time in our community too.

Cublington Chatty Cafe

I was so pleased to see that Cublington Chatty Café was shortlisted at the Pride of Bucks Awards last month. I loved visiting the café last year and seeing how social isolation can be tackled in a lovely British way; with a cup of tea and a real conversation. Mental health experts often say that the biggest lie told in the UK is "I'm fine". The Chatty Café is a lovely chance to sit and chat, share challenges and put the world to rights together. Congratulations to all involved!

Buckinghamshire Council's Local Plan

One of the big local issues that I'm working on is Buckinghamshire Council's draft Local Plan, which sets out planned development over the next twenty years. I know that there are concerns about it in Cublington and across our villages.

Members of Parliament don't have a formal role in the planning process. But I am in ongoing contact with local action groups, parish councils, and individual constituents to ensure that their concerns and comments are heard by Buckinghamshire Council. Personally, I think it's right that we build the next generation of homes; I hear from too many people who cannot afford a place to live in our area, and I want that to change.

But I do expect the Local Plan to be proportionate and fair. I also expect the national guidance to be followed, which clearly includes the need to continue protecting the environment as well as the need for infrastructure and services.

Relatedly, I have also been pushing Buckinghamshire Council to reverse its policy of removing public comments on planning applications from its website, as I think this really hinders the public scrutiny that we need around planning decisions. If you haven't read my statement on Buckinghamshire Council's Local Plan, please visit my website. I'm currently working on my formal consultation response to challenge aspects of the Plan, informed by everything I've heard from residents.

Climate and Environment

Speaking of our future generations, it would be remiss of me not to mention the issue that is at the forefront of many residents' minds. This summer was not normal. Fires blazed across parts of the UK, emergency services dealt with the overflow of heat-related health emergencies, and the drought had a huge impact on this year's harvests.

We must address climate change head-on to prevent things from getting worse. I have taken on a new role as the Private Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and I'm pleased to see the Foreign Secretary's urgent commitment to the global climate emergency. We've seen with our own eyes how directly this affects us all, whether it's in Aylesbury and the villages or the Arctic Circle. I think it's right that the Prime Minister called an emergency Cobra meeting in response to the extreme heat, and we need to take bold and creative action in responding to the challenge of global warming.

Fireworks

I've been able to attend many more wonderful community celebrations during my time as your MP, but I've heard concerns from many residents about the use of fireworks, both during current drought conditions and other times of the year. I have made representations to ministers about irresponsible firework use and the impact it has on both pets and humans. I'm pleased that the Government is launching the largest ever review into fireworks legislation. Fireworks should be fun, but we have to get the balance right! You can have your say by searching 'UK government fireworks consultation' online.

A local mum shaping national law

You'll likely have seen one of the biggest policy announcements of 2026: The regulation of social media for under-16s. This comes after years of inaction from tech companies on the dangerous levels of access they have to our children. What you may not know, however, is that the experience of a local mum whose son was groomed by an AI chatbot directly shaped the policy. Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, Liz Kendall, emphasised that AI companion bots were included in scope of this bill because of the awareness-raising that I undertook with her. You can watch a video explaining more here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1DQaoXNWk5/>

Thank you for reading. As always, please email laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk if there's anything I can help you with. You can also sign up to my e-newsletter at lauraforaylesbury.org.

St Nicholas Church September Newsletter

We welcome everyone back to our services in September following the summer break. It certainly has been an incredibly hot and dry summer here this year and like our gardens the churchyard is looking very parched. Thank you to all the people who volunteer/agree to mow the grass and keep the churchyard looking at its best.

At the end of August St Nicholas held another fundraising event. Crafts and Cream Teas were enjoyed at the church and the money raised will be split between St Nicholas and Streetvet.

The Bucks Historic Churches Trust (BHCT) is running its annual **Ride and Stride fundraising event on 12th September**. If you would like to take part you can either join a group or as an individual. Plan a route either cycling or walking to visit some of the local churches and get some sponsors or make a donation. You will need to contact Penny Allen (djandpallen@gmail.com) for a sponsor form and details of how to take part or visit www.bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/. If you nominate St Nicholas as the church you wish to support then we will benefit from half of the total money raised. The BHCT supports historic churches and we have been able to benefit in the past from a grant from them for repairs.

Looking ahead to next month we are celebrating our **Harvest Festival** and thanking the farmers who work the land around our rural community. As usual they have had to deal with everything that the weather and environment throws at them and we will be giving thanks at the **9am Sunday service on 4th October**. This will be followed the next day on **Monday 5th October by the Harvest Supper and Auction** of produce and bakes. The supper will be held at 6pm and a range of delicious soups will be served before our auctioneer opens the bids. Please pop dates in your diary and come and support us ...it is always a great social event.



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Top Awards for Buckinghamshire Scouts



Over 300 young people involved with Buckinghamshire Scouts were recently awarded the top award for their section. Young people from Amersham to Aylesbury, Beaconsfield to High Wycombe and Milton Keynes to Wendover attended the event. Across the sections, the young people had to earn Challenge badges and activity badges, with the number increasing as they progressed through the sections.

When Conor and Mia were asked what they liked about Scouts, they said, “Camps, making friends, learning survival skills, using knots for a purpose, for example, building a raft, and going to the Essex Jamboree in 2024.” When asked to describe Scouts in three words, they said, “Outside, fun, friends”

HM Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Countess Howe, said, “Thank you to all the volunteers for their support and dedication so these young people can achieve these awards. They can turn ordinary days into adventurous days. I admire the patience, commitment and resilience of the volunteers. The Scouts will be telling stories for many years about some of the wonderful activities they have done. It’s so good to see young people challenge themselves. I’m incredibly proud of this wonderful movement.”

Haniya, when asked about her daughter, said, “Amira has enjoyed Beavers and Cubs, she has made friends and tried lots of activities she had never done before. She has grown in confidence, been taken out of her comfort zone and earned several badges.” She added, “Amira has had lots of fun, has learned about kindness and been educated in a non-formal way.”

Adult volunteer Will said, “It’s great to be able to share experience and skills with other volunteers around the County. I became a volunteer as I was inspired by the volunteers I saw and met. I realised the amazing impact they had on the lives of young people.” When asked to describe volunteering in three words, he said, “Adventurous, inspiring and second-family.”

For more information about any of the sections (young people aged 4 to 17) or volunteering (aged 18+) please visit bucks-scouts.org.uk



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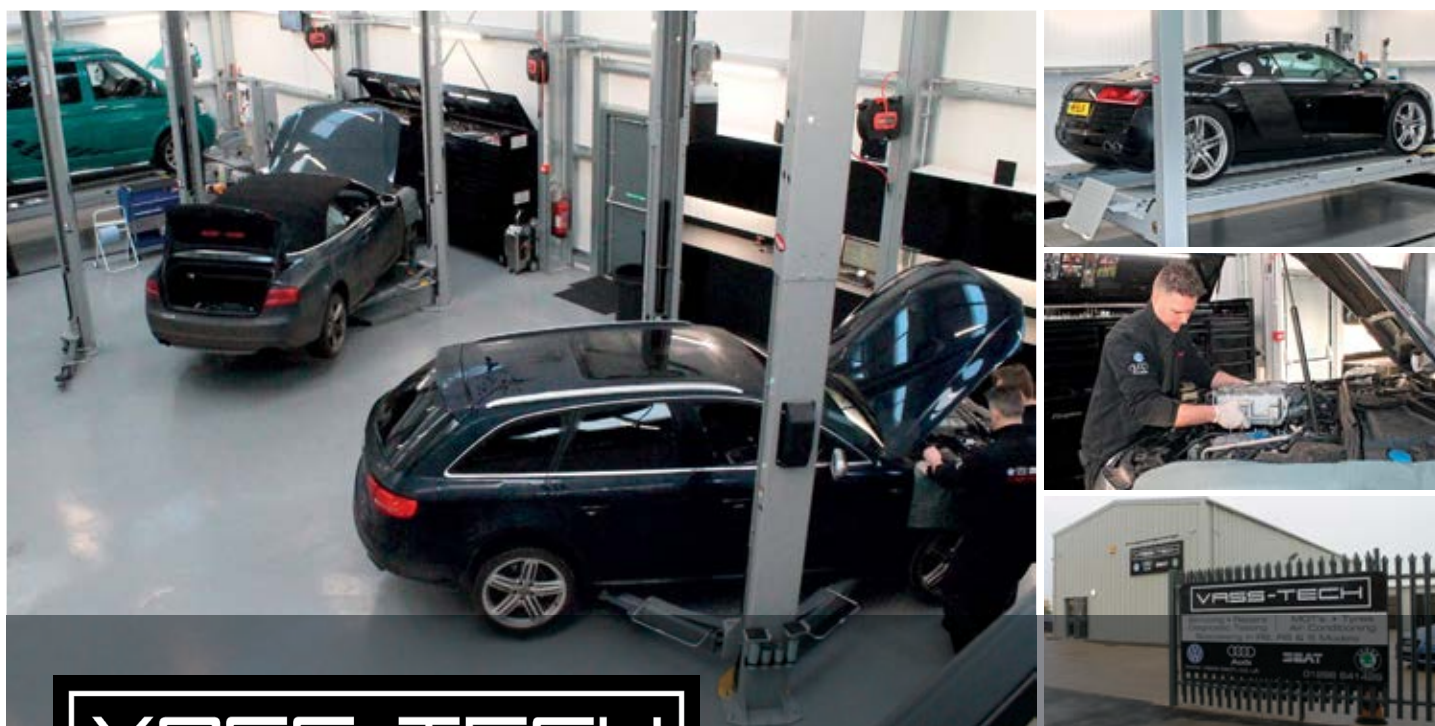
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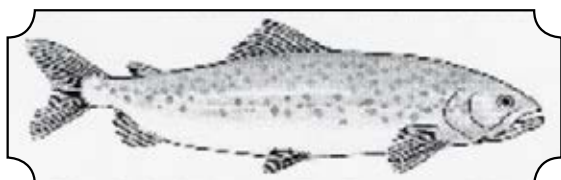
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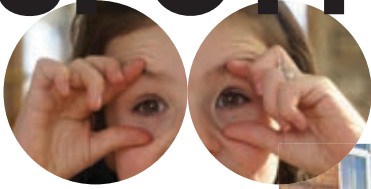


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Spotted

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Spotted

Many of you also saw Hummingbird Hawk Moths in your gardens - a consequence of the long hot summer!



Spotted

After what seemed like ages since we saw one, a Virgin hot air balloon flew very low over the village the other morning. Several of you spotted it - it was noisy wasn't it!?



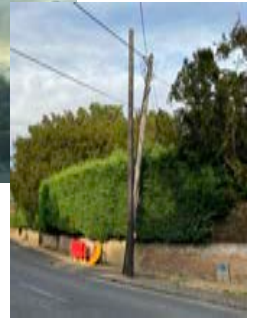
Spotted

Eagle eyed villagers spotted Rosie Reilly on BBC2 Emergency 24/7 and Martyn Waters on the canal at Stoke Bruerne on BBC Look East. Brilliant.



Spotted

Huge numbers of road closures and diversions whilst they replace the telgraph poles. A four way stop at the crossroads - perhaps an indicator of the necessary traffic calming measure required?



Spotted

Stop the Wing New Town. The campaign is ramping up.. make sure you have signed the petition and put your objections in. Factual and without emotion apparently is the key.



Spotted

The eerie pictures of the Buck Moon,, also amazing.



Spotted

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Spotted

And of course the wonderfully documented solar eclipse. Many thanks to Chris again for j=keeping us informed as to the progress. truly wonderful!



Spotted

Beautifully cleared footpath at the end of Bell Close. Thank you Jake!

Last month's Spotted's

Apparently it was Gareth in the dark collecting the caterpillars, not Jenny! Apologies - it was dark!



Chris says the planet above the moon is Venus. Apparently you might also have spotted Jupiter to the west of that and even further west was Mercury! (not without a telescope I reckon)

CUBLINGTON VARIETY CLUB'S

PANTO 2027

GET-TOGETHER

Be part of the magic!

24th SEPT 26

8PM

CUBLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Calling all established village thespians and anyone who'd like to get involved!

ACTING ROLES
(some are silent!)

BACKSTAGE CREW

PROPS & SET DESIGN

STAGE MANAGER

★ *All ages. All abilities. All welcome!* ★
Come along, have a chat and help make our 2027 panto magical!

Let's make panto magic happen!

