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# Welcome to the November 2026 Edition

Many thanks go to the volunteers who deliver this magazine to Caddington, Aley Green and Caddington Woods

In this edition you will find

Photos of Award Winners announced at the Village Show

'Villager of the Year'

'Organisation of the Year'

'Special Recognition'

Details for Remembrance Sunday

A newspaper article and photos from 1919

An appeal on behalf of CaddingtonCare

Press release for the next CADS production

Beginner Tai Chi lessons at the Heathfield Centre

Ward Councillor – Vicky Malone's – Detailed Report

The next Parish Council meeting and how to make contact

When to use a Pharmacy before making a GP appointment




Have you an article that you'd like to include in the next edition?

Send it to the email address at the bottom of this page

Tell us about a recent experience, hobby or special interest

The magazine reaches nearly 2000 houses and is also shared on social media

**The next edition will be with you at the beginning of December**

**Deadline for content is Monday 16th November**

Contact John at caddvillmag@gmail.com

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# All Saints Church Caddington



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## Sunday Services

**9.30 a.m.** **Informal Service** (1st & 3rd Sunday of month)
**Communion service with choir** (All other Sundays)

## Thursday

**10.00 a.m.** **Caddington Bears.** A group for pre-schoolers and carers

# All Saints Church

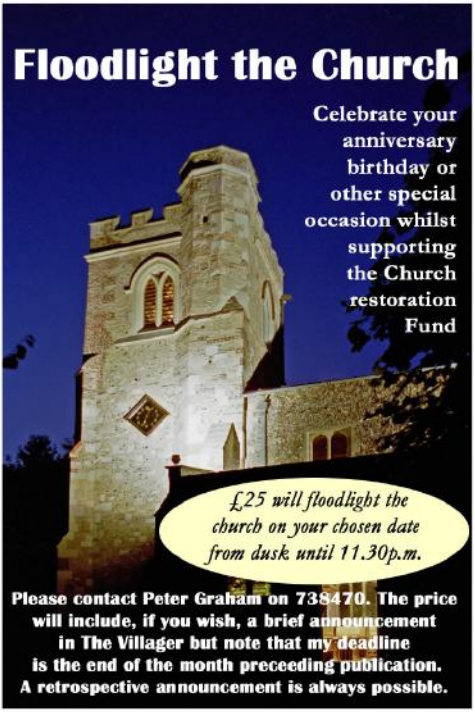
**The Church will be floodlit on Wednesday 18th November**

*In loving memory of*

*Jon Fitzsimmons*

*On his birthday*

Please note that for an announcement to appear in The Villager, I need to have it a day or so before the content deadline given at the beginning of this magazine. A retrospective announcement is always possible.






The 2026 winners were announced at the Village Show on Saturday 29th August

Awards presented by Mark Russell - Parish Council Chairman



Villager of the Year
Sarah Fitzsimmons



Organisation of the Year
Caddington Community Shed



Special Recognition
Raymond Gill
(Accepted by Lee Shoemaker)



Below is an article from the Luton News and Bedfordshire Chronicle 24 July 1919

CaddHist's website is a great resource for discovering Caddington's past

caddhist.org.uk



Many people are named in the article

Perhaps a member of your family tree?







## CADDINGTON.

Peace Day rejoicings consisted principally in entertaining the children of the day school. The headmaster was assisted in the arrangements by Messrs. Champkin, Collins, J. Currant, Drakes, S. Cripps, B. P. Hyde, G. W. Mardle, G. Mardle, D. Mardle and R. J. S. Reed. The programme commenced at 2.30 with a gaily decorated procession consisting of school children, demobilised soldiers and others, some in fancy dress. Three school boys, R. Hyde and G. Mardle, dressed as jockeys and mounted, and F. Cooper in fancy dress, headed the procession. Elsie Austin, with decorated bicycle, followed. A Red Cross car designed by Messrs. Collins and Mardle was greatly admired. Misses Collins and W. Mardle very ably represented the nurses. Miss I. Collins represented Britannia. After the procession about 130 children and a number of old people were entertained to tea. The following ladies worked hard to make this a success: Mrs. Abrahams, Mrs. Champken, Mrs. S. Cripps, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Mardle, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. York and the Nurse. Sports on the green followed, and a crowd of spectators were highly entertained by the humorous nature of some of the items. Demobilised soldiers displayed great interest in the sports, and also won the tug-of-war. A mock trial of the Kaiser followed, and his effigy was burnt on the village green. Mr. Moss sent up a large fire balloon. After this there was a display of fireworks. A huge bonfire made by a band of willing helpers, Messrs. Angell, Brandham, Austin, Howard, Currant, G. Mardle and Sear concluded a most enjoyable day.

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## CHAT AND COFFEE

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## MEN'S CLUB

We meet every Thursday 10 till 12 at the Heathfield Centre. Drop in and see us – you will be sure of a warm welcome.

## SEATED EXERCISES

Come along to the Heathfield Centre on Tuesdays at 11.am. Good fun, good exercise and stimulating.

## BINGO

**First Mondays of the month** – 2pm at the Heathfield Centre.
£5 for 6 games. Flyer and raffle. Everyone welcome

## CHRISTMAS SINGALONG

**Friday 18th December 2pm at The Heathfield Centre.**

### Walks

**Wednesday 16th November 10:30.**
**This is a circular walk starting from theNational Trust car park off Beacon road, Ringshall. HP4 1NF. The lane to the carpark is the first turning left down Beacon Road. Unfortunately there are noconvenient refreshment stops on the route.**
**The next walk is February 2027.**
**For lifts ring Caddington Care 07548 264 672**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Careline is on every weekday from 9.00am till 4.30pm.
If you need help with shopping, a lift to a medical appointment, help with a small household task, help with a computer or paperwork or someone just to call round, please call the above number

## WHEELCHAIRS

We have wheelchairs available for short term loan

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# Caddington Local History Group

## Caddhist meeting report –June 2026

## Hardit Singh Malik

## The Flying Sikh of the First World War

## Stephen Barker

We had been much intrigued by the title of this talk so were not surprised when Hardit Singh Malik was introduced to us a young soldier spotted on the parade ground in April 1917 wearing a turban. The adjutant took some notes and Hardit was given special dispensation.

In 1908 young Hardit travelled from India to the UK to go to school at Eastbourne College. He thrived academically but was bullied on account of his turban. He learnt to fight his corner and in 1912 went on to study Modern History at Balliol, a college with a long association with India. He excelled at cricket and played for Sussex.

In 1914 his peers were volunteering but Hardit Singh, not being British, was not allowed to. Undaunted, he joined the Red Cross and was driving officers in the Cognac area. Here, he discovered that he could join the French Flying Corps. He came to the notice of Whitehall and was allowed to join the Royal Flying Corps – without pay. He could not be an officer but could be an 'Honorary Officer'. In order to accommodate his turban he was given an outsize helmet. While flying a Sopwith Camel against Richthofen he was wounded. After serving in Italy and then out of Biggin Hill he built up a service record. By March 1918 the British forces were stretched. Indian troops were needed and Hardit Singh was finally made a full lieutenant and joined 11 Squadron in France.

Following the war, Indians could no longer be officers and Hardit Singh returned to Rawalpindi where he married – not the lady selected by his parents – but her sister. They had three children. He returned to the UK with the intention of being a pilot but joined the Junior Civil Service. Both he and his wife became successful golfers – she with a specially designed sari. He eventually returned to India and joined the Indian Civil Service.

I was left with the impression that Hardit Singh was a most resilient, determined man who was fortunate to find a kindred spirit in his wife.

Jane Payton

## CaddHist - your local History Group

We are a friendly group, meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month 7:30 at

**The Heathfield Centre** - Coffee and refreshments too

November 26th: Ron Basciano will tell us about the 'History of Luton Hoo Walled Garden from 1763'

Friday 18th December: our annual Christmas Dinner at Dunstable Downs Golf Club

January 28th: Davis Astley will give a talk, 'USA at war with UK'

February 25th: Simon Robinson's annual slot - Watch this space!

March 25th: Stephen Brown 'It's Hell on Wheels Being a Driving Instructor'

New members and guests always welcome Give us a try

Check out our website caddhist.org.uk

## Caddington Men's Club Quiz

Answers on Page 21

1. Where would you find the Dewey Decimal system in use?
2. Which insect transmits sleeping sickness?
3. Which word means a point of argument, offspring and a publication?
4. By what name did author Charles Dodgson become better known?
5. What type of material was used by Rene Lalique for ornaments?
6. What is the name of the medical oath taken by doctors?
7. How many decades are there in a millennium?
8. Prior to being renamed John Lennon Airport in 2001, what was the name of Liverpool airport?
9. Where in the human body would you find cones and rods?
10. What is the administrative centre for the county of Cornwall?

## CADS presents

### A daring new musical bringing the Legend of the Wicked Lady to Life

Step into the 17th century for a thrilling new musical inspired by one of the area's most intriguing local legends.

The next production promises an exhilarating journey into the world of Katherine Ferrers, the infamous Wicked Lady of Markyate Cell, in a brand-new musical written by CADS duo Fred Thomas and Lou Treleaven.

Blending history, legend, romance and adventure, the show follows the almost-true exploits of Katherine Ferrers as she leads a remarkable double life. By day, she is the aristocratic wife of the dastardly Lord Fanshawe; by night, she transforms into a dashing and dangerous highwaywoman, riding alongside the mysterious Spectre!

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Inspired by the enduring local legend of the Wicked Lady, this original musical offers a fresh and entertaining take on a story that has fascinated generations.

With swashbuckling adventure, larger-than-life characters and live music, this is a show not to be missed!

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# REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENTS 2026

**Here is the schedule for the Caddington Remembrance day events**

**Everyone is welcome.**

## Sunday 8th November

10.30am Parade of Scouting/Guiding groups from the Scout Hut to All Saints Church

10.40am Meet at the War Memorial in All Saints Churchyard for laying of wreaths

Followed by a traditional service in All Saints Church

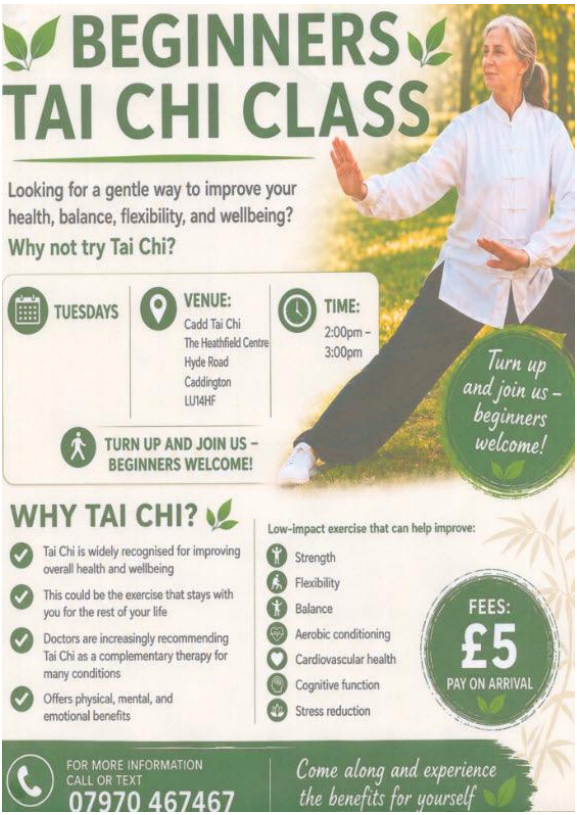
Refreshments served afterwards in All Saints Church, courtesy of Caddhist.

All those wishing to lay wreaths will be invited to do so after the official wreaths have been laid. Wreaths can be ordered directly from the Royal British Legion website at;
http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/how-we-remember/wreaths/

or donations at:
http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/make-a-donation/

## Wednesday 11th November

10.45 am A short remembrance service on the Green. The service will start at around 10.45. There will be a short service, calling of the roll of honour and a two minute silence at 11.00.





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# Caddington Gardening Club

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Meeting at the Baptist Hall on Luton Road 7:30 pm



10th November: A.G.M. and guest speaker Katherine Woods, 'Snowdrops, Winter's White Gold'

December 8th: Christmas Social

**Caddington Baptist Church**

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Sunday Services 11 am - Please refer to website for dates
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# Caddington Parish Council

Website: www.caddingtonparish.gov.uk

Contact: email clerk@caddingtonparish.gov.uk
Telephone : 07912 298 141

Residents are welcome to attend Caddington Parish Council Meetings held at The Heathfield Centre.

Next Meeting Monday 9th November at 7.00pm Heathfield Centre

This information can also be found on the Parish Notice Board located outside Town and Country Estate Agents on Manor Road, Caddington, as well as on the notice board in the Caddington Woods playground

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# Ward Cllr - Vicky Malone - Update

## Ward Councillors' Report

This report provides an update on several priorities affecting our village, including road safety, flooding, drainage, traffic management and major infrastructure works. Progress is being made on a number of long-standing issues, although some projects continue to face delays and disruption.

I will continue to press Central Bedfordshire Council, contractors and other responsible organisations for timely action, while keeping residents informed about developments and road closures. Residents can also help by reporting parking problems, potholes, flooding and other highway issues promptly through the appropriate channels.

## The Cricketers

The demolition of the pub and construction of the new apartments at The Cricketers are now in the pipeline. I will be meeting with the construction company over the next few weeks to discuss the development and raise any concerns about the potential impact on the village centre.

## Manor Road / Woodside Road – New Yellow Lines

The new yellow lines have now been installed at the junction of Manor Road and Woodside Road, following my request for Traffic Management to carry out a site survey due to the limited visibility when pulling out of the junction.

Residents can report unauthorised parking to the Parking Enforcement Team using the telephone number listed on the Central Bedfordshire Council website. The team will usually ask the Parking Warden on duty to add the location to their patrol list for that day.

## Mancroft Road / Markyate Road – Triangular Island

After a year of chasing, the triangular island at the junction of Mancroft Road and Markyate Road has now been reinstated. Reflective barriers and give-way signs have been installed, and the area has been grass-seeded to complete the works.

## Mancroft Road / Hawthorn Crescent Footpath

The damaged section of the public footpath between Mancroft Road and Hawthorn Crescent is due to be resurfaced between 25 and 27 November. A road closure will be in place on Mancroft Road, between house numbers 19 and 21, from 8am to 6pm during the works.

Continued overleaf

A further road closure outside numbers 98 and 100 Mancroft Road will be in force from 1 to 3 December to allow Affinity Water to carry out repairs.

Road closures are arranged through a central network, so dates remain subject to availability and coordination.

**Newlands Road / London Road – Signalised Junction**

The long-awaited works at the Newlands Road and London Road junction are finally progressing following 13 months of chasing. The road is due to reopen around 13 November, subject to the works remaining on schedule, with further night-time closures for resurfacing expected after that date.

I appreciate that this is a lengthy programme and that the closures will cause disruption to residents and road users. However, these works have been needed for some time and are intended to address safety concerns at this junction. I am pleased to see them finally moving forward.

**Grove Road, Slip End – Flooding**

A few months ago, I arranged a meeting with Airparks, Ben Brown and Highways to discuss the ongoing flooding problems on Grove Road in Slip End.

The meeting was productive, and I am pleased that the project is now progressing, with Airparks and Ben having signed the legal agreement required for the works to proceed.

The necessary planning permission for the drainage works is now being sought. Meanwhile, the old attenuation pond on Ben's land is in the process of being excavated. This has exposed the existing drain, which has been found to be blocked. Following a call to Highways, this prompted a long-awaited gully clean along the road.

I am also hopeful that exposing the drainage infrastructure will help Highways gain a better understanding of the underlying problems and give the issue the urgency it deserves.

I do not expect these works to eliminate all surface flooding, but any improvements will be welcome. I will continue to press Central Bedfordshire Council for further drainage improvements. Many thanks to Terry Buxton for his assistance.

**Mancroft Road – Flood Works**

The Mancroft Road flood works were originally expected to take around 10 weeks and involve the installation of approximately 64 metres of culverts beneath the road to help address the long-standing flooding problems in the area.

At the beginning of May, Milestone discovered a water main running beneath the road and requested that Affinity Water relocate it before the flood works could continue. Unfortunately, it took approximately four and a half months for this to be actioned, resulting in a significant delay to the project.

Milestone has now resumed the original flood works, and the contractors are approximately halfway through the programme. Hopefully, Mancroft Road will reopen in mid-November.

I know residents have been incredibly patient throughout the disruption, and I fully appreciate how frustrating these delays have been. The important thing is that the main flood prevention

works are now progressing, and I will continue to monitor them closely.

**Preparing Our Roads for Winter**

Finally, with the colder and wetter weather approaching, I would ask residents to keep an eye out for new potholes or damaged sections of road and report them promptly through FixMyStreet

Cllr Vicky Malone Vicky.malone@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

# Caddington Men's Club Quiz - Answers



1. A Library
2. Tsetse Fly
3. Issue
4. Lewis Carroll
5. Glass
6. Hippocratic
7. 100
8. Speke Airport
9. The retina, or more generally, the eye
10. Truro



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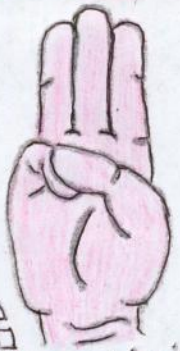
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