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In this edition there are articles about Caddington Village School, St George's Day, Caddington Pre-school, our local Scout Group, CBC's new Reycling Scheme, happenings at The Chequers and an update from our excellent Ward Cllr – Vicky Malone

Can you help?

Have you any content you'd like to place in the next edition – perhaps you could share details of your special interest or hobby?

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

Content deadline for the May edition is Tuesday 22nd April

Contact John at caddvillmag@gmail.com

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The Church was floodlit on Tuesday 18th March

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of
Patricia Johnston

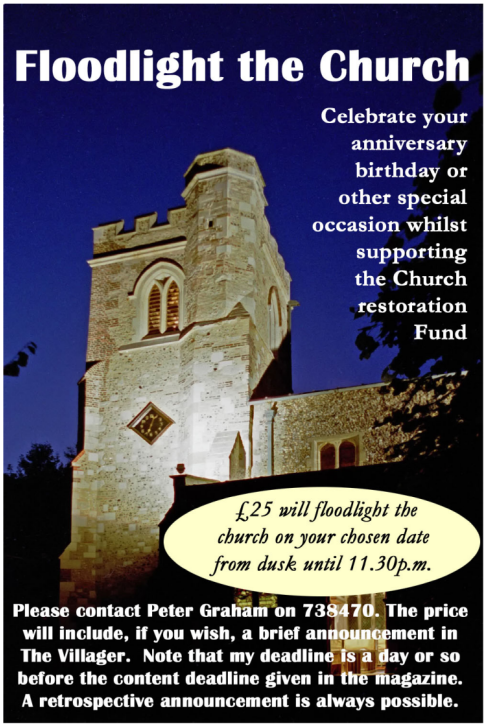
The Church will be floodlit on Sunday 27th April

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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.



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Thursday 24th April

A.G.M. followed by Marisa D'Alessandro showing her fantastic pictures and photographs. The evening will end with wine and biscuits sponsored by Kiran Patel.

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Caddington Local History Group

George Washington and the Dinosaurs

Simon Robinson

Simon is no stranger to Caddhist. He started his talk by reminding us of his previous visits and reviewing a rather bizarre scoring system. He is not slow to remind us that when talking about history most of the people are dead.

It is strange to think that George Washington would never have heard of dinosaurs – the first one having been discovered in 1774 in Oxfordshire. Named Megalosaurus , geologists went on to discover many more and we are familiar now with their bones in museums.

Around the time woolly mammoths were roaming the UK in 2500BC, the Egyptians were building the pyramids. However, the last pharaoh, Cleopatra, died in 30BC, closer in time to the moon landings in 1969, than building the Pyramids.

The Romans were famous for their gladiators who did not all look like Russell Crowe. Often they did not die, as the crowd could vote, thumbs up or down. The women were very happy when they survived. The Roman Empire was vast – as we know from Simon's talk on Hadrian's Wall. This led to strange foods appearing on the menu. Flamingo tongues and rhino horn scrapings to name but two.

The British Empire at its height covered a quarter of the planet and 23% of the population, however, many centuries previously the Mongol Empire, under Ghenghis Khan had a massive communication network covering much of Asia.

The Bayeux Tapestry recording the Battle of Hastings and now displayed in Bayeux was in fact made in Britain. Above the part showing Harold being hacked to death is Halley's Comet.

More, curious facts emerged.

Florence Nightingale had a pet owl, rescued in Greece, which was stuffed when it died. Queen Elizabeth owned all the whales and dolphins in our waters. She could vote but didn't and she didn't need a passport or driving licence.

And Farley Pond is to be renamed the Gulf of Caddington!

We thoroughly enjoyed Simon's enlightening talk and were able to give him a hearty thumbs up at the end. (He wasn't fed to the lions!)

Jane Payton



New HWRC booking system

People visiting Central Bedfordshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs,) will soon benefit from a new online booking system designed to make trips quicker, easier and more efficient.

The booking system **comes into effect on Wednesday 26 March 2025**, meaning residents will need to book a 20-minute time slot at any of the four recycling centres in Ampthill, Biggleswade, Leighton Buzzard and Thorn Turn, Houghton Regis. The new system aims to reduce queues, improve traffic flow, and ensure centres are used exclusively by Central Bedfordshire residents.

Managing visitor numbers will allow staff to offer more on-site recycling advice to help boost recycling rates and support our commitment to a more sustainable Central Bedfordshire.

Booking is quick, simple, and free via our website. Slots can be reserved up to two weeks in advance, with same-day bookings also available to offer maximum flexibility.

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April 2025

When you read this, Spring Term will have ended, and we are looking forward to what always is a busy and exciting Summer Term. In our last article we mentioned World Book day, we hope that you managed to see some of the amazing costumes as pupils and staff made their way to school. World Book Day is always a great day at school and fits in with our ethos of 'Love for Reading'. We are very excited that we were able to ensure every child went home with a book. The national statistic of 8.6% of all 5–18 Year-olds don't have a reading book at home is terrifying and one that we want to make sure is not the case at our school. The junior journalists wrote about the day, and you can read this below along with some work that was completed on the day's theme.

'On Thursday 6th March we celebrated World Book Day which allows us to impersonate our favourite book characters, share about our favourite authors and inspire others to read more while sharing our love of reading. Harry Potter characters were among some of the most popular costumes as well as Superheroes and Disney Princesses. Our theme was "The Wild Robot" where we did a number of activities throughout the day. One activity was about what a Wild Robot might eat which some of us thought were berries and fruit that could be found in a forest. We also listened to part of the book where we drew a picture in our head and then took the image from our head and put it on paper. We also created our own robots that could be new characters for the book and created survival plans. A number of classes completed book scavenger hunts and completed book reviews. Overall, it was one of the best World Books Days and we look forward to having more days like this and cannot wait for next year.

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Caddington Men's Club Quiz

Caddington Men's Club meets every Thursday from 10 until 12-o-clock at the Heathfield Centre.

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Here are some of our quiz questions for you to try – answers on page 23

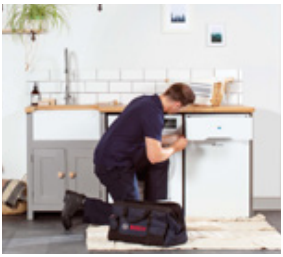
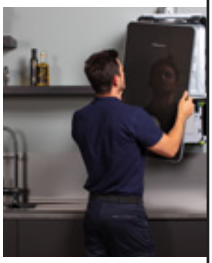
1. What is the only anagram of the word English?
2. What is the name for a ship's kitchen?
3. Cartoon characters Yogi Bear and Boo Boo lived where?
4. Which Canadian province is named after one of Queen Victoria's daughters?
5. How many counties make up Northern Ireland?
6. Who took over presenting 'Crackerjack' from Eamonn Andrew in 1964?
7. What is the name of the software in the great Post Office scandal?
8. Which company produced and deployed that software?
9. Who said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."
10. Which word can be a musical instrument and a tall narrow glass?

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Our Speaker's subject tonight was the Hygiene Bank.

We started by being asked several innocuous questions, have you showered today, cleaned your teeth, put on deodorant done the laundry, and the list goes on? After much hand-raising by members, our speaker pointed out that some people must choose whether to buy food or hygiene items. The work of the Hygiene Bank is to gather unwanted unused hygiene items to be sorted, packed and distributed to school children, families, the homeless, and other charities for them to pass on. You may have noticed Yellow Boxes in branches of Boots, Dunelm, and the College in St. Albans. There are drop off recepticles for donations. Please put your unwanted items in these boxes. Thank you.

It was our Annual Meeting tonight. Our County Advisor, Dot Wigg. presided. After a show of hands, it was agreed the present committee would remain. We have had a wide variety of speakers, craft evenings, games and fun times this past year.

For our meeting in April, members were asked to wear an Easter Bonnet.

We are planning the running of the kitchen for St. Georges Day. An event held yearly in the Heathfield Community Centre . This is on Sunday 27th April from 11 a.m. until 4 pl.m. Our Members are providing Refreshments including Chris's Bacon Rolls. Come along for an entertaining Village Event.

Our Meetings are held on the First Tuesday of each month at the Caddington Sports and Social Club in Manor Road starting at 7.30 p.m. We are a small group of lively ladies and you are most welcome to join us.

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24th April A.G.M. followed by Marisa D'Alessandro showing her fantastic pictures and photographs.

22nd May: David Keen will talk about the making of Harpenden Museum.

26th June: Konni Deppe will give her talk on Luton Orchards.

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Caddington Scout Group

Our number of Scouting Members dropped before Christmas, as several of our Scouts reached the age of 14 and had completed their Gold Awards. Since Christmas, thankfully we have had several new Beavers join our Group via an advert we placed at Caddington Village School.

Unfortunately, all our Sections are in great need of new Adult Help, and new Section Leaders. If anyone in the Village would like to assist us with running very active Programmes for our Beavers (6–8 years old), our Cubs (8–10.5 years old) or our Scouts (10.5 to 14 years old), we would be really pleased to welcome them into our Group. You do not have to be available every week, as you would work within our Leadership Team (for my contact details, see below).

Fun things this Term include Flamstead Quiz Hike for Beavers, a visit to an Observatory for the Cubs, and making Hedgehog Homes for Scouts.

Our Scout Section was fully involved in the Great Britain Spring Clean Week and helped the Parish Council on a Litter Pick Day, which was held on Sunday 23rd March.

Just after Easter, our entire Group will be attending St George's Day Parade and Celebration in Dunstable, this is on Sunday 27th April at 3:00p.m., and be aware that Dunstable Town Centre will be closed from 2:30p.m. until 3:00p.m.

All Sections have booked their annual Camps. The Beavers are going in July to Bromham Camp Site, and the Cubs and Scouts will be going to Tolmers Camp Site, Cuffley in September.

Finally, if you have any children between the age of 6 and 14 years old, who would be interested in learning more about our Scout Group, please do not hesitate to contact me

(ritatims@sky.com 01582 418 014).

Rita Tims

Group Lead Volunteer

Caddington Parish Council

Website: www.caddingtonparish.gov.uk

Contact: email clerk@caddingtonparish.gov.uk
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Residents are welcome to attend Caddington Parish Council Meetings held at the Heathfield Centre.

Next Meeting — Monday 14th April at 7.30pm (shorter meeting) followed by the Annual Parish meeting at 8pm

Please visit our website or take a look at the notice board on Manor Road between Cutting Crew and Nice Baps approximately a week before each meeting to view the agenda.

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Update from CBC Independent Ward Councillor Vicky Malone



In recent weeks I have been actively addressing key concerns within the Caddington Ward. Following a meeting with the Neighbourhood Enforcement Team and the Environmental Protection Officer, we analysed fly-tipping data collected over the past 28 days, revealing 12 reported instances, from Caddington, primarily concentrated in Millfield Lane, with additional incidents at the end of Pipers Lane and in Chaul End Road.

Consequently, we have identified three fly-tipping "hotspots": Millfield Lane Caddington, The Lynch/Beech Rd Kensworth, and Copt Hall Rd Hyde. As a proactive measure, the team has implemented a strategy where the grabber lorry prioritises these areas during its rounds instead of waiting for a FixMyStreet report to be made , it is showing early signs of improvement. Furthermore, I have explored the possibility of Parish Councils purchasing their own cameras and warning signs to aid prosecution efforts, acknowledging the team's current limitations in deploying covert surveillance. This will be a key topic in our upcoming meeting, and I have already initiated discussions with the Parish Councils to gauge their interest.

Separate from this, the Highways plan meeting for the 25/26 period yielded positive results, with the flood attenuation plan for Mancroft Road progressing with three of the seven stages over the next year being carried out. Additionally, drainage work in Elm Avenue is scheduled to mitigate surface water flooding issues affecting the village.

Concerning residents of Collinswood Residential Park experiencing algae growth on their exterior walls after the free insulation grant from Central Beds, I've been in communication with the manufacturer, whilst they maintain they acted in good faith they have agreed to a proposal to address the issue and as a gesture of goodwill they will offer all 67 affected residents (from Caddington and Whipsnade) a fungicidal wash and in some cases an acrylic sealant treatment, they will be reaching out directly to those residents affected

Finally, I've advocated for the repair of damaged public footpaths on Hyde Rd near the garages and Mancroft Rd to Hawthorn, addressing the hazardous uneven surfaces caused by tree roots. These repairs have been added to the list of works for the new budget.

As always happy to meet for face-to-face meetings and answer your emails or accept phone calls after I finish work at 2.30 pm

You can email me on Vicky.malone@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or call on 03003008559

Caddington Gardening Club

Caddington Gardening Club is a friendly group, meeting monthly to enjoy a shared interest in gardening , swap ideas, discuss gardening successes, the odd failure and pass on advice.

We have monthly speakers, some social events and summer trips to fascinating gardens
Meeting at the Baptist Hall on Luton Road 7:30 pm.

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13th May – Trip to RHS Hyde Hall – No Tuesday meeting
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3. Jellystone Park
4. Alberta
5. Six
6. Leslie Crowther
7. Horizon
8. Fujitsu
9. Franklin D Roosevelt
10. Flute



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25g butter

20g caster sugar

1 egg lightly beaten

100ml milk & 1 tablespoon double cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

For the chocolate ganache

75g milk or plain chocolate

5 tablespoons double cream

Oven 200°C/gas 6



Method

Line a bun tray with muffin cases.

Put the flour, cocoa, & baking powder in a mixing bowl, & rub in the butter. Add the sugar.

In a separate bowl combine the egg, milk, cream & vanilla. Add this to the dry ingredients and mix well.

Spoon the mixture into the muffin cases, & bake for 8 – 10 minutes or until well risen and firm to the touch.

Cool in the tin for 5 minutes, & then onto a wire rack until cold.

Place the chocolate into a bowl, & bring the cream to a boil. Pour this over the chocolate & stir until melted & smooth. Leave for about an hour until cold & thick.

When the ganache is the consistency of softened butter beat it for a short while, and spread a swirl of it on each muffin.

Make the muffins suitable for Easter top with a mini chocolate egg or a chick/bunny.



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Sun 6th	10:30am Morning Service led by Rev S-W Jung and Sunday School
Mon 7th	2pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship 5 led by Jo Prowse
Sun 13th	10:30am Palm Sunday Morning Service led by Rev Tim Haines
Mon 14th	2pm Ecumenical Lent Fellowship 6 led by Jo Prowse
Fri 18th	Good Friday Walk of Witness
Sun 20th	10:30am Easter Sunday Morning Service Rev Nigel Bibbings (with Holy Communion)
Sun 27th	10:30am Morning Service led by Colin Quine
Wed 30th	7:30pm Coffee Evening in aid of Mission Direct

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Sun 4th	the service will be led by Catherine Roots.
Sun 11th	no morning service as we shall be joining the Churches Together in Caddington for an Ecumenical Service, to celebrate Christian Aid Week, which will be held at 4pm at Caddington Baptist Church.

Our Sunday School has been growing, and we welcome a good number of children on those Sunday mornings. They usually meet on the first and third Sundays during the service, unless that week clashes with other activities.

Remember that we have moved a few of the regular evening activities to afternoons which appear to be welcomed, especially during the darker evenings.

Our Choir currently meets to practise and sing on Thursday afternoons (second and fourth of the month) at 3:30pm. We always welcome extra singers. You don't have to read music, just enjoy a good sing!

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