

December 2021

Chaddleworth News

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We trust you enjoy reading the new edition of Chaddleworth News.

As we go-to-print, news of the concerning new Covid-19 Omicron variant is growing. We hope that this does not cause further disruption, but most of all we wish everyone to be safe and well.

As this year of keeping-calm-and-carrying-on is drawing towards a close, all involved in Chaddleworth News wish everyone in Chaddleworth Parish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Neil Anderson

1st April 1948- 26th October 2021

Chaddleworth is mourning the loss of one of its stalwarts, Neil Anderson who passed away on the 26th of October.



Neil was a very competitive sportsman and played football, cricket and golf. Football first brought him to Chaddleworth where he played for Chaddleworth Minors and met his wife Hazel who he married in 1969. They began their married life in Wantage, Neil's home town, returning to Chaddleworth to number 18 Nodmore.

A carpenter and joiner by trade, Neil worked for many years for Barratts of Wantage and helped build the bungalows in Norris Lane. He then went freelance for the rest of his working life. He and Hazel have three daughters and they all live in Chaddleworth so a real 'local' family.

When the village started a cricket team, Neil was one of the 'founder' members and was instrumental in building the current pavilion

(an old class room from St Barts School in Newbury) and provided a lot of the materials to re-erect it. He took on the role of wicket keeper as well as being on the Committee and later became the Chairman of the Club.

In addition, he started and ran the 'bonus ball' which provided the Club with much needed financial income of ~£1000 per year. Hazel also became involved with the cricket club and for many years she and others on the rota provided the delicious teas.

Neil played golf locally until a work-related injury (that prevented him from walking distances) hindered him. Latterly he took to horse racing and was reasonably successful in making some 'bookies' miserable. He was very supportive of all village charity events and during Poppy fortnight he would 'fine' pub goers in The Ibex 50 pence for not wearing a poppy and donate the money to the Royal British Legion.

He leaves behind his wife Hazel, three daughters, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. *Chaddleworth News* sends our condolences to all of them.
Grahame Murphy, ably assisted by Joe Mills

Neil Anderson's family would like to thank everybody for their kind, thoughtful messages and cards received. The quantity overwhelms us all, to see how much he was thought of and respected by so many within the village.

The church was standing room only and some even having to wait outside to pay their respects to an amazing family man.

The donations received at the service amounted to an outstanding £530.30, which is being divided between The Royal British Legion and The Injured Jockey Fund.

Delia Anderson

Anne Chynoweth

It is with great regret that we record the death of Anne Chynoweth who was the head Teacher at St Andrews, Chaddleworth for just over 8 years. Anne was a very popular Head and was much loved by pupils and parents alike. As well as being the Head Teacher she also sat on the School Governors Committee and had a lot of influence there too. She died on the 15th of October in the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford and a eulogy was held in Wantage Market Place on the 15th of November presided over by the Mayor of Wantage Major Jim Sibbald.

Anne herself was the Mayor of Wantage in two stints 1983/84 and 1984/85 and served with distinction. Chaddleworth News record our sincere sympathy to Anne's family.
Grahame Murphy

Royal British Legion

Lest we forget

The Royal British Legion have sent a **'thank you'** for the **£621.93** funds collected in our village for this year's Poppy Appeal, with the message *"without your help we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work"*.



Thank you to **Marion, Christine, Sue, Grahame, Lynne and The Ibez Inn** for helping Chaddleworth provide their support this year. The district amount collected was **£3,105.11**.

Thank you also for the great attendance at the Chaddleworth War Memorial wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday 14th November. The attendance was the highest in many years.

Chaddleworth Hardship Fund

The charity was enacted in 1813 to provide fuel and 'necessaries' for the people of Chaddleworth Parish. This charity has now been updated to become the Chaddleworth Hardship Fund.

The Trustees of this fund (the Parish Council) would like to help the village during this unprecedented pandemic. If you find yourself in financial difficulties, please apply to the Parish Clerk by email to

chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com

and the Trustees will look at your application (in strictest confidence) and may award financial help. ***The Trustees***

NHS Covid-19 Vaccinations



Remember that 12- to 15-year-olds can get their dose of Covid-19 vaccine from the vaccination hubs (including the Kennet Shopping Centre, Newbury).



If you are eligible for a booster jab, you can now book direct if it is six months since your second jab.

Book online via the NHS site or you can call **119** free of charge:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/



Letters and Announcements

Cleaner Wanted

2 hours vacuum and dust
in Chaddleworth, any time considered.
Please call **John** on **07962 493880**

Needed, a cleaner for the Village Hall
2 hours per week at £10 per hour.

Please contact **Heather Murphy** via
botmoorway@btinternet.com

Help required, 2 to 3 hours per week
in small cottage, Botmoor Way, Chaddleworth.
Please call **Elizabeth** on **07796 265453**

New Dolls House For Sale - £50

Wanted, a Home for new unpacked Dolls House.
House and six boxes of additional contents, as
per pictures. Size approx. 29" wide, 10" deep,
17" high. Will deliver within 7 miles and store for
4 weeks, until ready to use.
Call **John** on **01488 639346**



The regular Councillor's Report is available via
the West Berkshire website:
www.westberks.gov.uk/chairmansparishcouncilreport
Kind regards, **Councillor Clive Hooker**

Grace would be very happy to offer an open day
to see the horses in their various levels of
retraining and to learn more about **HEROS**. If
you are interested in this opportunity then please
contact chaddnews@gmail.com so that we can
arrange a particular session for our
Chaddleworth Parish in the spring.

Penny Post

Celebrating local life in & around:

Newbury • Thatcham • Hungerford • Lambourn
Downlands • Marlborough • Wantage • Swindon

Christmas is coming with New Year's Eve
hot on its heels, which can only mean one
thing – the publication of the annual **Penny
Post Christmas and New Year Quiz** which,
as ever, will confer a wonderful prize on the
lucky winner.

The prize: Huge thanks to Nathan and Gavin
from **The Ibex Inn** in Chaddleworth for this
generous prize: **Meal for two, a bottle of
house wine, a double room and breakfast
the following day at The Ibex.**

The quiz: You'll find 19 questions about
2021, the local area or The Ibex Inn.

Find the quiz questions, how to enter and
T&Cs here...

www.pennypost.org.uk/2021comp

Copies of '**Unaccustomed as I Am**', a
collection of stories, articles and parodies
written by Penny Post's Brian Quinn, are
available from the Hungerford, the Mad
Hatter and the White Horse Bookshops.
Stephen Fry described it as "a truly delightful
collection." Many of the stories are set in this
area – an ideal Xmas gift. More info can be
found here:

[www.pennypost.org.uk/2020/11/26-tales-
of-confusion-misunderstanding-tragedy-
parody-and-farce-from-penny-post/](http://www.pennypost.org.uk/2020/11/26-tales-of-confusion-misunderstanding-tragedy-parody-and-farce-from-penny-post/)

Brian Quinn, www.pennypost.org.uk

Shefford Young Farmers

Shefford YFC have enjoyed a variety of meetings over the last couple of months including our very popular pumpkin carving evening, which we hosted on zoom, and although our members were in their own houses it didn't stop the competitiveness coming out! We had some wonderful creations. We then enjoyed a visit to John Day Engineering at Lambourn Woodlands and were shown around the workshop and yard area seeing lots of tractors and other machines that they sell. We were also lucky enough to see the 'tractor of the future' which is driverless!



As the Christmas season fast approaches, we are looking forward to getting into the Christmas spirit with our chocolate yule log decorating competition on Wednesday 1st December. This will be followed by our annual Carol Singing evening to round off the year. We will meet back in the New Year on **Wednesday 5th January** with a talk from the local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).

YFC is open to anyone who is aged 10-28 and you don't have to be from a farming background, just have an enjoyment of being in the Countryside. If you would be interested in joining the club, please contact Shefford YFC on sheffordyfc@hotmail.co.uk

Chaddleworth Cricket Club

The AGM will be held at the **Village Hall** and will now be on **Monday 20th December** starting at **7:30pm**. Refreshments provided. All are welcome to attend – and we hope Tony Mills (Fixtures Secretary and Founder Member) will be joining us. Particularly new players! *Go well... Jim Wilson*

Farewell to Dr Haider

Henry Ponsonby and Michael Pooley are hosting a farewell gathering in **The Ibex** for **Dr Haider** who is leaving the Downland Practice on 10th December.

We are in contact with Dr Haider to decide the most convenient date and time and will advise this as soon as it is decided (via Facebook and notices in the Village).

If you would like to attend and have not already let us know, please get in touch with **Henry** (henry@henryponsonby.com or **01488 638718**) or **Michael** (michaelpooley13@gmail.com or **01488 638523**).

Chaddleworth Christmas Market



The Ibex in Chaddleworth is holding a Christmas market on **Saturday 4th December** from **12noon until 5pm**. The event is supporting the Alfie's Wish charity – a charity who support children with cancer and their families by funding days out to help make special memories. Local business stalls, food & drink, raffles & prizes, music, Christmas gifts and a hog roast.

The Sloely Cup

The Sloely Cup will be up for grabs at **The Ibex** on **Sunday 30th January**. Time to be confirmed.

For those who haven't been before it's a blind tasting of sloe gin which is rated by the entrants themselves.

The cup is presented to the winner.



Great Shefford Under Fives



Pre-School, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday 9:15am to 2:45pm

This Christmas celebrates 50 Years of Great Shefford Under Fives, a registered charity for the educational benefit of all local children.

The term is full of celebrations and commemorations; bonfire night, Children in Need and, of course, Remembrance Day; the children stood silently for 2 minutes to observe this then placed their poppy wreath at the War Memorial in the afternoon.



Now, the children are busily preparing for Christmas; painting, making tree decorations and baking gingerbread. During the last week of term, we will be holding a Christingle service with Rev. Miri in St Mary's Church, having a Christmas Party and performing a traditional Nativity Play followed by a visit from Father Christmas. We are delighted that this year we can invite the children's parents to watch the performance in a safe way.

If you would like to see the wonderful learning experiences the children have enjoyed, please log on our **Learning Diary** on our website www.greatsheffordunderfives.co.uk



Baby & Toddler Group – Monday 9:30am to 11:30am

The Baby & Toddler group is open on Monday mornings and has been very popular with young families from the local area. If you haven't visited us before, please come along and let our staff, Morven and Debbie, make you most welcome with a cuppa, chat and plenty of activities. Please check our Facebook page or website for any updates including booking information.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Denise

denise.herrington@btinternet.com



Chaddleshworth St Andrew's and Shefford C.E. Federated Primary Schools

Last week we held our Remembrance Day service, led by Rev. Miri. Serena Nickson, one of our governors, also attended and commented on how well the children all played their part.



In class, the children wrote poems and expressed their thoughts about what Remembrance Day meant for them.

We also had elections for 'Shadow' House Captains – a role that the Year 5 children undertake as part of succession planning so that they are trained before they become House Captains in Year 6. The children in Year 5 gave some fantastic speeches for the role. These events can be both exciting and nerve-wracking for those hopeful candidates who are so keen to represent their House.



We heard about the **courage** and **endurance** that they would show, were given examples of what they would do to make the school even better and they left the children with an inspirational quote, showing their values. We were so impressed by the commitment and passion that they all demonstrated in their presentations. It was a difficult choice! The children cast their votes and the results were incredibly close. Well done all those who participated.

The Robins love their Chaddleshworth village welly walks and last week were particularly

interested in the cows that appeared to be roaming free! (They weren't by the way!). The Robins welly walks have also taken them around Great Shefford and up to Trindledown Farm.



Owls are off to see the Roman remains at Littlecote this week and Kingfishers are travelling into space via the Winchester Science Museum so we have all been very busy!

The PTFA have nearly raised enough money for our Reflective Garden – the Pop-up Café was very successful. Thank you to all those who supported the event!

We will be celebrating Christmas with all our usual events, just in smaller groups and for some events we will be outside so will need to wrap up well!

Thank you for your continued support – our Christian value focus this term is Compassion and we have certainly seen plenty of that!

Alison Stephenson, Headteacher/DSL,
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www.csfschools.org



St Andrew's Church, Chaddleworth

part of the West Downland Benefice

"Hark, the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King...
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with
healing in his wings."

The calendar is counting down, and we're all hoping for a 'proper' Christmas this year especially the laughter and shared meals; family, friends and neighbours all celebrating together. But many of us are holding back a little, either to avoid disappointment, or because we fear that none of our future Christmases can be quite like they used to be. In the past couple of years, we have experienced something beyond imagination, a worldwide pandemic, and we have all been changed by our experiences of lockdown and the virus. There have been highpoints for many of us: time with family, or to complete that DIY project that's been on the go for a decade! But there has been uncertainty, anxiety, ill health and loss for so many.

I was reflecting on all this, and trying to understand how the story of the first Christmas could help us to find joy despite the broken dreams, and broken bodies, of the pandemic, when I remembered this picture.

It's my dad holding our daughter, his first grandchild. Dad suffered a terrible brain haemorrhage in his early fifties and lost



much of himself to the damage it caused to his ability to think clearly and to do fiddly things, both requirements of his job, so that he lost his livelihood too. And yet in this picture, holding this special-to-him baby has restored something within him. He is so proud of her, and of himself.

I think that's what this Christmas can be about for all of us. God sent the most special baby, Jesus, to heal us from fear and isolation. He comes to lie in our arms to bring us peace. He doesn't ask anything of us other than an open heart to receive the love he brings. We're not left out of the first Christmas story because of our brokenness, the Babe of Bethlehem restores us and offers us hope.

RIP Tom Warburton, 1920 – 1999

Revd Miri Keen

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<u>United Benefice December Services - Dates for your Diaries</u>		
Sunday 5th December		
9:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Brightwalton
10:30am	Morning Praise and Holy Communion	Great Shefford
Sunday 12th December		
9:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Chaddleworth
10am	Open Air Morning Carol Service	Welford Park
Tuesday 14th December		
6.00pm	Carol Service	Shefford Woodlands
Sunday 19th December		
9:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Leckhampstead
10.00am	Café Church	Great Shefford
6:00pm	United Benefice Carol Service	Brightwalton
Monday 20th December		
6.00pm	Christmas Carols	Great Shefford Playpark
Wednesday 22nd December		
6.00pm	Outdoor Carol Service around the Christmas Tree	Brightwalton
Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve		
4:00pm	United Benefice Crib Service	Wickham
6:00pm	Christmas Carols in The Ibex Inn	Chaddleworth
10:00pm	First Holy Communion of Christmas	Chaddleworth
10:00pm	First Holy Communion of Christmas (visiting priest)	Wickham
11:30pm	Midnight Mass	Great Shefford
Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day		
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Fawley
9:30am	Family Holy Communion	Great Shefford
9:30am	Family Holy Communion (visiting priest)	Leckhampstead
9:30am	Family Holy Communion	Welford
Sunday 26th December – Boxing Day		
10:45am	Feast of Stephen	Zoom
Sunday 2nd January 2022		
9:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Shefford Woodlands
10:30am	Holy Communion & Baptism	Welford

To receive updates of church news and information about all services please contact **Sarah** to subscribe to the West Downland Benefice weekly email via: sarah.westdownland@gmail.com



The History Bit: HEROS Charity



Located at North Farm Stud on the border of Chaddleworth Parish, HEROS Charity has been in operation since 2006. The Charity began with a focus on ex-racehorse re-training and re-homing. Now, in addition to a range of work associated with horses from birth to old age, HEROS also provides a range of education and training including alternative-to-school placements and offers a variety of courses from age 11 onwards.

North Farm Stud with 200 acres of grazing and about 100 horses, has been steeped in the breeding, care and management of thoroughbreds for 84 years and has been a way of life for the Muir family. North Farm Stud is a commercial enterprise where mares are foaled, yearlings broken and prepared for sale, horses are rehabilitated post injury and retrained. There are a small number of livery clients and facilities for horses to be turned out for summer/winter breaks.



Grace worked with and then succeeded her father, Ian, as Stud Manager at North Farm Stud. The idea for HEROS Charity (Homing Ex-Racehorses Organisation Scheme) began to take shape in the early 2000s although Grace was re-homing race horses from the mid-1990s. Grace responded to requests from trainers and owners, who were customers of the stud farm, to find homes for their horses and her successes surprised her.

With a lifetime's experience of horses, knowledge and experience of racing, plus a range of excellent connections, Grace knew there was scope to give these horses a second chance and a new career. There are many opportunities for them in eventing, dressage, polo, show-jumping, as hacks, companions and more.

Grace has recently appeared in the national press to talk about the work carried out at HEROS, she explains "I started rehoming horses in the 1990s, when I became the manager of North Farm Stud. I always knew there was a massive opportunity for them to be sports and leisure horses after they finished racing.



comes, they see the horse ridden first, then get on in an enclosed area for a riding assessment. An ideal rehomer for me is a happy hacker who loves the horse more than anything.

"There are several ways to rehome - most are lifelong loans and they pay a donation of £2,000 and an ongoing monthly amount. It's a thorough process and people can visit us many times. When horses leave, we take a picture of them standing up as a reference,

It was never a revelation to me; I knew they could do any job; they're bright and versatile. So many people think they can't ride thoroughbreds, but they can. In 2006, a dear friend convinced me to start a charity which became HEROS (Homing Ex-Racehorses Organisation Scheme)."

Since 2006, HEROS has successfully rehomed hundreds of ex-racehorses and has developed a first-class reputation for correctly matching these horses to their new owners across all disciplines – as competition horses, hacks or simply companions and truly giving them a second chance and an opportunity to enjoy 'A New Life After Racing'.

Grace describes the very beginnings of the charity, "I started rehoming horses in 1990, when I was the manager of my father's stud farm. I always knew there was a massive need for them to be riding horses after they finished racing. It was never a revelation to me; I knew they could do any job; they're bright and versatile.

Talking about the retraining and rehoming process, Grace continues "When we take a horse on, we never believe what we're told by trainers. We always start in an enclosed area lungeing with tack, and look for signs of discomfort or an explosion when a rider gets on, and we never skip a step. When a visitor

to make sure they continue to look like that. If the horse is beautifully looked after, we consider selling, but we keep in touch and will always have the horse back.

"The filly Miss Boogie Woogie was in the wrong job as a racehorse, but she became a prize-winning polo pony. Tamiami Trail is back here now, having played horseball, showjumped and taught a child to ride in different rehoming.

"Monsignor won at Cheltenham in 1999 and 2000 and had a big future until a tendon injury. He was our ambassador horse. He met the War Horse puppet in the paddock at Ascot and whinnied to it when it left! In 2012, he carried the Olympic torch at Ascot with Frankie Dettori and for six years he travelled to racecourses to meet the public.

"Rapporteur won 19 races, all at Lingfield. I took him on in 1995. He'd see a tractor and take off across fields or dump me so I'd have to walk home, all because it was a good *craic*. He'd chomp at the bit, jig-jog and drag at you, but he was the funniest horse. His trainer Charlie Elsey always kept in touch and visited him. His friend Assembly Dancer, whom we called Murphy, was the opposite: a brilliant ride, safe as houses. They lived with each other until they were put down together about five years ago."



Since 2015 and supported financially by grants from The Racing Foundation, HEROS has been working on its education programmes. They run a variety of courses; Alternative provision for 11-16-year-olds, through diplomas and traineeships up to Level 2 and 3 Apprenticeships. The BHA (British Racehorse Authority) recognises HEROS as a bespoke "Route to Racing".

As a result, HEROS are gaining recognition in the local community as a first class "Alternative Provision", they offer placements for children who are not thriving in the mainstream school environment and are better suited to education outside the mainstream system.

Grace explains "In 2015, we extended to provide educational courses for 11 to 16-year-old SEN (special educational needs) children, as alternatives to school placements, as well as trainee and apprenticeships. We hope to get them into the equine industry. Some children have Asperger's or autism, some are just not academic and others simply don't thrive in



the classroom environment of the current education system

"The way thoroughbreds interact with troubled children is incredible, they're so intuitive and intelligent. Children learn to ride on them. You'd be amazed how trusting the horses are; if they're treated in a respectful way, they'll do anything for you.

"The children work with chicken, geese, horses, then the thoroughbreds and that's when you see a massive change. They think they've arrived! The horses are much better with them than people are, they understand and don't judge them. One lad came here at 13, he'd been expelled from three Schools and was in care. Having ridden out for local trainers he is now settled in a large successful National Hunt yard and is due to start his Level 3 apprenticeship in Horse Care (Racing) in January. This is after completing GCSE English and Maths while at HEROS and on roll at King Alfred's School in Wantage. He'd never sat on a horse before he came to us now he rides beautifully but, more important than his natural ability, it's his love of the horses that got him through."

When students have completed their secondary education, they can progress on to one of the post-16 courses. For students



To continue to do its work of retraining and rehoming meaningful numbers of horses and to support the valuable education programme, HEROS Charity needs constant help and support to generate sufficient funds. While the support it receives from Retraining of Racehorses (RoR) is invaluable, much more is needed from all interested parties from both inside and outside of the racing community.

If you'd like to know more about the work done at HEROS further information can be found on their website

www.heroscharity.org or by contacting them directly.

with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) HEROS can offer a Level 1 and Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care, in partnership with their training provider KEITS. For students without an EHCP, they offer a six-month Traineeship and/or an Apprenticeship, depending on the level of experience and skill of the student. Alongside post 16 courses, they deliver Functional Skills in Maths and English.

HEROS also facilitate the connection to future employers. The aim is to get these young people into the workplace with the confidence to fulfil their potential. Mentoring is offered as part of the courses and within the post 16 programme life skills including, cooking on a budget, eating a healthy diet; managing your money; working as part of a team, mindfulness and dealing with conflict. The students are encouraged to take up employment in the racing industry but are also supported in whatever route they are interested in.

Grace would be very happy to offer an open day to see the horses in their various levels of retraining and to learn more about HEROS. If you are interested in this opportunity then please contact chaddnews@gmail.com so that we can arrange a particular session for our Chaddleworth Parish in the spring.

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The Swallows North Farm Stud, Fawley, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 9NJ

*Our thanks to **Barbara Perek** for this article*



The Ibex Inn



Gavin, Nathan and the Ibex team would like to **thank you** for your support over the past year. Yes, we have survived a whole year! As many of you know, we opened for just 3 days before having to close for another national lockdown. Like many new businesses, we received very little government support as their grants required 3 months of accounts. We were also not eligible for furlough relief. Without your local support, we would not have been able to continue through one of the toughest years in the history of the hospitality industry.



So, **a big thank you!**

Along the year we have met some amazing locals who have given us some incredible memories; from Mark Slade (DJ Slade/ Quiz master Slade) who has helped us raise an stunning amount fundraising for local charities; Kevin from indigenous Brewery who has given us Beer SOS support and advice; Shane McAlister's incredible jokes; Tracy's green fingers and 'The Old Gits' giving us Sunday laughs. I am sure I have missed so many people, but I will be raising a tankard for you when you are next in.

Why Pubs Matter: Pubs are one of Britain's oldest and most popular social institutions, and play a key role in our local communities, as well as being hugely important to our local economies and, collectively, to the national economy.

Pubs provide a vital local meeting place and are a focal point for community events and festivals. Pubs raise millions of pounds for charities every year, they support sports teams (keep an eye out for our lady's cricket sponsorship) and host meetings for a diversity of local organisations, committees and groups.

Pubs play a crucial cultural role in keeping many historic folk traditions alive and we are excited to continue the Chaddleworth traditions of the Harvest festive, Pensioners Christmas meal, Terrier Race and the Sloe Gin Competition – as well as reintroducing lost ones such as the Tug of War, Dominoes and Cribbage.

Pictured is Joy Hadland standing next to a picture of herself with her son Charlie who is an avid pub supporter.



Art and literature are full of references to pubs, and our pubs are intertwined with key moments in our history, both locally and nationally, with each pub having more than a tale or two to tell of its own.

Pubs are also, of course, the best place to enjoy our national drinks and are vital as a

showcase for our thriving small brewing sector and independent cider makers, gin distillers and other regional craft drinks producers. Pubs also, of course, provide a conducive, controlled, and responsible environment in which to enjoy these drinks.

Yet pubs are under threat, and we are losing them at a distressing rate. They have long been too easy to close and then convert or demolish, which makes them vulnerable to those who do not value them or want to preserve them in the same way that most of us do. Many of these closures were not necessary, with a large number driven by predatory corporate interests, whether on the part of developers, or supermarkets seeking to expand, or simply the large pub-owning companies who have long regarded pub disposals to service unsustainable debt and even deliver executive bonuses. When pubs close it also makes it that bit harder to keep our folk traditions alive and to showcase live music.

Wherever you go out to this Christmas, please support your local independent businesses. **Nathan**

From all us here at **The Ibex Inn**, we wish you a fabulous Christmas and a very happy new year.

We are open every day. To place an order please call **01488 639052** or email Nathan@theibexinn.com or visit www.ibexinn.com

Christmas Market: **Saturday 4th December.** Fundraising for **Alfieswish.org.uk** – Supporting Children with Cancer. Local Business Stalls, Food & Drink, Raffle & Prizes, Music, Christmas Gifts, Hog Roast.



Christmas Eve Carols: Join us for our Christmas celebration with carols, mulled wine and mince pies. From **6pm**.

Christmas Opening Hours:

Christmas Eve: normal hours
Christmas Day: 12pm-3pm (drinks only)
Boxing Day: 11am- 5pm
New Years' Eve: Keep an eye out for our New Year's event!

Festive Menu: Book Now for our Festive Menu throughout December. **£28** for three courses, **£23** for two...

Starter

- *Jerusalem Artichoke Velouté, Truffled Croutons & Toasted Sourdough
- *Baked Camembert with Onion Confit and Ciabatta
- *Smoked Pheasant Breast with Apple & Celeriac Slaw
- *Chickpea Fritters with Saag Aloo and Korma Sauce

Main Course

- *Roasted Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing served with Roast Potatoes, Kale & Turkey Jus
- *Wild Mushroom Arancini served with Tomato Ragù & Buttered Spinach
- *6oz Ribeye Steak served with Chips, Grilled Tomato & Field Mushroom & Peppercorn Sauce
- *Seared Seabass Fillets, Crushed Butternut Squash, Savoy Cabbage, Salsify & Horseradish Butter

Desserts

- *Christmas Pudding with Brandy sauce
- *Vanilla Panna cotta served with Spiced orange Compote & Cranberries
- *Baked Apple Charlotte served with Bay leaf custard
- *Duo of Cheeses with Quince Jelly, Victorian Chutney & Crackers

Sloe Gin Competition: **Sunday 30th January** – time to be confirmed.

Pub Quiz: In January, details to be announced.

Chaddleworth Village Hall

Please support and utilise the Chaddleworth Village Hall. A charity, created in 1944 and operated since then, it is '*for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Chaddleworth*'.

The AGM will have been held on Tuesday 30th November (just as this edition of Chaddleworth News was being printed). At this meeting, the Committee stand down and offer themselves up for re-election. We would welcome hearing from anyone who is interested in joining the Committee as we are two down on the permitted number of Trustees.

We need a cleaner for the Hall – 2 hours per week at £10 per hour. Please contact Heather Murphy if you are interested in this position.

Please get in touch and book ahead to ensure the availability of the Village Hall for your children's parties, family events and any other functions. Please contact the **Booking Clerk** via **07827 309401** or [**ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com**](mailto:ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com)

For any other issues about the Hall please contact **Heather Murphy** on **01488 638628** or [**botmoorway@btinternet.com**](mailto:botmoorway@btinternet.com)



100 Club

The latest winners of the 100 Club draw for November are Bill Naples with his lucky number 11 and Jo Graham-Campbell with her lucky number 52. They both win **£43**. We are now at 86 Members so thank you one and all.

However, **we need many more people to join** as this a really good way of supporting our village. This *Chaddleworth News* is distributed to over 200 addresses, so there are many more Members that might enjoy supporting the Village Hall via the 100 Club.

This Hall has been around for well over 100 years and, as you can imagine, needs constant on-going maintenance. This Club supports the Village Hall in ongoing costs that are ever increasing (Insurance, repairs, maintenance etcetera). A recent emergency Plumber call-out cost us **£120**. The 100 Club is a vital source of income for the Village and it is really worthwhile being a member to keep the Village Hall going and we implore every villager to join.

Please contact **Grahame Murphy** on **01488 638628** or email [**botmoorway@btinternet.com**](mailto:botmoorway@btinternet.com)

How do I join the 100 Club?

With "internet banking", set up a standing order for £2 per month (one number) or £24 a year. Payable to Recipient '**Chaddleworth 100 Club**', Sort Code **62-28-74**, Account No **00000000** (eight zeros), Reference **2856684010**. Alternatively, you can let me have a cheque or cash just contact me. Email **Grahame Murphy** to let me know you have joined and get your allocated lucky number.

Chaddleworth Parish Council

Parish Council Meetings are in the **Chaddleworth Village Hall**. The next meetings are **Tuesday 7th December 2021** and **Tuesday 4th January 2022** at **7.30pm**. For the minutes from past, please visit www.chaddleworth.net

If you have any matters for the Council, please contact the clerk via email chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com

The following are a selection of topics from the latest Parish Council meeting:

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022: The Entertainment Committee are not going to host an event for the Jubilee but are going to organise the 2022 Chaddleworth Fête.

All Councillors agreed it would be sad not to be able to have some sort of event for the Jubilee, it was said that maybe it might be possible to organise a children's party and to provide them with a souvenir to mark the day (funded by the Parish).

We need volunteers to help organise this Platinum Jubilee event. Please contact chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com if you can help. Thank you.

Thank You: During the recent turbulent weather, a tree fell in Spray Lane blocking the road. A very big 'thank you' to **David Wild** who went out and cleared the tree from obstructing the road.

Poacher Gates: A landowner had asked Parish Council if they were happy for a local field to be levelled and concrete hard stands (poacher gates) to be installed, to prevent unauthorised vehicles driving onto the field. The Councillors had no objections to this.

Norris Lane: Cllr. Murphy and a resident had met with a representative from Sovereign in Norris Lane regarding the state of the road and pavements. The discussion with

Sovereign will continue further and a letter from Sovereign stating their conclusions is also sought.

Electric Car Chargers: The Central Southern Regional Framework for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (also known as CSR Framework) is an organisation that will help to install Electric Car Chargers. We are making enquires with them.

2022-2023 Budget: Cllr. Clive Hooker – (Councillor for the Downlands Ward) attended the meeting. The draft budget and the end-of-year Cashflow were discussed and will be further updated with additional budget expenditure items for the next year in the January meeting.

Saunders Wynn and Coventry Educational Foundation

The three named benefactors set up the Trust to offer financial help to further the educational needs of the children and students (up to the age of 25) of the Parish of Chaddleworth. The Trustees meet four times a year with the next meeting scheduled for **8th February** to consider applications including any relating to the additional costs of home-schooling and remote study for students. Previous contributions have been made towards the cost of school uniforms, books for university courses, specific equipment and kit for courses, and residential courses.

If you wish to apply for funds please contact the Foundation's Clerk, **Heather Murphy**, Tower Hill Cottage, Botmoor Way, Chaddleworth RG20 7EU or email botmoorway@btinternet.com for an application form. All applications are treated in the strictest confidence. Any applications received after 8th February will still be considered for awards by the Trustees but there may be a delay before awards are made.

Downland Volunteer Group (DVG)



Do you need help with transport for shopping or doctors' appointments? If so the DVG may be able to help you.

The DVG would like to thank Chaddleworth Parish Council for their kind donation to the charity.

Car Transport: This group of volunteers is available to help with private car transport to hospitals (RBH, Oxford, Basingstoke and Swindon), doctors' surgeries, opticians, and dentists from our village. If a Chaddleworth resident needs to be taken for a doctor's appointment, whether it is at Chieveley, Compton or Hungerford we can help.

We do not make a charge for our services, but we do ask that you make a contribution towards our drivers' mileage costs. The level of contribution is different depending upon the length of journey made. The recommended donation for Chaddleworth residents is £4 to travel to and from Hungerford or Chieveley surgeries and £20 to travel to and from Oxford Swindon or Reading hospitals.

To make a booking for car transport to telephone **01635 578394** during office hours (9.30am -11.30am Monday to Friday).

Handybus: Our Handybus service helps with shopping trips to Newbury, Wantage and Didcot. Passengers are collected from their home and dropped off in either town centre or supermarket shopping. When passengers are returned home, they can get assistance with their shopping carried to their door if required. The bus can also be booked for community -based activities e.g. Christmas parties, theatre trips etc. There is currently no routine Handybus service for Chaddleworth, but if 8 or more residents

want to identify a day, time and destination then that can be considered.

There is a standard fare of £4 per person for Handybus shopping trips.

To make a booking for the Handybus telephone **07561 825302** or email [**dvg.handybus@gmail.com**](mailto:dvg.handybus@gmail.com)

[**www.downlandvolgroup.org**](http://www.downlandvolgroup.org)

All our volunteers are DBS checked.

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The Downland Practice

Updates can be found at the practice website news section:

[**www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk**](http://www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Patients are still required to wear a face mask and observe social distancing in the practice. We need to keep the patients and staff as safe as possible.

Reception Team: The reception team have worked very hard during this pandemic, ensuring that patient's needs are dealt with when they contact the surgery. For the whole of the covid-19 pandemic we have not had a full reception team available, despite many recruitment drives we are still short of reception staff. Whilst we are close to getting the reception team back to full strength, the practice is undertaking a review of the whole of the reception process. This review will take several months to fully complete and implement the changes.

Did Not Attend: We have had an increase in did not attend (DNA) GP and Practice nurse

appointments. These are important resources and directly affect patient care, so in an attempt to improve appointment availability we will be recording when patients DNA. Patients who DNA on multiple occasions will be contacted and asked if they wish to register at a GP Practice elsewhere. In the last 6 months there have been 446 appointments where patients have not turned up or told us that they could not attend their appointment.

GP Changes: As many of you are aware Dr Haider is leaving the Downland Practice mid December 2021. This is a sad loss for the patients who are on his GP patient list and for the practice staff. Dr Haider's GP patient list will be split up between the GP's whilst we recruit a new GP. Patients who this will affect will be notified by letter, once the new GP is in post (Feb/Mar 2022) the patient list will be moved to the new GP.

GP Routine Appointments: GP routine appointments are offered as face-to-face appointments since June 2021. Patients sit in socially distanced waiting area and when the waiting area is full, patients need to wait outside till there is space available. Please use the hand cleanser after booking in for your appointment.

Downland Practice and the Pandemic: Dr James Cave, the Downland Practice Senior GP Partner, has written an article about the Downland Practice and the Pandemic. This is available via the practice website www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk/practice-news/downland-practice-and-the-pandemic

Nursing Team Update: Nurse Meryl Peckham has retired after working for 40 years in the NHS. Meryl has been at the Downland Practice for 4 years and had taken on the role as lead nurse. She will be missed by all of the staff at the practice and

her regular patient's, we all wish her a long and happy retirement.

Downland Gardening Club

As I looked out of my window this morning to see the snow falling it was difficult to remember long summer days in the garden, but



strangely so many plants are continuing to flower including some tender scented pelargoniums, climbing roses, mahonia and the beautiful deep purple salvias in the pots outside my front door. A cheerful sight. As we get ready for Christmas and think about decorations for the house, I can recommend a garden centre visit where you will be tempted by the fabulous displays. Both pots of bulbs ready to be planted, and those already planted up, great for presents. Lovely amaryllis, more exotic each year and striking poinsettia and of course orchids. Now is the time to look at catalogues and perhaps chose the one plant or tree that will just give us joy next year. Peter Beales rose catalogue is a favourite and Fibrex Nursery for pelargoniums. With very best wishes for Christmas. Keep safe, **Judy Kelley**



Talking History at West Berkshire Museum

Our Autumn/Winter programme of illustrated talks about history, heritage and culture. Continues in the New Year.

View all upcoming events via:

booking.westberks.gov.uk/heritage_events.html



The Archaeology of Hungerford:

Wednesday 19th January, 7-8pm, Online: Hungerford is one of the few modern place-names in western Berkshire not recorded in Domesday, though it can be traced back to shortly after this time. Hungerford had a market and fair in the medieval period, and had become an important market town by the 17th century. Find out more and meet members of West Berkshire Council's Archaeology team (Beth Asbury and Philip Smither) as they delve into the parish's historic environment and share some of the fascinating artefacts found there by members of the public.



Not All Beer and Skittles: Wednesday 16th February, 1-2pm, West Berkshire Museum, The Wharf, Newbury: A light hearted ramble through the history of pubs, beer and brewing, from the days of the Assyrians, to the present day, with a particular focus in the modern day on West Berkshire's wide range of local and micro- breweries, local pubs, skittle alleys and more. Sadly, samples of local beer will not be on offer!



The Breweries of Newbury: Wednesday 16th February, 7-8pm, West Berkshire Museum, The Wharf, Newbury: There is no brewery in Newbury today, but there was a time when the production of beer was a major local industry. The talk will look at many of the breweries that operated in the town, some small, some large, some struggling on for a few years, some flourishing for a few centuries. What traces have they left? Come along and find out.



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Rural Crime *How to reduce the risk of becoming a burglary victim this winter*

Now that the clocks have gone back and the evenings are darker, there are a few simple steps you can take to help protect your property. Following reports of burglaries in nearby villages, take care via these simple reminder tips from Thames Valley Police:

- Lock your doors and windows; if you have a UPVC door, make sure you have double locked it by lifting the handle and locking it with the key. Make

sure the key is removed from the lock and out of reach

- Think about purchasing a Video Doorbell Camera. This will send the footage of anyone approaching your home to your mobile phone
- Keep valuables out of sight from doors and windows
- Remember to mark your valuables using a UV pen and register them on the national property register at www.immobilise.com

If you are leaving the house, you can deter burglars by making your home appear occupied:

- Double check that you have locked your windows and doors before leaving
- Light up your living room using a timer switch. A TV simulator can also be used to make give the appearance of a TV screen being used
- Invite a neighbour to park on your drive while you are away

You can find more information on how to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of burglary by downloading your FREE Home Security Guide from the Thames Valley Police website

www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/advice/home-security-guide



Further advice and resources can be found under NFU's 'Take Action Against Rural Crime' campaign via:

www.nfuonline.com/archive?treid=107814





Trindledown Farm

National Animal Welfare Trust

The world is in full Christmas swing and Trindledown is no exception! In fact, it came early to our farm. At the end of November, we held our first Christmas Fayre post lockdown and we were so grateful to see so many familiar and new faces joining in with the festive cheer to support the animals in our care.

Last month, thanks to the help from our community, we rehomed 18 animals from Trindledown Farm into new loving forever homes. This included the 4 budgies, *Freddie*, *Eddie*, *Freda* and *Chris Tweety* (Chris was named by a member of the public after the UK's Chief Medical Officer). The budgies have found their new home at Henley Care Home after staff spotted them on our website. The birds now sing their songs in the courtyard and bring happiness to the residents of the home. The budgies came individually into Trindledown after being abandoned, so we are so thankful to our generous supporters for given them a home to bond and the chance to lighten up the lives of so many more people.

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Paddock Hire

at NAWT Berkshire

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To stay up to date with what's going on at Trindledown follow us on Facebook or online: **@nawt.berkshire**

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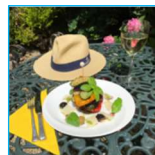
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