Chaddleworth News

Included in this October edition of Chaddleworth News:

- Sad news of the loss of two of our villagers.
- Many events held and planned as we move from late summer into early autumn.
- The pre-school, school and PTFA are back in full swing support our families.
- News from our local, neighbouring and district organisations.

Please provide your letters, suggestions and contributions for the next edition by the 20th of the month to chaddnews@gmail.com

Thank you. *Ed.*

Chaddleworth Afternoon Club Macmillan Tea Party and Chaddleworth Harvest Auction

As we go-to-press, both the Macmillan Tea Party and the Harvest Auction events will be taking place. We trust they will both go very well and look forward to reporting their successes in the next edition.

The Sloely Cup

The Sloely Cup will be contested on Sunday 29th January 2023 at The Ibex Inn, 4pm prompt. Usual rules apply!

So, don't delay – gather vour sloes today!





Picture: Daisy hard at work cleaning the Chaddleworth Children's Play area. Thank you very much Daisy and Dad!



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Michael Styles

Michael John Stiles was born on the 1st October 1942 and passed away on the 15th of September 2022 after a long illness.

Michael was born and brought up in Winnersh, Berkshire. Soon after leaving school Michael joined the Royal Air Force and spent 22 years in service as a Firefighter. He did spells of duty in Malta, The Falklands, The Maldives, Shetland and Brize Norton amongst other far-flung places. He retired as a Corporal.

Michael was a dedicated sportsman and played football, cricket and golf. He was for a while the Captain of Aldworth Cricket Club and also was the Groundsman there. As a golfer he joined the 'Leckhampstead Sunday Golfers'.

Michael and Jennifer moved to Chaddleworth 16 years ago and loved the village. Michael played cricket for our local cricket club for a number of seasons.

Michael absolutely loved life and he found the last twelve months very trying as he was not able to live life to the full as he always had done. He leaves a wife Jennifer, 7 children, 14 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

Chaddleworth News wish to record our very sincere sympathy to all Michael's family and friends especially Jennifer his widow.

Written by Grahame Murphy, ably assisted by Jennifer Stiles





Henry and Miller taken earlier in September

Henry Ponsonby

With the death of Henry Ponsonby, aged 74, Chaddleworth has lost one of its more ebullient characters. He first moved to the village forty years ago, renting a cottage in Upper End where he started his business of racehorse syndication after the rules by the Jockey Club changed in 1976 he was a pioneer of syndication.

Chaddleworth News are very saddened by this loss. A full tribute will be included in the November edition.



While we have faced challenges before, this one is different. This time we join with all nations across the globe in a common endeavour, using the great advances of science and our instinctive compassion to heal.

We will succeed - and that success will belong to every one of us.

We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again.

But for now, I send my thanks and warmest good wishes to you all.

Extract from the Queen's broadcast to the UK and Commonwealth, 5th April 2020



Emma, the Queen's fell pony, greets the procession



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 on botmoorway@btinternet.com to let me know you have joined and get your allocated lucky number.

Chaddleworth Village Hall

Bookings: Chaddleworth Village Hall is a versatile venue with great facilities, plenty of parking, is freshly decorated and has new, upholstered chairs.

Please contact us to view and book The Hall for your children's parties, family events and any other functions. Contact **07827 309401** or ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com

Chaddleworth 100 Club

The latest winners of the 100 Club draw for September are Christine Patterson with her lucky number 22 and Heather Murphy with her lucky number 12. They both win £41.We are now at 82 Members so thank you one and all. It would be nice to actually get to 100 Members so please **consider joining.** This is a really good way supporting our village. Chaddleworth News is distributed to over 200 addresses so there are many more parishioners that might enjoy supporting the Village Hall via the 100 Club. It is really worthwhile being a member to keep the Hall going and we implore every villager to join.

Please contact *Grahame Murphy* on **01488 638628** or email **botmoorway** @btinternet.com

Christmas Sale

The Christmas Sale will be held in Chaddleworth Village Hall on Saturday 19th November.



Chaddleworth Parish Council

Meetings are in the Chaddleworth Village Hall every other month – next on **Tuesday 1**st **November 2022** at **7:30pm**. If you have any matters for the Council, please contact the clerk via **chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com**

For the minutes from past meetings please visit www.chaddleworth.net

<u>Verges</u>: A resident asked if the road verges could be cut back as they were encroaching onto the rural roads. Cllr. Murphy explained that the Council had been chasing WBC for some time to address these issues. Cllr. Hooker said he would speak with Jon Winstanley at West Berkshire Council regarding the ongoing issues.

Blind <u>Spot</u>: The PC have been alerted to a 'blind spot' at the junction of School Hill and Main Street and are proposing a convex mirror at that junction suggested by our PCSO, providing we get permission from the landowner for the siting of such an item.

20 mile per hour speed limit. The PC were lobbied by a number of Parishioners to achieve such a limit in the village. Radar equipment was installed on a wandering basis in the village (4 different locations over a 2-week period). Unfortunately, the threshold for this was not reached and we were unsuccessful in getting this reduced limit. Our District Councillor Clive Hooker has commented that this is very difficult to achieve and, out of the 7 villages who have applied, only 1 got this limit within a limited area of their village (East Ilsley).

<u>Norris Lane</u>: Cllr. Murphy has now written to the Boundaries Officer at West Berkshire Council to ask for their support to identify parts of the lane that Sovereign are responsible for.

<u>Play Areas</u>: Needed maintenance of the playground fence and replacement of the two football goal nets will be made.

<u>Right to Buy</u>: We are pursuing this with Sovereign and our MP Laura Farris. There are a number of tenants that would like to buy their

homes and we will do our very best to help them.

<u>Covid 19 Test Kits</u>: The PC have been supplied with test kits by West Berks Council Healthcare and there are still kits available. Please contact Grahame via **botmoorway@btinternet.com**

<u>Children's Play Area and Football Field</u>: A reminder that dogs are not allowed in these two areas whether on leads or off.

Chaddleworth Hardship Fund

The Trustees recognise that energy bills have dramatically increased and are set to go up again in the autumn. All applications are always treated with the utmost confidentiality. If anyone is having difficulty in paying their bills and or are in 'fuel poverty' (spending 10% or more of their income on energy) they are urged to contact the Hardship Fund Trustees via the Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer on chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com

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 November to consider applications including any relating to the additional costs of home-schooling and remote studv 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 this scheduled meeting will still be considered for awards by the Trustees but there may be a delay before awards are made.

Letters and Announcements

Defibrillator Use Training

Chaddleworth Parish Council are organising a training session for the use of defibrillators. There will be spaces for up to 20 folk. The date will be confirmed in the next edition and via the village's Facebook group. Please enrol for this training as, who knows, it maybe vitally important for your family or friends one day.

Please enrol via the clerk on:

chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com

<u>Car Boot Sale</u> Sunday 9th October

at Leckhamstead Village Hall, £10 per car 8am set up – open to buyers 8:30am Tea and Coffee, Bacon Rolls Available Interested?

Book via Helen on 07933 182353

St Patrick's Catholic Church

Sunday Mass is once more being said at St Patrick's Church, Old Stanmore Road, East Ilsley, RG20 7NJ at 11:15am. All are welcome.

We suggest parking in East IIsley High Street to avoid congestion on Old Stanmore Road. St Patrick's is served from East Hendred. See www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk

Mgr Andrew Burnham is the Parish Priest and can be contacted on 01235 835 038 or aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Mass is livestreamed from St Mary's, East
Hendred and you can access it via
www.churchservices.tv/easthendred

The regular Councillor's Report is available via the West Berkshire website:

www.westberks.gov.uk/ downlandsparishcouncilreport Kind regards. Councillor Clive Hooker

Seniors' Christmas Lunch 2022

'The Old Gits' (TOG) are organising this year's Seniors' Christmas Lunch and we have limited seats available to add to the existing list of past invitees.



Complimentary invitations will be sent to eligible Chaddleworth residents of UK retirement age (in receipt of UK state pension) and their respective partners. These will be delivered at a future date.

To ensure we send the invitations out to the right people, **please note**:

- If you received an invitation and came to the last Christmas lunch 2019, you do not need to re-register
- If you have come of UK pension age, live in the Chaddleworth Area and wish to register to receive an invitation please contact one of us or you will miss out
- We have limited spaces for the lunch, so please make sure to get back to us as soon as you get your invitation as we have to run a first-come, first-served policy

If you have any questions or need us to explain further, please feel free to call or email us.

Important note: If you have had an Invitation in the past but did not reply for the last event, **you need to contact us to register your interest** as you will have been taken off the list.

Thank you from The Old Gits

Contacts for both Christmas lunch registration are:

- Chris Terrett 0788580540 dubdub51@btinternet.com
- Lynne Doncaster 07747099913
 lynne.doncaster1955@gmail.com
- Ray Doncaster 07584563865 rayfdoncaster@duck.com
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- Ray Young 07799190885

St Andrew's Church, Chaddleworth part of the West Downland Benefice

The end of an era, yet 'business as usual'

I first heard the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II during a routine PCC meeting in Chaddleworth and so the pattern of grieving for Her Late Majesty, while keeping going with the ongoing life of the churches was set from the very beginning of the mourning period.

On Friday morning I whizzed round all eight churches to makes sure that they were open for private prayer and that there were printed Prayers and a Bible Reading for people to pick up if they wanted ideas of how to pray. We were delighted to work with Parish Councils to host the Book of Condolence in some of the parishes and I was very thankful for the volunteers across the benefice who guietly checked that the church flowers were fresh. On Friday morning we also began planning for a United Benefice Service of Commemoration on the evening before the state funeral, though at that point we didn't know when the funeral would be! With all this done, I was able to concentrate on a wedding rehearsal although I'm not sure that I would ever describe a wedding as 'business as usual'!

During the official mourning period our churches were to host three weddings, a Christening and a double funeral. Each of these 'life event' services

was a precious family occasion and the challenge of ensuring that personal and local celebrations and griefs were not overshadowed by national grief, nor insensitive to the sense of national loss following the death of our much-loved Queen, was a daunting one. Fortunately, Her Late Majesty's life of Christian faith and dedicated service offers us plenty of inspiration. For the wedding addresses I used the Queen's moving dedication to service on her twenty-first birthday and her coronation vows as examples that show us how keeping our solemn promises brings blessing to others as well as ourselves. I hope that as the couples who made their vows in front of their chosen witnesses and quests will look back and feel that it was a privilege to be married in extraordinary times and that as the new era of the reign of King Charles III began, they stepped out into the new era of married life with the intention that their faithfulness to one another will bring blessing and stability to their family, friends and community in the same way that our dear Queen's vows brought blessing and stability to our national

Weddings: Rosie and Toby (Welford), Emma and Ed (Fawley), Helen and Scott (Chaddleworth). Christening: Max (Wickham) Funeral: Diana and David Smash (Fawley).

Rev. Miri Keen



West Downland Benefice October		
Sunday 2 nd October		
10:00am	United Benefice Service with Revd William McDowell	Fawley
Sunday 9th October		
9:00am	BCP Holy Communion with Revd John Toogood	Shefford Woodlands
Sunday 16th October		
9:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Leckhampstead
10:30am	Open Air Harvest Service	Chaddleworth
Traditional harvest hymns and readings old and new. Location is dependent on the weather and farming so please check the Pew Sheet or A Church Near You for updates. Please bring a garden chair and dress warmly if necessary.		

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Sunday 23rd October

9:00am BCP Holy Communion Wickham

10:30am Morning Praise & Holy Communion Brightwalton

Sunday 30th October

10:00am United Benefice Service Leckhampstead

4:00pm East Downland Benefice will be holding the Service of

on A Church Near You to confirm the location.

Thanksgiving and Memorial this year. We will publish details

We are pleased to offer Zoom from Church for the services. Please contact the Benefice Office for joining details via sarah.westdownland@qmail.com

Details and Order of Service can be found on the A Church Near You site www.achurchnearyou.com

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

Chaddleworth Cricket Club

What a season for Chaddleworth Cricket Club to celebrate our forty-year anniversary! At last year's AGM we were genuinely considering winding the club up and now

considering winding the club up and now we're looking back a season of well-played, well-attended games.

Thank you to Jack Barrett and his vice-captains Craig Edwards and Tom Campbell for their commitment to the club. Thanks also to the players both old and new. Thanks to the committee who have met more times this year than the last few years combined! And a very special thank you to Mr Hambro for his unwavering support for our club.

The biggest round of applause though is for **Joe Mills**. Joe has been the groundsman forever and is still going. He can be found at the club many times a week preparing a wicket, mowing the grass, mending something or tinkering with his tractor!

See you all next year! Up The Chadd!

Interested in joining Chaddleworth Cricket Club? Contact *Mr Wilson* via his email jimmybobwilson@gmail.com



Chaddleworth Compost Cup

Congratulations to our winners of the marrow competition. The winners both received their trophies.



Lady winner: Lynne Doncaster Gentleman winner: Ed Hadland

Thank you to all those that took part and to everyone that supported our event and purchased raffle tickets with all proceeds going towards the old folk's meal.



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<u>Oktoberfest</u>: All through October we are hosting Oktoberfest. There are a range of German beers on offer. Collect your checklist when you order one of the beers and tick them off across October. Once you've checked them all off, pass it into a member of staff to enter a draw to win a £20 lbex voucher! Why not try the German style hot dog with chips and beer sauce!?

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What's coming up...

Saturday 15th October: Live Music

Nash and the Mac join us again for a night of live music. Book your table now!

<u>Saturday 29th October: Halloween</u> <u>Disco</u>

DJ Slade takes to the decks. Fancy dress encouraged! Halloween cocktails and an evening of spooky fun!

<u>Chilli Sauce Competition</u>: A brilliant turn out for our first ever chilli sauce competition! We had 10 entries in total, ranging from mild to very VERY hot. Well done to **Steve** for your winning sauce, closely followed by **Nathan** in 2nd place and **Tish and Ben** in joint 3rd!



Mexican & Quiz Night: Thank you for everyone who came for our Mexican & Quiz night! Well done to Quiz Akabusi for winning the quiz, and an extra thank you for donating your winnings back to charity. After a night of quizzing, we raised £96 for National Animal Welfare Trust Berkshire!



<u>We are recruiting</u>: Full and part-time positions available! Please contact us for more info, or drop your CV into one of our friendly members of staff behind the bar!

Gavin, Nathan & The Ibex Team



Chaddleworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

With the long summer holiday over, it has been very much a behind-the-scenes and back-to-brain-storming phase for new ideas and plans for the schools' coming year.

Our planned Back-to-School BBQ was cancelled out of respect following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and, while we were all looking forward to fun and games at school, we felt it the right decision.

Planning is well under way for our **Winter Fete on 19**th **November**, to be held at the Shefford School Site, timings TBC. We are delighted to be able to hold public events again and hope you may be able to join us We will have a café, games, tombola, raffle and craft stalls – perfect to get ahead on the Christmas shopping!

Our **AGM** is coming soon on **4**th **October**, and we welcome anyone from our school family, but also the wider community.

If you're thinking of getting involved with a local charity, pop by and say hello! We always need extra volunteers, whether that be regularly, baking a cake or manning a stall at an event. Please do get in touch...

As a registered Charity, we are always grateful for any donations you may be able to give, whether the company you work for can fund-match or donate a prize, we would love to hear from you. Or maybe you've got a few bits and bobs that we could add to our tombola?

Chaddleworth and Shefford Schools Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) comprises parents, staff and community members. We are a small group, but always welcome new members. You do not need to be connected to the school – you may just wish to be involved in a community group.

Our aims are simple, working closely with the school to enhance the education of the pupils and engaging in activities both in the school and in the community to raise funds.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the PTFA, we meet monthly and our Chair, *Caroline*, can be contacted via chad_shefford_ptfa@mail.com



Great Shefford Pre-School



<u>Pre-School,</u> <u>Tuesday,</u> <u>Wednesday,</u> <u>Thursday 9:15am to 2:45pm</u> The children and staff were very saddened to hear of the passing of The Queen. We took flowers to the Millennium Stone in the village and said a short prayer to remember her wonderful reign.



We have had a busy start to our Pre-School term and have welcomed five new children, bringing our number on roll to 20.



We welcomed the Agricultural Society's Education Officer, Jan Murray, to visit with the life size wooden cow and goat to teach the children where milk comes from. Everyone had a go at milking and thoroughly enjoyed it! The children's collage and scarecrow entries in the school's competition at the Agricultural Society's Ploughing Match looked wonderful and won a First Prize and Special Commendation!



The children have also been fortunate to pick apples from nearby trees and bake apple crumble to take home. What a wonderful start to the autumn term!

If you have a pre-school child and would like to find out more about the wonderful learning experiences we offer, please log on to our Learning Diary on our website www.greatsheffordunderfives.co.uk or contact us on 07867 934387.

<u>Baby and Toddler Group, Monday</u> 9:30am to 11:15am

The Baby & Toddler group is open on Monday mornings and is very popular with young families from the local area. If you haven't visited us before, please come along to Great Shefford Village Hall and let our staff, Morven and Debbie, make you most welcome with a cuppa, chat and plenty of activities.

We have a good range of resources and most importantly, are looking forward to meeting parents and their very young children to offer support and friendship.

With best wishes, *Denise* denise.herrington@btinternet.com

Chaddleworth St Andrew's and Shefford C.E.



Federated Primary Schools

We had a bittersweet start to the term with the excitement of our Ofsted 'Good' outcome, welcoming everyone back, Red Kites going away on their residential trip, and then the sad news of the Queen's death.



The children led a special Collective Worship which included a song that they had written, memories of the Queen and prayers for the family. A remembrance book is filling up with the children's thoughts, feelings and memories. They showed compassion and respect throughout.

We are absolutely delighted with the feedback from Ofsted. We continue to be a 'Good' school. What the school does well:

- The school is a happy place where pupils flourish and feel safe
- Leaders have high aspirations for all pupils
- Leaders have thought carefully in developing an ambitious curriculum for all pupils
- Staff possess a strong understanding of the content they need to cover and what knowledge they are building on
- Staff have created a culture where reading is valued

- Pupil's needs are carefully and accurately identified
- Pupils are kind and friendly because they are taught how to be so
- Governors check the work of school leaders to ensure that pupils receive a good quality of education
- Plans for improvement are clear

What the school needs to do to improve:

 In a small number of subjects, leaders need to specify how the content is taught so that learning is consistent in quality and effectiveness

The Governors were delighted to see the school's character shone through to the inspectors and would like to offer a particular thanks to the staff for creating the environment that has enabled the school to flourish. And, of course, we would like to thank the parents for their continued support.

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National Animal Welfare Trust Trindledown Farm

Here at NAWT, we are deeply saddened to hear about the Queen's passing. A tremendous woman who dedicated a lifetime worth of service for her country. Our thoughts and prayers are with the royal family during this time.

September has been a busy month for us. Our Summer auction ended, and we are thrilled to say we raised a total of £3,053 for the homeless animals in our care! We are so grateful to everyone who donated, supported, and bid towards our auction. This fantastic achievement is all because of our wonderful supporters and we could not do

the work we do without you!

In September we have also launched our foster care scheme and our home direct scheme. We are currently appealing for individuals to apply to be foster carers for animals in our care – that can be dog, cat, rabbits, or guinea pigs – all are welcome to apply.



Some notable names have gone home this last month – Lexi the cat (pictured), who has been under our care since May, has been adopted and we are over the moon for her. Angel and Pippin (also pictured), the two chihuahuas under our care that had never been walked, have found their fur-ever home too. We have been updated to say they are loving their new back garden where they have the freedom to play and run as much as they want!

We're currently in the process of planning for our Christmas events so keep an eye on our Facebook for more details. Dates for the Christmas auction are to be announced shortly and we are in the beginning planning stages for a Christmas fair. If you are interested in participating as a stall holder, please let us know as we will only have a select number of spaces available.

Thank you again to everyone for your continued support.

Keep up to date with our animal antics through Facebook, Instagram and TikTok! @nawt.berkshire *Molly*, 01488 638584





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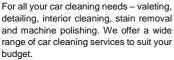
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Shefford Young Farmers

We have begun our new YFC year and all met back

at the beginning of September for a games night. The members had great fun taking part in various team bonding games, finishing with a game of rounders. It was great to see so many children coming to this first meeting – 35 in total – which made for a busy night for the adult leaders and helpers. Last week we were visited by a Children's First Aid trainer, who gave a talk on child first aid and what to do in an emergency. It was great fun watching the children learn mouth to mouth and putting each other in the resuscitation position.

We have a number of exciting meetings coming up over the next few months including Ferret Racing, Bonfire Evening, Machinery Talk, Visit to Rooksnest Estate, Christmas Flower Arranging and all finished off at Christmas with our annual Carol Singing Evening.

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 us on

sheffordyfc@hotmail.co.uk





Providing Community Transport Services to the Downland Villages of West Berkshire

Volunteer car drivers required!

Are you a car driver and able to spare a couple of hours a week or even a month? Then we need you!

The Downland Volunteer Group (DVG) is a registered charity providing transport to medical appointments for patients within the Downland Practice area. We need new volunteers to join our friendly team so if you have transport and a few hours to spare please do get in touch. Expenses paid. Telephone 01635 578394 or email: dvg_office@btinternet.com

Volunteer Handybus drivers needed!

This bus could help residents in our village if we can find help to drive the 13-seater Mercedes Sprinter handybus. The bus enables residents in the Downland villages to go shopping, or enjoy trips to nearby locations, on pre-planned days. Existing routes are very popular as a social outing, with many regular passengers.

If you have:

- A 'clean' driving licence
- A D1 category on your driving licence
- A spare few hours a couple of times a month

... then we would love to hear from you.

Please contact us on **01635 578394** or email: dvg office@btinternet.com

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