

April 2023

Chaddleworth News

Included in this new edition

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- ...plus news from the Church, the Parish, the School, the Hall, our Societies & Clubs and the Sky!

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

Thanks! **Ed.**

Chaddleworth Parish Council

Next month, on 4th May are the local elections for West Berkshire Council and possibly for Chaddleworth Parish Council.

Anyone wishing to stand should deliver their forms, in person, to West Berkshire Council offices by 4pm on Tuesday 4th April.

The process for candidates can be found on the West Berkshire Council's website at **www.westberks.gov.uk** by searching for 'parish council election'.

Coronation Lane



Karen and Peter Hambro have planted a new avenue of 54 Lime Trees along both sides of Botmoor Way. This has been done in part to have replacements for the existing Ash Trees that might be attacked by Ash die-back disease; but also as a celebration of their Majesties' imminent Coronation. The Hambros have asked the Parish Council if Botmoor Way could be renamed Coronation Lane to mark the occasion. (! 😊 Ed.) **Peter & Karen**



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Christine Elizabeth Patterson

25th December 1928 to 22nd January 2023



Countless joyful memories

When I look back over her life, I can only think of the countless joyful moments that I shared with her...

Her love of cricket! Inherited from her Worcestershire supporting father. Me with her at the Scarborough Festival each year when we lived in Yorkshire and then at Edgebaston when in Warwickshire, endless days of cricket! Her sense of adventure! Firstly, going to live in India in the 1950s and exploring that country; then, frequent visits to us in Hong Kong and China continued that adventure; South America and many other places followed.

The Isles of Scilly! Many a holiday my parents had there. She used to rave about the Gigg races. Then for her 90th birthday Sally and I took her there and together we retraced their footsteps.

Treacle sponge and custard! I'll never forget those last Fridays of the school holidays when my favourite pudding was served for lunch. None has ever made it as good as she did! Yes, I was spoilt!

Then there are the snowdrops that line our drive in Farnham and also her in Chaddleworth garden – in abundance now! She would give me a new box of bulbs each year to plant in my garden and how they have multiplied!

That joyful last month of her life over Xmas which she spent with us all, Sally and I, her three grandchildren Camilla, Jonathan and Emily, and her newly arrived great granddaughter Eliza. Before Xmas at Emily's wedding, I shall never forget her dancing with me that night to a very lively band!

What kind of woman was Christine

Reading the many letters and cards of condolence that have been sent by family and friends; searching through old photos, a picture emerges of the qualities that framed my Mother. A caring nature, a good listener, interested in talking to people of all ages, a dear friend and neighbour, devoted to her family, always willing to help, a great sense of community and devotion to village life.

These virtues all come out in the messages I have received...

"Christine was a very special person and we feel lucky to have been her neighbour for many years".

"She was someone who was always interested in you, your family and what you did".

"With Neville [my father], she gave a huge amount of time and energy to many aspects of village life – the Church, the School, the Gardening and Cricket Clubs; Mothers and Toddlers and the Parish Council".



Her Life

She was born on Xmas Day 1928 with her twin brother, Noel. They were 2 of 4 children born to a couple still suffering the scars of the FWW – her father had been wounded and taken prisoner

and those wounds and the privations of his captivity would live with him for the rest of his life. There were regular night-time visits from the doctor. My Mother would tell how she would lie awake those nights praying her father would still be alive in the morning.

As a child she developed asthma and this stayed with her for the rest of her life. Forever using an inhaler, it was this that saw her voice becoming ever more frail. Her asthma severely compromised her love of music but if her ability to sing was limited she took immense pleasure from playing the piano.

These events in turn made her mentally tough. But aged 18 she enrolled at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford to train as a nurse, as had been her own mother. She told me that had always wanted to be a doctor and that this was a possible career but somewhere this door was closed. Who knows, but I believe she would have made an excellent GP.

But fortune came her way in Oxford for there she met my father, a student and, like her own father, recently demobilised from war service. There at Oxford began a loving relationship which in 1950 became a marriage which was to last 59 years.

What a life they had together. A devoted couple, happy and caring. They formed an enviable family unit and I don't ever recall any real tension or argument between them. My own upbringing was a contented and untroubled one protected by the firm bond that they had formed. In a world witnessing the gradual erosion of family and marital values, their marriage was a model for me and others to emulate.

Soon after marrying and a brief time in London, they set off by boat to Calcutta – it was before the days of regular air travel - for a 4-year adventure in India. My Mother had ceased nursing after I was born but in Calcutta she met and became a follower of Mother Theresa and gave time helping her Missionaries of Charity. My Mother's sense of community and her willingness to help others comes in part from her own upbringing but also from the impression Mother Theresa made on her. She kept a copy of Mother Theresa's book – "The Best Gift is Love" - by her side for the rest of her life.

Returning to England her communal activities continued. I well remember accompanying her on her Meals on Wheels rounds in Saltburn when we lived on the North East Coast and the pleasure I saw it gave to the elderly and poor on receiving those hot meals.

And so to Chaddleshworth just over 40 years ago. Many here today will know better than I the contribution she (together with my father) made to the life of the community in

Chaddleshworth. I have already mentioned some of these here – the village school, the Church, Gardening Club are but a continuation of her sense of community, her willingness to help others while at the same time making new friends, friendships that she would tell me about and treasure. I myself have fond memories of Chaddleshworth Garden Open Days, our many walks up the long drive to Oak Ash Farm, our lunches in the pubs in the area but none better than lunch at the Ibex! But the one constant throughout her life was her love of the garden and of flowers. Every house we lived in, it was the garden that received her fullest attention. Rudyard Kipling's "The Glory of the Garden" which Sonia will read is a tribute to this love of hers.

Finally

A life well lived and full of happiness, family and faith. That she should live independently in her own home till the end and not suffer knowingly is something that we can perhaps envy. That she was seen driving her car round the village 2 days before her stroke is perhaps not!

Sadly, she lived the last 13 years of her life alone without the man she met all those years before in Oxford. That he was always there in her heart and in her mind there can be no doubt. And now she can join him once more, together again at last in a new life. Of that we can all be thankful

Mark





Chaddleworth Cricket Club were very sad to lose another of our esteemed Vice Presidents *Christine Patterson*. She and her husband Neville had been Vice Presidents from the very start of the Club over 40 years ago. They were very generous throughout and will be sorely missed. Neville and Christine often came to our Sunday matches to support us from way back when we were just a fledgling Club with very little money but a great deal of enthusiasm.

The Club is trying to replace our denuded band of Vice Presidents and would be very pleased to add you to the roll so if you are interested in joining us. Please do get in touch. **Grahame Murphy**, Chairman

Spring is finally in the air which means cricket season is fast approaching...

Chaddleworth Cricket Club have a busy season ahead with a *Sixes Competition*, the annual *Seattle Cup*, and a long fixtures list! Lots of matches this season will be played at home on the beautiful grounds kindly provided by Mr & Mrs Hambro at Heads Farm, please do come

along on the day to support the team and cheer them on.

Donations of pies, quiches, and cakes etc to the cricket teas to keep our players fuelled for the home games are always very welcome, please message me if you'd like to provide something.

Membership is **£10** for the year, for both playing and non-playing members, and is vital to help keep the club going.

If you are interested in becoming a player, a member or a Vice President for the Club we would love to hear from you. Please contact me on **07827 324999** or via chaddleworthcricketclub@gmail.com

Rosie McDowell, Secretary

CCC Fixtures 2023

Sunday 14th May	Chieveley (Away) 2pm
Thursday 18th May	Leg Rovers (Away) 6pm
Sunday 21st May	Purley on Thames (Home) 2pm
Sunday 28th May	Ramsbury (Home) 1pm
Sunday 4th June	Boxford (Home) 2pm
Sunday 11th June	Peasemore (Away) 2pm
Saturday 24th June	Sixes Comp (Home) 10am
Sunday 25th June	Wantage & Grove (Away) 2pm
Thursday 29th June	Leg Rovers (Home) 6pm
Sunday 2nd July	Ashford Hill (Home) 2pm
Saturday 8th July	Seattle Cup (Home) 1pm
Sunday 16th July	Inkpen (Home) 1pm
Sunday 23rd July	Presidents XI (Home) 1pm
Sunday 6th August	Chieveley (Home) 2pm
Sunday 13th August	Aldworth (Away) 2pm
Sunday 20th August	Hampstead Norreys (Away) 1pm

Chaddleworth Open Gardens

Advance Notice:

Chaddleworth Entertainments are organising an **Open Gardens Day** on **Saturday 17th June**.

That gives us plenty of time to spruce up our pots! No gardens are too large or too small, too modest or too extravagant...

If you would like to register your garden please ring or text

Martyn on 07946 318101

But we persevere as gardeners and now my roses (and I hope yours) are pruned and shooting, cuttings are growing and



seeds sown indoors are germinating. Now the pleasure ahead is choosing some new pelargoniums and a climbing rose. A nursery or garden centre visit is called for.

This morning I drove to Compton across the Downs on a brilliant sunny morning, passing sheep with their lambs and hedges full of white Blackthorn, Catkins and verges awash with Daffodils. The occasional pink Prunus in gardens, brilliant yellow Forsythia and even a Camellia, and more Daffodils. It made up for all the rain. Although I am so aware it is needed by the farmers and fruit and vegetable growers.

One of the pleasures to come soon is the chance of a garden visit, check out the *National Gardens Scheme* www.ngs.org.uk website for nearby gardens.

The Old Rectory, Farnborough is a favourite of mine and is opening on 16th April, also a garden in Devizes called *Broadleas House*. When thinking of Garden Centres or Nurseries to visit do not forget *Englefield* which you can combine with a visit to the gardens at the House and a visit to the Tea shop. Also, *Penwood Nursery*, near Highclere, always helpful with information on plants and trees. Enjoy your garden this spring!

Judy Kelley

Downland Gardening Club

I do not think I can remember a time of such changeable weather. The sun shines brightly and we all think '**great**', don our boots and gardening coat and sally forth into the garden, secateurs, trowel or fork in hand to finish pruning the roses or any task that is a priority... only to be greeted moments later by lashing rain, sleet or even snow.



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

Thank you *Reverend Miri* for your valuable contributions to the life of the village during your five years as Rector of the West Downland Benefice. Revd. Miri's leaving service on 5th March in Brightwalton was well attended and followed by an excellent, relaxed lunch in the village hall.

Services continue as usual in St Andrew's and neighbouring churches – dates as below.

Contact details during the interregnum are via the Benefice Office on **07954 117093** or via sarah.westdownland@gmail.com Please leave a message and Sarah will contact you when she is in the office on Tuesday or Thursday morning. If your enquiry is urgent, please contact **Jo** (Church Warden) and she will be able to direct you to a Minister.



West Downland United Benefice Service Dates

Sunday 2 nd April	10:30am	United Benefice Service with Revd John Toogood	Chaddleworth
Good Friday 7 th April	10:30am	Good Friday Café Church	Great Sheffield
	11:00am	Good Friday Service with hymns and readings and Revd Canon Liz Jackson	Brightwalton
Easter Sunday 9 th April	6:30am	Easter Dawn Service with Revd John Toogood	Leckhampstead Churchyard
	9:30am	Family Easter Communion with hymns	Great Sheffield
	11:00am	Morning Praise + Holy Communion	Fawley
Sunday 16 th April	9:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Leckhampstead Village Hall
	10:30am	Morning Praise + Holy Communion	Chaddleworth
Sunday 23 rd April	9:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Wickham
	10:30am	Morning Praise + Holy Communion	Brightwalton
Sunday 30 th April	10:00am	United Benefice Morning Praise + Holy Communion	Fawley

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

Details can also be found online at A Church Near You www.achurchnearyou.com



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



We are already approaching the Easter holidays and have had a fun packed half-term, including fun in the snow! The children dressed in their favourite book characters for World Book Day and we welcomed author *Geraldine McCaughrean* to read a story; what a treat! On one of the rare sunny afternoons, we walked round to Sheffield School to share outside learning with the Early Years children there, many of whom were at Pre-School last year. We all had a wonderful time, in the water trays and on balance bikes, plus tea and cakes for the staff; we were thoroughly spoilt.

Everyone joined in the fun of *Red Nose Day* by wearing red and enjoying fun activities all morning; together we raised almost **£50** to support other children who aren't so fortunate as ours.

At the start of term we met *Rev. Miri* at St. Mary's church to say our fond farewell and to give her our best wishes for her next adventure. Rev. Miri has been a great support to the Pre-School by providing children's services for Christingle and Remembrance, joining us to make Easter gardens, recording stories on Zoom during lockdown, even popping in at our Inspection to put in a good word for us! We will continue to enjoy popping into the church on our walks; the children love to explore the building. We have also enjoyed a wonderful afternoon recently with the organist, *Judith Orpen*, who let the children have a go at playing the organ then played whilst they danced in the aisle with ribbons.

We are now looking forward to Easter activities and treats followed by a break to spend time with our families.

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**.

Baby and Toddler Group, Monday
9:30am to 11:15am

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

We have an excellent 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



Chaddleshworth St Andrew's and Shefford C.E.

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Great Shefford Under Fives:

What a fantastic afternoon we had with the Great Shefford Under Fives. Our Year 6 children were brilliant role models and we all enjoyed sharing the time together. *Thank you for visiting – please come again!*

Trip to Reading Synagogue: Thank you to Reading Synagogue for sharing their faith with Robins, Kingfishers and Owls. The children were fascinated and loved the activities. They have a deeper understanding of Judaism as a result of the experience.



Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby on Thursday: Red Kites had so much fun playing at the Tag Rugby festival; we saw great speed, agility and teamwork. Thank you to parents who came to support us too!



Craftersnoon Tea: Thank you to the PTFA for organising a craft afternoon on Saturday 18th March for children to make all sorts of creations. It was well attended and **£70 was raised** as a result!

Red Nose Day: Thank you to the children who took part in 'Building the Change' challenge. A free cash dispenser, a shop where you can get anything for free and a house designed to make everyone smile were just three of the ideas.

KS1 Cricket at The Willows: The children enjoyed their cricketing experience at The Willows. Well done Kingfishers!



Thank you and Goodbye to Rev. Miri: Our shared worship at Brightwalton Church gave us the opportunity to say a huge thank you and goodbye to Rev. Miri. Her support has been invaluable. In knowing our children, parents, staff and community so well she has offered a hand of friendship and helped us with our spiritual journey. Rev. Miri has not only led Collective Worship (including Zoom worship!) but she has also worked collaboratively with us on our curriculum, visited RE lessons to answer questions about Christianity, given advice and training and prayed with us in difficult times. As a result, we have many happy and meaningful memories that we will treasure. **Thank you Rev. Miri!**

Alison Stephenson, Headteacher/DSL,
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Chaddleshworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

Registered Charity 1190914

Spring is in the air at long last! We are looking forward to Easter and Coronation activities, more on those below. But first what have we been up to so far in 2023?

In January, we gave the pupils and their families a rest from fundraising activities. February half term saw a challenge to set brains whirring: a **matchbox challenge**. Take a small matchbox, remove the matches then see how many individual items can fit inside. The winner managed over 200 items! Our generous supporters raised over **£300** in sponsorship!

We held a “Crafternoon Tea” for Mother’s Day and so many amazing crowns, wreaths, cards, toys were made – even a car! We were truly spoiled with the number of cakes made and donated and nobody was left hungry that afternoon! It was particularly lovely to welcome families from both the local and school communities.

We have used funds to buy giant bean bags for the school’s library area and funded coaches for trips for all the classes.

As we look towards Easter, we – and the Easter Bunny – will be busy! We are organising an *Easter egg hunt* in school as well as a craft session during school time.

Then on **Sunday 2nd April** in Great Shefford Village Hall it’s “eyes down” for

family Easter Bingo! Please join us for an afternoon of fun and great prizes.

And on the Coronation weekend, we are very excited to hold our first ever colour run! In Great Shefford park, in the morning of Sunday 7th May. Bring a picnic to enjoy afterwards. All the details are in the Coronation weekend section of this newsletter.

Chaddleshworth 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.

Clare





Coronation Weekend in Chaddleworth

Come and celebrate with the village on the 6th, 7th and 8th May

The Coronation of The King and The Queen Consort will be marked with events across the country and a concert at Windsor Castle. Their Majesties want to encourage people to spend the Coronation Weekend celebrating with friends, families and their communities.

Saturday 6th

The Coronation Service: The Coronation of The King and The Queen Consort will take place at *Westminster Abbey* on Saturday 6th May 2023. The Service will be conducted by the *Archbishop of Canterbury* and will reflect the Monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.



At **The Ibex Inn**, watch the **Coronation in the afternoon** and then **Mac and the Nash** will be playing tunes throughout the evening (starts **6pm**)

Sunday 7th

The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country on Sunday 7th May 2023.



Come to Chaddleworth Village Hall to Celebrate and enjoy food and fun through the afternoon

- ✓ Starts at 12:00pm
- ✓ Bring your own picnic
- ✓ Food and Bar available
- ✓ Entertainment and fun for the family

Monday 8th

The Big Help Out: On Monday 8th May 2023, members of the public will be invited to take part in The Big Help Out, which will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas



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Coming up...

Quiz Night – Through the Decades

31st March: Join our quiz host, Tish, as she takes us through the decades. There will be questions for everyone as we go through from the 70s right through to 2023. Maximum 6 per team, **£2 per player**. In aid of MS Society. Book your table now and choose between the Burger (beef/chicken/vegan), scampi or ribs - all served with chips.

Grand National – 15th April: We, of course, will be showing the Grand National. Follow all the latest from Aintree on the day while enjoying a nice meal and a pint or two! Taking bookings now!

Race Night – 22nd April: Our annual Race Night is back. Last year we all had such a great evening, and we're hoping to raise more money than ever this year. **£5 per person** which will be donated to Alzheimer's Society. The person with the most money at the end of the evening will be crowned the winner!

Steak and Wine Night – 27th April: Tuck into two 6oz steaks, enjoyed with a bottle of house red for only **£50**. Treat your better half to a romantic evening. Booking early is encouraged to avoid disappointment!

Other news: We're looking for friendly, motivated people to join our front of house team. We offer competitive pay + tips, flexible hours, parking, and a pretty awesome pub dog. Please send your CV to nathan@theibexinn.com or pop in and see us!



Visited us recently? Please head over to TripAdvisor to leave us a review. Those reviews help us more than you can ever imagine, and we love to hear your feedback.

As always, thank you! From **Gavin, Nathan & The Ibex Team**

Yoga In April

Monday evenings **6:15-7:15pm**
Classes **£10** (pay as you go)
all abilities welcome
Great Shefford Village Hall

Yoga classes not only bring strength, and a sense of freedom and mobility to our physical bodies, they also leave us feeling calm, aligned, with a settled mind. Through movement, postures, breathwork and meditation you will leave the mat with a new sense of energy and a permeating feeling of deep rest physically and mentally.

We will be continuing with our *Spring Themes* of finding variety, play, challenge and change within our practice. So, can you embrace change when I introduce new Yoga poses, new movement patterns? Can you lean into it, even if it feels strange to your body, with an open mind, a playful mindset and one keen to keep finding growth in Yoga? You might actually find more enjoyment on the mat!

Olivia Boydall

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Adults **£8.50** in advance (£10 on day)
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(£7.50 on day)
Under 5's free

Brightwalton Youth Club

Brightwalton Parish Council is pleased to announce that *Brightwalton Youth Club* will be restarting at **Brightwalton Village Hall** from **Monday 17th April 2023**.



The Youth Club will be run by a team of volunteers and is affiliated with *Berkshire Youth*.

Open to all primary school aged children, each week we will have games and activities as well as a craft table available.

We have also booked in some activity sessions through Berkshire Youth. During the summer months we hope to make use of the field and play a range of outdoor games. There will be lots to do and a chance for the children to relax and enjoy spending time with friends and making new ones.

There will be free fruit available each session as well as a tuck shop where the children can purchase a snack.

To book your child/ren into youth club please look out for the link which will be sent out through the primary school or you can contact...

brightwaltoncommunity@gmail.com

...for further information.

If you'd like to volunteer to help at a session, please contact us on the above email.



THE CHADDLEWORTH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday
9th April 11:30am
Meet at Walled Garden
and follow signs

FREE entry
FREE hot and cold
refreshments
Different age groups
PRIZES for everyone
(Easter Eggs!)



CHADDLEWORTH CRICKET CLUB **SIX-A-SIDE** COMPETITION 2023

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE
10AM START

£35 PER TEAM
TO ENTER

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WINNING TEAM
WILL WIN A
CASH PRIZE

CONTACT
CHADDLEWORTHCRICKETCLUB@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFO

Sky Notes for April

After the March 20th equinox, when days became longer than nights and with the double whammy of summer time starting on March 26th, the skies only get reasonably dark by 9pm at the start of April and by 10pm at the end of the month.

The planet **Venus** is now well placed in the west all evening, much brighter than the brightest stars and visible even in strong twilight. For a few days either side of April 10th it passes the beautiful star cluster called the **Pleiades** or Seven Sisters, close enough to be in the same binocular field of view. When close to another object like this its motion against the fixed background stars is obvious from night to night, as it was at the beginning of March when it passed close by **Jupiter**.

The three pictures here, taken with a camera-phone over 9 days show Venus moving swiftly upwards past Jupiter which, also being a planet is not actually in a fixed place, but was moving much more slowly in the opposite direction.

Mars is also well placed in the evening sky in the constellation of **Gemini** but is now more distant from Earth than it was when at its best back in December. It is about 15 times fainter now and is a similar brightness to nearby bright stars, making it more difficult to pick out, but a paper star chart, or a star chart app on a phone or tablet will easily reveal which one it is.

Peter Birtwhistle

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National Animal Welfare Trust Trindledown Farm

It is officially starting to look like Spring and our animals are certainly happy to see the sun starting to make its way out.



That being said, they did enjoy the snow day they got the other week! For those that missed it, we had an incredible event at the beginning of the month. A lovely local individual organised a bike meet, travelling across different locations before ending back here at our centre. Over 50 bikers were in attendance, and they organised their own activities and a raffle – successfully raising over **£400** for our centre! Thank you to Twirly and his team for managing the event – it seems it was a spectacular success and our alpacas certainly enjoyed running up and down watching all the bikes!

In the last month, we have had several animals go home – including *Baby*, an older cat who has been in our care for a while since her owner passed away, and *Bess* (pictured), who came back into the



centre after her owners were unable to look after her for medical reasons. Both have now headed off to their new homes with loving families and we couldn't be more excited for them!

Still on the search for *fur-ever* homes is *Bonnie* (pictured), a beautiful rabbit that came into our care back in December with her sister *Belle*. Unfortunately, since then Belle has crossed rainbow bridge so now Bonnie is on the lookout for not only a new home to call her own, but friends to keep her company. You can find Bonnie and our animals in need of a home on our website



<https://bit.ly/berkshirerehoming>

Don't forget you can keep up to date with all of our animals and activities through our social medias by searching **NAWT Berkshire** on Facebook and Instagram or Trindledown Farm on TikTok!

Molly Hall



Chaddleworth Village Hall is a versatile venue with great facilities, plenty of parking, is well furnished and freshly decorated. Please contact us to view and book in for your children's parties, family events and any other functions.

Contact **07827 309401** or
[**ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com**](mailto:ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com)

Held late last year, at the Chaddleworth Village Hall AGM, the Chairman thanked Heather Murphy for her service and welcomed Tracey Evans as the new Village Hall Secretary. The Chairman also thanked the maintenance-day supporters for their work – consequently the Hall is in a very good state of repair.

The Treasurer gave a breakdown of the accounts for the year including the refund of overcharging of electric and the further Omicron Grant. The Village Hall operated at a small loss for the year.

The current committee members agreed to continue to serve for the coming year. The next AGM is to be held 28th November 2023 at 7pm.

Chaddleworth 100 Club

The latest winners of the 100 Club draw for March are **Mary Winter** with her lucky number 87 and **Brian Jordan** with his lucky number 60. 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 of supporting our Village Hall which has been around for well over 100 years and, as you can imagine, needs constant maintenance. The Hall's insurance paid by the 100 Club this month came to £713.38.

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, by cheque or cash is fine.

Contact **Grahame Murphy** on
01488 638628

or [**botmoorway@btinternet.com**](mailto:botmoorway@btinternet.com) to get your allocated lucky number!

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 **10th May** 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**](mailto: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.

Covid 19 Test Kits: The Parish Council have been supplied with test kits by West Berks Council Healthcare and there are still kits available.

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

West Berkshire Council Local Elections 2023

Local District and Parish elections are upcoming **Thursday 4th May 2023**. Make sure you have registered to vote by **Monday 17th April**. You can do this at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

And don't forget that for the first time, you need to bring ID with you as well.



Since elections were last held in May 2019, the UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when

voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the May local elections.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Driving licence (including provisional license)
- ✓ Blue badge
- ✓ Certain concessionary travel cards
- ✓ Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- ✓ Biometric Immigration document
- ✓ Defence identity card
- ✓ Certain national identity cards

Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo. For more information visit

www.westberks.gov.uk/voter-id



The following are a small selection from many events at www.westberkshireheritage.org



Messy Museum Day: Join us at West Berkshire Museum for our Easter Messy Museum Days!

Thursday 6 April - Make a 2D wooden dinosaur puppet and then decorate with acrylic paint.

Friday 14 April – Not Easter eggs but dinosaur eggs! Make a small set from glass or stone pebbles (subject to availability) using paint pens to decorate. | West Berkshire Museum | £2.50 | 10am – 3pm | No need to book, just drop-in | £2.50 per child |



Bats at the Museum: A walk by local bat expert James Shipman about the life of these amazing creatures. Did you know bats can live for up to 30 years? James explains where they live, how they fly in the dark, and why they are so important and protected by law. | Friday 14 April | 8.15pm - 9pm | West Berkshire Museum | £5 |

Spring is in the air and we are celebrating with the return of our Spring Food & Craft Fair. Explore the House and browse over 60 stalls offering artisan food, drink and locally produced crafts ...





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Drop Off Food Company

Happy New Year! From January 2023 **Nick & Karen** have renamed the delivery food as the **Drop Off Food Company**. We will still operate in the same way, menu emailed on a Sunday for delivery the following Friday or Saturday. Call 01488 638269 or 07787 891945 for more details or to be added to the Sunday email to get the menu directly www.DropOffFoodCompany.co.uk



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The Memorial Garden

Messrs 'Mills and Murphy Garden Services' have completely covered the cultivated area with mature deciduous wood chippings courtesy of *Steve Poole*, and will continue to improve the garden as time goes on.

The Parish Council have approved a Memorial tree and plaque in memory of Henry Ponsonby who generously financed some of the original planting and always provided the electricity for the Christmas lights. Joe Mills has now planted this (a flowering Cherry) and installed the plaque. Another task carried out by Joe Mills is the pruning of all the roses that he refers to as a 'haircut'.

A rota for the weeding and dead heading of the Memorial Garden is maintained by *Lea Naples*. If you would like to be included, please contact **Lea** on **01488 638488** **Grahame**

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

Letters and Announcements

The **HandyBus** service has returning to **Leckhampstead and Chaddleworth**, taking passengers to **Wantage**.

The **Downland Volunteer Group's Big Red HandyBus** is a **fortnightly** service on a **Tuesday morning**, picking up residents of Leckhampstead and Chaddleworth and taking them to Wantage and back.

It is a door-to-door service and the driver will help get your shopping into the bus and into your home. ***Let us know where you want to be picked from, and we will do the rest.***

Not bad for a £4 round trip.

Come along and bring a friend. Feedback from our existing routes is that regular users love it – not just the shopping, but for the ride and the camaraderie. Call **Rollo** on **07785 221040** to book your next journey. Come on Board!

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

www.westberks.gov.uk/downlandsparishcouncilreport

Kind regards, **Councillor Clive Hooker**



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