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Chaddleworth News

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...and regular updates from our local groups and businesses.

Please provide your letters, suggestions and contributions for the next September edition by 20th August to **chaddnews@gmail.com** Thanks! *Ed.*











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Queen Elizabeth II Memorial

There is a New Memorial to Queen Elizabeth II in Chaddleworth thanks to some upcycling.

Many of you may remember my wife Maralyn and I when we lived in 56 Upper End and latterly in the Old Chapel in Brightwalton. Sadly, Maralyn lost her mum Jean back in 2019 and due to Covid it was only last year when we could get back from New Zealand to finally put her ashes to rest with her late husband Charlie.

Maralyn wanted a new memorial to be installed at St Mary Church Speen for them both so when we returned to NZ this was designed and ordered from a stone

mason in Cornwall.

Thanks to our old friends Ray Doncaster and Joe Mills, Charlies old memorial was removed and the new one was all installed and looks just fantastic but... the story doesn't end there. Ray thought 'so what shall we do with the old memorial that's been replaced'. Upcycling was the answer and now this is a brilliant new memorial to the late Queen Elizabeth II which been placed in the Chaddleworth Memorial Garden.

Thank you, Ray and Joe, needless to say there's a few pints in the Ibex to be drunk on our next visit.

Maralyn and lan Bateman New Zealand

Flowers from Chaddleworth Parish Council



RAF Welford 80th Anniversary





RAF Welford opened in 1943 and, during WWII, was used primarily as a transport airfield by both the Royal Air Force and United States Army Air Forces.

Following the war, the base was placed in reserve status until 1955 when it was re-opened as a munitions depot by the United States Air Force (USAF).

Today it is one of the largest munitions storage areas for the USAF in Western Europe.

The USAF 420 Munitions Squadron (420 MUNS) hosted an 80th Anniversary Commemoration on Friday 23rd June including a welcome from USAF leadership, a presentation on the history of RAF Welford and a variety of displays including the RAF Welford Museum and WWII military vehicles (pictured).





With thanks, the pictures are provided courtesy of Newbury News.

Letters and Announcements

St Andrew's Churchyard

As part of a visit to Chaddleworth yesterday, Caroline and I went to the village church St. Andrews and placed some flowers. What a wonderful place!

May I, through Chaddleworth News, express my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone involved in the churchyard working party for the incredible job they have done.

In addition to the high level of maintenance, the restoration of so many of the headstones, including revealing some that had become densely overgrown, is a fitting tribute to those who rest there.

It was also wonderful to see that the seat dedicated to the memory of Dorothy Horne some 30 years ago, has been painstakingly restored and moved to a setting where visitors can sit and take time to remember those who are no longer with us. I understand that the clock has also be the subject to restoration.

A wonderful place to visit and enjoy.

Best wishes, John Perou

Geoff Grayer of Southend Brightwalton

For those of you who would like to raise a glass to Geoff, who passed away at the end of May, please come to the Ibex on Monday 3rd July at 19:30. *Carolyn Fiddy*

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

www.westberks.gov.uk/downlandsparis hcouncilreport

Kind regards, Councillor Clive Hooker

Chaddleworth Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting, which used to be known as the Assembly, is a meeting for the electors of the Parish who have the right to attend and to speak on any matter of local interest.

This year the Annual Parish Meeting was held on 6th June and more than ten local community groups gave updates on their activities and plans ahead.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to every organisation that presented too.

The date of the next Chaddleworth Annual Parish Meeting is Tuesday 4th June 2025.

Represented at the meeting were

- Chaddleworth St Andrew's and Shefford Church of England Federated Primary School (Alison, Headteacher)
- Great Shefford Under 5s (Denise and Sarah)
- Chaddleworth and Shefford Schools PTFA (Caroline, Trustee & Chair)
- St. Andrew's Church, Chaddleworth (Jo, Church Warden)
- Saunders Wynn & Coventry Educational Foundation (Sue, Trustee & Chair)
- Chaddleworth Cricket Club (Rosie & Ben)
- The Chaddleworth Mid-Summer Beacon event (Peter)
- The Ibex Inn (from Gavin, Nathan and Tish)
- Chaddleworth Village Hall (Mark, Trustee & Chair)
- The Downland Volunteer Group (Gareth, Trustee & Treasurer)
- Chaddleworth News (David, Editor)



Great Shefford Under 5's

<u>Pre-School: Tuesday, Wednesday,</u> Thursday, 9:15am to 2:45pm

We are now edging towards the end of the academic year and many of our children will be off to school. Tis year they are joining Shefford. Brightwalton, Stockcross, Chilton Foliat, Lambourn, Thatcham Park and Elstree Schools. Many teachers have been to Pre-School to meet the children and chat with the staff plus the children are attending their school visit days. We have, however, fitted in a super trip to Bucklebury Farm Park which was mostly provided through our fund-raising efforts. We are also spending a day at Welford Park, walking around the grounds and having our lunch and recreation at the Cricket Club.



Our Sports morning will be on the last day of term, Thursday 13th July and we will present the children with the medal (which they are making themselves) and a leaver's book.

We have had a wonderful year with a fabulous group of children who have enjoyed a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities which we hope have given them a thirst for learning in the years ahead.

We will also say a **fond farewell and thank you to Sarah Harris**, known to the children as "Super Sounds Sarah", as she takes up a full-time teaching post at the village school; it has been our privilege to work with Sarah over recent years and the children have benefitted from her early phonics activities.

If you have a pre-school child and would like to find out more about the wonderful learning experiences we offer, please log on our Learning Diary on the Home Page of our website www.greatsheffordunderfives.co.uk or contact us on **07867 934387**. We will have spaces next year so please do get in touch.

Baby & 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 Shefford 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. Our last session is Monday 10th July then we have a break until early September.

Denise denise.herrington@btinternet.com



Chaddleworth St Andrew's and Shefford C.E.

Federated Primary Schools 'Living life in all its fullness'

What a week!

The Red Kites performance of 'The Toy Shop' at The Watermill Theatre was **a-maz-ing!** Three nights of collaboration, concentration and creativity! And they had such fun doing it too. One of the children stepped into a role with less than an hour to go before curtain up and she did such a brilliant job. Wow! You couldn't ask for anything more. A very proud moment for all of us watching!

Here's what the children said:

The Watermill very kindly invited Year 5 and 6 to take part in the small schools' production of 2023. 'The Toy Shop' was written by Talitha Wing but also us! We created our character's personalities, adapted the script and improvised our lines to make it ours as well.

Special thanks to Lixi for building up our confidence in order for us to be able to perform in front of a large audience. Big thanks to all the staff who have helped us too.

"It was great. You did very well and your acting skills were on point." Mrs M, "I was really proud of you and I didn't know you had that in you. I was really amazed." Mr E, "Molto bene!" Mr M, "Foarte bun!" Mr S, "I could hear you so clearly." Mrs R.

Thank you, parents, for supporting us in learning our lines and encouraging us.



Thank you also to John O' Gaunt School for running the Primary Project so our Y4 and Y5 children can experience secondary school. They had a great time using Bunsen Burners, getting to grips with maths problems, creating their own medals and designing chocolate bar wrappers - and these are just some of the activities.

lt is Science Week this week with the theme of 'Connections' and so far we have built bridges and found out links between tractors and Space! Later on this week. children will be finding connections for fossils and animal



adaptations which will finish with a Sharing Collective Worship where each class will be present what they have found out.

I can't wait!

Alison Stephenson, Headteacher 01488 648657 www.csfschools.org







Of course, the event would not have happened without you,

the visitors and the hosts, so once again, a huge thanks

and see you next time.

Chaddleworth Entertainments

A big thank you to everyone who supported the **Chaddleworth Entertainments Open Gardens** event.

The gardens were all spectacular and the hosts had put in a huge amount of effort. There was a delightful convivial atmosphere, and the weather was kind to us.

Any feedback that you might like to share would be useful to fine tune a future event, please contact Martyn on 07946 318101.

During the Chaddleworth Open Gardens Entertainment Day, the King Charles III Coronation Shield was officially unveiled at The Ibex Inn.



PS a pair of sunglasses were left at the Tea Garden, please contact the number above if they were yours.

Mid-Summer Celebration

On Friday 23rd June Chaddleworth held a Mid-Summer Celebration Picnic and Beacon Lighting.

Many thanks to the Hambros and Chaddleworth Entertainments for hosting this – it was a lovely, enjoyable evening.

A selection of pictures from these events are included and, as requested by a number of readers, are a little larger than usual.













Chaddleworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

Registered Charity 1190914

Upcoming Events

7th July Lolly Friday

Don't forget 50p if you'd like an ice lolly after school!

Friday 14th July Leavers Ball

Party time! We join together to celebrate the Year 6 leavers with our Leavers Ball.

Tickets £3 includes fruit and squash.

Tuck shop also available for pocket money treats.

Saturday 16th September Back to School BBQ

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

Join us for a Back to School BBQ!

Free bouncy castle

Saturday 8th July Summer Fete

Join us for a fun filled afternoon! Lots of fantastic games including the stocks. spin the wheel and a super raffle! FREE ENTRY



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Coming up at The Ibex Inn...

<u>Wimbledon</u>: We will be showing all of the latest from Wimbledon (kicking off from 3rd July) and to celebrate, during the Wimbledon season you can get yourself a pint of Pimms for £7.75. We look forward to seeing you!

Quiz Night – 21st July. Our popular quiz night is back! Join us for an evening of classic pub trivia. This time round we are raising money for *Swings & Smiles*, a brilliant charity based in Thatcham. They offer support for disabled children and their families in a unique and accessible environment. It's £2 per player (please bring cash), and maximum of 6 players per team. We advise booking your table as soon as possible, as we are always super busy!

Back To The 80s Party - 19th August

See the poster for details...



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

Contact details during the interregnum are via the Benefice Office on **07954 117093** or via **sarah.westdownland@gmail.com**

Recruitment Update: we are pleased to report that we are going through the final stages of completing the Church of England Legal requirements, along with the Benefice Profile and Advert. This has been a huge team effort (and is a very different process to the business world!), but we are nearly there and the final vacancy legal meeting takes place on the 10th July with the PCC members, from this we then hope to be able to begin advertising for our new Rector from the end of July.

New Service Times: From July, due to the holiday period (covering clergy and congregation) we will be switching to a single United Benefice service each Sunday. We will return to the rota of two services on a Sunday from September. Please note the new UB services time of 9:30am.

All services and updates are published on our weekly Pew Sheet, please email sarah.westdownland@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list. Details can also be found online at *A Church Near You* www.achurchnearyou.com

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

West Downland United Benefice Services			
Sunday 2 nd July	9:30am	Morning Praise + Holy Communion, with Revd John Toogood	Leckhampstead
Sunday 9th July	9:30am	Morning Praise + Holy Communion, with Revd William McDowell	Fawley
Sunday 16 th July	9:30am	BCP Holy Communion, with Revd William McDowell	Brightwalton
	10:00am	Café Church	Great Shefford
Sunday 23 rd July	9:30am	Morning Praise + Holy Communion, with Revd Mary Harwood	Wickham
Sunday 30 th July	9:30am	Morning Praise + Holy Communion, with Revd Canon Liz Jackson	Great Shefford
Sunday 6 th August	9:30am	Morning Praise + Holy Communion, with Revd Mary Harwood	Chaddleworth
Sunday 13th August	9:30am	Morning Praise + Holy Communion, with Revd John Toogood	Fawley
Sunday 16 th July	9:30am	BCP Holy Communion, with Revd Jackie Fountaon	Welford
	10:00am	Café Church	Great Shefford



National Animal Welfare Trust Trindledown Farm

Hello again from Trindledown Farm! It's been a busy few weeks here with lots of animals coming and going and events in the community.

On the 29th of May, we went out to the Harwell Feast and more recently Saturday 17th June we attended the Wantage and Grove Extravaganza – both of which were fantastic events. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us. We'll be attending The Aldbourne Doggy Day Sunday 2nd July and Shaw House Summer Fayre Sunday 16th July next (weather dependent!).

Speaking of events, our **Open Day** is fast approaching, and we are busy finalising everything ready for the big day! Make sure to mark your calendars for **Sunday 13th August**, as we are excited for you to all to join us and see what fun we have in store!

Rehoming wise this month we've had hello and goodbye to some lovely faces

including *Stitch*, the German Shepherd Cross who has gone to a lovely family who he absolutely adores. Also gone home are *Denzel* and *Tabby* – two of our cats. We are particularly pleased for Tabby who has been under our care since January. Still on the hunt for a forever home are *Bruno* and *Tyson*

for our cats, this dynamic duo are polar opposites, but both equally love their fuss. Dogs-wise we have *Oscar* a gentle and sweet rottweiler cross determined to find someone to spend his days cuddling with and we also have *Ben* and his best friend *Candy* the cat. Ben and Candy are a fantastic pair who enjoy spending their evenings cuddled up together. We're hoping to find a home for the pair so they can stay together.

In other animal news we have *Honey* and *Truffles* who we have started a JustGiving campaign for to help raise the necessary funds needed to cover the medical costs of getting both dogs back to good health. They came into the centre together after being found roaming the street as strays. If you would like to donate, please pop in or call the centre on **01488 638584** or look up the following link online: www.justgiving.com/campaign/honey-and-truffles-a-sticky-situation

We appreciate any support you can offer!

Don't forget you can keep up to date with all of our animals and activities through our social medias by searching

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on Facebook and Instagram or **Trindledown Farm** on TikTok!

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Chaddleworth 100 Club

The latest winners of the 100 Club draw for June are Margy Layman with her lucky number 64 and Tony Mills over from the USA with his lucky number 68. They both win £43. We have now crept back to 86 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 and insurance.

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 <u>botmoorway@btinternet.com</u> 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 **9**th **August** 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.

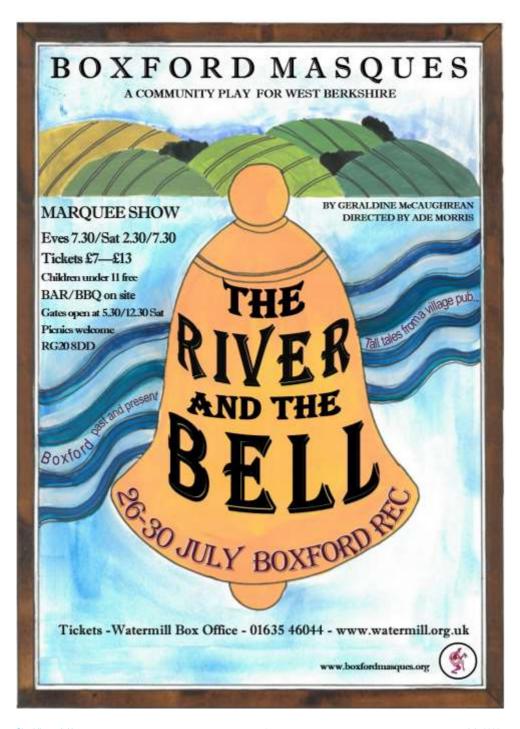
If you wish to apply for funds please contact the Foundation's Clerk, **Heather Murphy**, Tower Hill Cottage, Botmoor Way, Chaddleworth RG20 7EU or email botmoorway@btinternet.com for an application form.

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence. Any applications received after this scheduled meeting will still be considered for awards by the Trustees but there may be a delay before awards are made.

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 on

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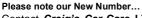




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The Base, Greenham

Kurt Jackson: River

Friday 9th June - Sunday 6th August 2023

Leading British contemporary artist *Kurt Jackson* has spent well over forty years working on, next to and along many different watercourses; painting and drawing, following and observing these dynamic and enigmatic waterways.

www.thebasegreenham.co.uk

This exhibition draws together works from a selection of his many different river projects, offering a glimpse of a variety of locations, each with their topographic and geophysical diversity. It also explores Jackson's varying approaches, in terms of medium and scale, as well as the changes and evolution of his technique over time.

As the ancient saying goes' "no one can touch the same river twice", the river changes and so do we.



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by 20th August 2023 Go well!

