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# Chaddleworth News

## In this new edition...

- ✓ Updates from the Parish and District Councils.
- ✓ A reminder of the highway code when driving in the Parsih – it is simple. If you are in a car and meet cyclists, pedestrians, dogs or horses, you have to stop!
- ✓ Reports from the events to thank Grahame and Joe, support Macmillan and from the Harvest Auction

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

Please provide your letters, suggestions and contributions for the next

December edition by 20<sup>th</sup> November to **chaddnews@gmail.com** Thanks! *Ed.*



## Remember, Remember the HandeBus in December!



Every Friday afternoon in December, The Downland Volunteer Group will run a minibus trip to Oxford Westgate Centre. Aiming to Leave Chaddleworth at NOON and arriving back around 5pm.

This door-to-door service price is **£5**.

Glide to Oxford in our state-of-the-art Electric Minibus, chat to your friends or watch the scenery go by. With our powered door, steps and wheelchair lift, getting on and off could not be easier! We will even help carry your bags.

If you would like to book a seat on one of these bus trips please call **Gareth** on **07721 390044** or email **dvg.handybus@gmail.com**

Remember, remember the HandeBus in December (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)!



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## Letters and Announcements

### MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

**Tea and Cake:** I would like to thank all the people who came and made it a successful Event. We raised a grand total **£318.00!**

My thanks to **Martyn, Heather, Grahame, Lee, Sue** and **my granddaughter Anya** with her Teddy Bear she raised £13.00

**Phyllis Bibbings**

**Erratum** for previous edition's *History Bit*: It should have reported that Maggie Hedges not Spike/Mike Hedges dug up the police helmet badge. We apologise to Maggie!

### The Downland Community needs You!

We are a registered charity created to help residents in the Downland villages attend their medical appointments. In our last financial year, we made 746 such trips and our volunteers gave over 1,500 hours of their time for free to support our communities.

Could you spare a few hours each month to drive residents in the Downland villages to their medical appointments at the surgeries, dentists, or opticians? They are the main destinations for which we need volunteer drivers. We would also welcome drivers happy to travel to the hospitals in Reading and Oxford. It is a good opportunity to help our neighbours in the area and enjoy a friendly chat with them whilst driving to their appointments.

For further details please email Jean Pocock **michaeljeanpocock@gmail.com**

alternatively, phone our office on **01635 578394** Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am. **[www.downlandvolgroup.org](http://www.downlandvolgroup.org)**, Charity No. 1112181

**Joe Mills and Grahame** Murphy would like to thank everyone that came to The Ibex on Sunday the 24th of September to mark their farewell from the Parish Council after a combined total of 80+ years serving the community. **Michael Pooley** was exceptionally generous in his praise of us in his speech and we would like to thank Jim Wilson, Shane McAllister-Lovelock and of course Michael for organising this event. Nathan, Gavin and the Ibex Team put on a lavish spread of food that was enjoyed by all.

In addition, we were presented with a 'bottle' of the 'amber nectar' and a far too generous garden voucher plus our wives received a gorgeous basket of flowers. We are both very humbled by this display of affection.

Thank you again!

**Grahame and Joe**



**HEROS Charity** opened its doors on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September as part of the National Racehorse Week which is now in its 3rd year. HEROS had a great turn out of about 80 visitors who were shown round the rehoming centre and the HEROS education unit which helps children that are unable to thrive in the general education system.

In an introduction by Grace Muir (CEO) the visitors learnt about the development of HEROS at North Farm Stud over the past 17 years and about future aspirations as HEROS is just about to start a Forest School. The visitors then had a tour seeing some horses being ridden, a farrier demonstration, a chiropractic demonstration and a demonstration on an equcizer by a local jockey under the tuition of John Reid a former Derby winning jockey. The visitors met lots of the horses and also learnt about support by the public by joining the HEROS Club. This supports the horses that will stay at HEROS due to age or problems that would make it difficult for a potential lessee to take on. If anyone is interested in joining the HEROS Club, they can do for a small monthly donation which can be set up by standing order. You can find details on our website [www.heroscharity.org](http://www.heroscharity.org) or call the office on **01488 638820**.

We hope some of you managed to come and see us. If not, then there will be another National Racehorse Week next September. However, if there are any groups that would like to arrange a visit, I am sure we could sort something out as recently we held a visit for the villages at Fawley who are right on our doorstep.

***Hilary Parsons***



**Would you like to join the  
Chaddleworth News team?**

If you would like to see more content, different emphasis or in any other way would like to support and assist the production of Chaddleworth News then **we would love to have you involved.**

Chaddleworth News is edited and distributed by volunteers and the printing is paid for by Chaddleworth Parish Council. Please contact **ChaddNews@gmail.com** if you would like to join in...

## Pet Portraits in Pastel

Hello! I am Tracey Evans a local artist specialising in pet portraits.

If you have started to think about a special gift for Christmas, now is the time to book in a commission.

I have been painting pet portraits for over 20 years. I love to be able to capture the animal's character, my favourite part is the eyes.

I work from photos either provided by the yourself or a photo I have taken to produce realistic paintings of your pets. The portraits take between 4 to 6 weeks.

A high-quality clear photo is very important for me to capture your pet in a painting, showing details such as their eyes, nose and whiskers that captures their character.

You can book a commission through my website, or alternatively through Facebook messenger.

Web: [www.tzevansart.co.uk](http://www.tzevansart.co.uk)

Facebook: **Tracey Evans Pet Portraits**



## The Downland Practice

**NHS app:** The Downland Practice is now using the NHS app to send patient messages. Patients with the NHS app downloaded and their notifications switched on will automatically receive text messages from the practice as app notifications. Downloading the NHS app and switching notifications on is optional. If you do not wish to switch this on, we will continue to contact you by phone, text, and letter as usual.

**GP Locum:** Dr Curtis will be working at the Downland Practice from 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 as a Locum GP. He will be seeing patients from all of the Surgery GP lists in an aim to reduce patients waiting times. This is a NHS funded post and is short term only.

**Care Coordinator:** Our Care Coordinators are trained to signpost patients to appropriate care and are now responsible for coordinating reviews for patients with chronic health conditions. We are pleased to say that our recent patient survey results showed that 66% of our patients found it easy to get through to us by telephone (this is higher than the national average of 50%) and we are also thrilled to say that 85% (compared to the national average of 82%) of patients found our Care Coordination Team helpful. This is also up from last year when the figure was 73%.

**Pharmacy Services:** Our pharmacy is a very valuable community resource that has been under increasing pressure over recent months. Due to pharmacy closures in Newbury and the surrounding area, our pharmacy is under increasing strain. To help with demand, please allow 5 working days for your repeat prescription. Pharmacy calls are being transferred to our Care Coordinators who, if they cannot help, will pass your details and query to the pharmacy team. If you need medical advice, a pharmacist is sometimes more appropriate to deal with your problem than a GP or nurse.

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

## The Ibex Inn

**We Are Open Every Day**  
**01488 639052**  
**Nathan@theibexinn.com**  
**www.lbexinn.com**



**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who came along to our last quiz which was in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital. We are so pleased to announce we raised **£122.04** that will go towards building their new Children's Cancer Centre. Our next quiz is 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**IT'S OFFICIAL!** We have been awarded a place in the **Camra Good Beer Guide of 2024!** Head over to **www.camra.org.uk** to order your copy!

### Coming Up in October and November

#### **Oktoberfest - from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October**

We have 17 new German beers for you to try! Please ask a member of staff for a checklist and work your way through it throughout the month of October. Once you've checked all 17 off, please hand your checklist in to be entered into a draw to win a **£75 Ibex Voucher!**

#### **Live Music with Sion Whiley - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

One of our favourites - Sion Whiley - is back for an evening of live music! Join us beforehand for a spot of delicious dinner before having a little boogie. Give us a call to book in!

#### **The Rugby World Cup Final - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Watch the two top teams battle it out to the top spot... who are you backing!? We will be showing all of the games throughout the Rugby World Cup season, so why not join us for a pint or two!?

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Charity Quiz Night for Alzheimer's Society**

Join our quizmaster Mark Slade for an evening of quizzing. £2 per player, maximum of 6 players per team. 50% of the prize pot goes straight to Alzheimer's Society, the rest goes to the winning team. Think you've got what it takes? Gather your friends and family together! It's always a great laugh!

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Chilli Sauce Competition - RESCHEDULED**

We have decided to reschedule our Chilli Sauce Competition to 19<sup>th</sup> November. Make your chilli sauce as hot as you can handle! One entry per person - please provide at least 200g of sauce. If you are entering a sauce, you must also be a taster (or nominate someone to taste for you).

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Masterclass with Makeup by Tish**

Learn all the tips and tricks to take your festive glam to the next level! Tish is a makeup artist with over 8 years in the industry, and she is joining us to host a masterclass teaching you some of her skills. More details to be announced, please keep an eye over on our facebook page for more info!

#### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Blues Night with Live Music from Rag n Moan Men**

Get ready to feel the soulful rhythm as the blues take centre stage at The Ibex Inn. Live music from 8pm, but why not join us for some tasty food before the Rag n Moan Men!?

#### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Mussels Night**

One of our most popular nights returns... **MUSSELS NIGHT!** Get the date in your diary, this one is not to be missed.



## 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](mailto:sarah.westdownland@gmail.com)**

All services and updates are published on our weekly Pew Sheet, please email **[sarah.westdownland@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)**

We are pleased to offer Zoom from Church for some services, please contact the Benefice Office for joining details.



### Services:

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October

- 9:30am BCP Holy Communion, **Shefford Woodlands** with Revd Canon Liz Jackson
- 11:00am Morning Praise, **Fawley** lay led with Communion by extension.
- 5:00pm Harvest Evensong, **Catmore** (BCP lay led) service with James Gardiner. Followed by a glass of wine in the church yard of this wonderful Norman church lit by candlelight.

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October

- 9:30am BCP Holy Communion, **Leckhampstead** with Revd John Toogood
- 10:00am Café Church, lay led **Great Shefford**
- 11:00am Morning Praise with Baptism, **Wickham**, with Revd Patrick Whitworth

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

- 9:30am BCP Holy Communion, **Chaddleworth** with Reverend Liz Jackson
- 11:00am Morning Praise & Holy Communion, **Brightwalton** with Reverend Liz Jackson

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

- 9:30am BCP Holy Communion, **Wickham**

There will also be a joint service with the East Downland Benefice for Bible Sunday. Please see Pew Sheet or a A Church Near You for details.

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

- 10:00am United Benefice Service, **Fawley**
- 4.00pm All Souls Service, Fawley with Revd John Toogood

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

- 9:30am Remembrance Service at **Great Shefford** with Revd Canon Liz Jackson
- 10:40am Lay Led Remembrance Service at **Welford War Memorial**
- 11:00am Remembrance Service at **Fawley** with Revd Canon Liz Jackson

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

- 9:30am BCP Holy Communion, **Chaddleworth** with Revd Canon Liz Jackson
- 10:00am Café Church, lay led **Great Shefford**
- 11:00am Morning Praise & Holy Communion, **Leckhampstead** with Revd Canon Liz Jackson

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

- 9:30am BCP Holy Communion, **Brightwalton** with Revd Canon Liz Jackson
- 11.00am Morning Praise & Holy Communion, **Wickham** with Revd Canon Liz Jackson

# Highway Code Reminder



An update to The Highway Code introduces a hierarchy of road users. The Department for Transport claims that the changes, which are split into three main rules, ultimately aim to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. The changes came into force on **29<sup>th</sup> January**.



Give cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians as much room as a car – 1.5 metres for cyclists and 2 metres for horses.

Drive under 10mph when going past horses and under 30mph when passing cyclists. Give at least 2 metres berth when passing pedestrians walking on the road where there



is no pavement and make sure that your speed is low.



How has The Highway Code changed?

- Drivers of large passenger vehicles and HGVs now have 'the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger posed to other road users'
- Drivers at a junction should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road that they're turning into
- Drivers should not cut across cyclists going ahead when turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane
- New 'Dutch Reach' technique tells road users how to open the door of their vehicle while looking over their shoulder.

**RULE H1: NEW HIERARCHY OF ROAD USERS**

DRIVERS of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of a collision bear the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger to others. This principle applies most strongly to drivers of HGVs, LGVs, cars/taxis and motorcycles. Cyclists and horse riders have a responsibility to reduce danger to pedestrians.

**RULE H2: NEW PRIORITY FOR PEDESTRIANS AT JUNCTIONS**

DRIVERS, motorcyclists and cyclists should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning. You should give way to pedestrians waiting at a zebra crossing (currently it's only if they're already crossing), and to pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing.

**Three of the biggest Highway Code changes**

**RULE H3: PRIORITY FOR CYCLISTS WHEN CARS ARE TURNING**

YOU should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse-drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane. You should give way whether they are using the road, a cycle lane or cycle track. Do not turn at a junction if to do so would cause the cyclist, horse rider or horse-drawn vehicle going straight ahead to stop or swerve. You should stop and wait for a safe gap if necessary.

## Chaddleworth Parish Council

Chaddleworth Parish Council meets every other month with the next meeting on **Tuesday 7th November 2023. at 7:30pm in Chaddleworth Village Hall.**

The minutes from previous meetings and the agenda for the next one can be found on the Parish website in the 'Parish Council' section:

To contact the Council, please email the Clerk to Chaddleworth Parish Council via [Chaddleworth.PC@outlook.com](mailto:Chaddleworth.PC@outlook.com) or call/message via **07827 309 401**

### 12th September Meeting Summary

Planning Applications Received: It was noted that West Berkshire Council has received a section 31(6) Highways Act 1980 statement and map from the owner of Ibex Field, Chaddleworth which has also been display on the village notice boards.

The council discussed a 'neighbourhood plan' and whether they should undertake a project to create a fresh one for Chaddleworth Parish. This would require a small parish working group as was done some years ago also.

Would you volunteer to support this? If you have planning, canvassing or legal experience then this would be of special value. Please contact the Clerk.

Village Entrance Gates and Roadside Maintenance: It was noted with thanks that the hedge at the junction with School Hill has been cut back. It was also noted that the hedge of Rosemeirion has become overgrown whilst the property is for-sale. It is understood that this will be attended to following the completion of the sale which is expected shortly.

The Council discussed using a local service to address needed roadside maintenance without being frustrated by the lack of response by WBC and others.

Would you quote and provide ad-hoc maintenance services to Chaddleworth Parish Council when needed? Please contact the Clerk.

The Council further agreed that the five Village speed-awareness white entrance gates should be repaired or replaced with long-lasting wood such as oak (not with plastic) and so that the subsequent maintenance needed is minimal.

Local Flooding: Cllr. J Wilson has met with the field owner adjacent to Mount Lane who is very supportive. It was noted that this grip is now open and that, on 5th August after heavy rain, was working well. That there is often some flooding on School Hill towards Leckhampstead Thicket was noted and that, if this reoccurs, the landowner may be notified to attend to the grips here. It was also noted that there is an ongoing water leak here which has been advised to Thames Water. *(Ed. Subsequently fixed)*

Councillors' Reports: It was noted that the parish grit bins will need filing before the winter.

On behalf of the parish, Cllr. J Wilson attended the Connecting Communities in Berkshire (CCB) Warm and Welcoming Spaces forum. It was also noted that CCB are holding an Everyday First Aid event in Chaddleworth Village Hall on 21st September.

Clerk Reports: The Clerk reported that the defibrillator was temporarily removed from service whilst being updated. The Council discussed and unanimously agreed that a 2<sup>nd</sup> defibrillator might be purchased and be located at Chaddleworth Village Hall.

The clerk reported that letters for overgrown footpaths in the parish had been sent and satisfactory responses received.

The Clerk reported having hosted the West Berkshire Clerks' forum meeting, attended the Citizens Advice West Berkshire AGM and attended and emailed WBC 'Meet the Contractor Event' about bin emptying.

D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> events scheduled 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were discussed and Cllr. K Brady knows a list of planned events over 5 days (Beacon, Cricket Club event, Fete, Ibex Inn swing band). RAF Welford is involved in communication and it is envisaged to seek a display from the RAF Welford Historical Society in Chaddleworth Village Hall.



# West Berkshire District Council

## August 2023

**Council:** There was no meeting of Council this month. The next meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**Executive:** There was no meeting of the Executive this month. The next meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup> September. **100 Day Plan:** 100 Days have passed since the Liberal Democrats won the election. Their 100 Day Plan has been reviewed with a report available online at [wbca.org.uk/100DayReview](http://wbca.org.uk/100DayReview)

**Leisure:** Northcroft Lido is now officially open. The new facility includes water slides, a splash pad and an Olympic sized 50 metre swimming pool, to entertain children and adults alike.



**Elections:** Every year, WBC check the electoral register is up to date so that everyone who has the right to vote are able to do so. Please follow the instructions you will have received to confirm your details as soon as possible, including addition of any 16- or 17-year-olds in the household. If you need to, you can also contact the Council directly on 01635 519464. Any new electors can register to vote on the [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) website.

**Council Finances:** An action plan to reduce spending this year has been put in place as the Council continues to be affected by rising inflation, increasing customer demand and a challenging job market. Spending reductions will be focused on internal measures with frontline services remaining available to the public and future spending prioritised towards supporting our most vulnerable residents.

**Recycling and Environment:** WBC are increasing the number of appointments at the Household Waste Recycling Centres

(HWRCs) across the district in order to improve the service for all.



**Public Protection:** WBC's Early Response Hub hosted a workshop for young people last month that gave them important information about staying safe online. A fraudulent builder from Swindon who left work unfinished after pressuring victims to pay more than the agreed price was last month sentenced at Reading Crown Court.

**Culture:** An exhibition of new paintings and ceramics by artist Robert Fitzmaurice is open since 27<sup>th</sup> September in Gallery 5 at West Berkshire Museum. The exhibition takes inspiration from local history, especially that of Newbury wharf in its 300<sup>th</sup> year. Robert will be providing a free public talk at the Museum on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and he will be delivering a free creative workshop that explores local history. The event is free but must be booked online.



The regular Councillor's Report is available via the West Berkshire website:  
[www.westberks.gov.uk/downloadsparrishcouncilreport](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/downloadsparrishcouncilreport)  
Kind regards, **Councillor Clive Hooker**

## National Animal Welfare Trust Trindledown Farm

What a busy couple of months we've had! August saw us have our first open day in four years and it was a massive success! Thank you all for your support. We've got lots more activities planned in the build up to Christmas so make sure you keep an eye on our Facebook as we will announce all events here first.

Speaking of events, our Grand Summer Auction was a hit and closed Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Over 200 items were available to be bid on this time round and we already have lots of items in the works for the next auction at Christmas!

Right now, we have a fundraiser that is live on JustGiving. We have over 17 kittens in our care that were taken in as emergency cases. Due to the overwhelming cost of vet bills, we are appealing for help towards each kitten's care, whilst we find them the best homes possible. If you would like to read more about their stories, you can find all the information here on their JustGiving page: [www.justgiving.com/campaign/cat-astrophe](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cat-astrophe)



We've had a successful couple of months rehoming wise. September saw us wave goodbye to Flora and Fauna, a lovely pair of rabbits that have been under our care since February. We also said goodbye to Babs and Betty, two lovely Maine Coons. They are loving life in their new homes and their new owner is currently building them a luxury catio for them to enjoy.

Still searching for their fur-ever homes are animals like Thor, an American bulldog cross who is desperate to find his fur-ever home. Thor is an absolute sweetheart who adores attention and is very playful.



Also looking for a fur-ever home are the wonderful guinea pigs Brownie, Teddy and Fluffy. All three males are individual Guinea pigs who would love to find homes to suit their individual personalities. You can find them, Thor and all other animals still looking for homes, available on our website.

Thank you as always for all your dedicated support as our supporters. We're almost to 10 thousand supporters on our Facebook page and we couldn't be more grateful! If you haven't already and would like to follow us to stay in the loop, you can find us **@nawt.berkshire** on Facebook and **@nawtberkshire** on Instagram.

***Molly Hall***



## Chaddleworth 100 Club

The latest winners of the 100 Club draw for September are **Mike Ridgeway** with his lucky number 28 and **Graham Uff** with his lucky number 71. They both win **£43**. We are now at 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 **botmoorway@btinternet.com** to get your allocated lucky number!

## Chaddleworth Village Hall

Recently Chaddleworth Village Hall has hosted Everyday First Aid training, Macmillan Cancer Support Tea and Coffee, Chaddleworth Cricket Club's AGM, a Radio Bash and a few children's parties. **Thank You** also to the kind volunteers Chantel, Martyn, Sharon, Adam, Chris, David, John, Mark, Robin and Steve for your support at the Chaddleworth Village Hall maintenance day. The Hall is looking great and ready for

the winter ahead. The 100 Club kindly supports the maintenance of the Hall and recently has purchased the Creosolve, brushes and a new padlock for the gates.

## 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<sup>th</sup> November** 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

[chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com](mailto:chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com)

## Chaddleshworth St Andrew's and Shefford C.E.

**Federated Primary Schools**  
*'Living life in all its fullness'*



We have loved welcoming our children back and also welcoming in our new EYFS class! The 14 Robins have settled so quickly thanks to the parents preparing them and Mrs Higgins, Mrs Brown and Mrs Langford giving them the best possible start!

**OPEN DAYS FOR NEW STARTERS**  
**2024 – PLEASE CONTACT THE**  
**SCHOOL OFFICE ON 01488 648657 TO**  
**BOOK AN APPOINTMENT**

We had a visit from Juliet Frost, a garden designer who is working with us and Action for the River Kennet to create a variety of garden features for our school. She showed the children and parents three possible designs which we are now selecting from. Juliet commented on how well our children listened to the proposals and how inspiring their contributions to the final design were.

### Chaddleshworth

**School** is a hive of activity with cooking, social and emotional skills and continuous provision being prepared for next week when we start a new programme of learning. All the children will have an opportunity to take part through the year...and preparations for our **300-year anniversary**

celebrations of the school at **Chaddleshworth** are well underway. We have linked it up with the St Andrew's Day weekend. All are welcome to join us on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** for coffee, cake and a look round the site! If you know of anyone who attended Chaddleshworth School in years gone by, please encourage them to get in touch. We would love to share your stories with our children!

Our new website has also been launched. Parents tell us that they find it clear, easy to use and like the weekly updates so they know what their children have been learning. Please follow this link to see more: **[www.csfschools.org](http://www.csfschools.org)**

As always, we are busy making the most of our environment and can't wait to go on our end of term pilgrimage, weather permitting. And I can't believe it but we are planning Christmas already! Thank you for your continued support as we celebrate 'Living life in all its fullness'.

**Alison Stephenson**, Headteacher







## Chaddleshworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

Registered Charity number 1190914

Autumn is definitely with us; the children are busy back at school, and the PTFA committee is also busy planning activities and events for the school and the wider community.

We have welcomed the school children and their families, as well as the staff and governors, to our “back to school BBQ” at the end of September. This year there are many new families at the school and it is the first of these events we’ve been able to hold for a few years!

Save the date: **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November is our Winter Fete** to be held at the Shefford site! Everyone is welcome to join us for games, refreshments and the chance to browse and buy local crafts.

The garden improvements for which we have been raising money are nearly ready to start, with the exciting and beautiful designs available to see here on the school's new website.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information to come about other events and activities in the pipeline!

We are fast approaching **AGM** time, it will be at **7:30pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at The Great Shefford**, please join us if you can.

Our update would not be complete this time without acknowledging the vast contribution made by a committee member who sadly stepped down at the end of the summer as the last of her children left the school. Not content with just being “*Queen of the Sweetie Pigs*” which appear in the village each summer, **Emma Richardson** was a driving force behind so many of our fundraising initiatives. Many thousands of the pounds raised from which the children have benefitted come directly from her creativity, enthusiasm and commitment. A huge **Thank You** from all of us, Emma!

And a huge **Thank You too** to the **Downland Gardening Club** for their very kind donation which will support the garden improvements no matter which scheme is selected.

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.







**Great Shefford Under Fives Preschool**

Station Road, Great Shefford  
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**Would you like to make a difference in an outstanding village preschool?  
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The ideal candidate would have an NVQIII or Early Years Educator qualification, with experience of working with families and children under five years of age.  
For a full job description and application pack, please contact us.

**Closing date: Thursday 12th October**

*Great Shefford Under Fives is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure will be sought from the successful candidates.*



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## Harvest Auction

What a night, and what a great turn out to this year's Harvest Auction on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

A massive **Thank You** to everyone who came out and made it the success it was.

Another **Thank You** to absolutely everyone who donated prizes for the auction and the raffle, without those this event could not happen.

Another huge **Thank You** to **Dave Young** who stepped in as auctioneer this year. Brilliant work! And to **Nathan, Gav and the team at The Ibex** for hosting.



And finally, a round of applause to **The Old Gits** and their wonderful wives who have put a lot of time and effort into organising the Harvest Auction. The final figure is yet to be announced, but we know that the Seniors of the village will have a fabulous Christmas Lunch.

**Tish Slade**



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 by **20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**      Go well!

