

December 2023

Chaddleworth News

In this new edition...

- ✓ Did you know it is the **200th anniversary of Chaddleworth School**? Please join in and tell your friends!
 - ✓ Did you know **Pilates and Lower-Limb-Rehab classes** have started at Chaddleworth Village Hall each Monday? Please take advantage!
 - ✓ Updates from the Parish Council
 - ✓ Events coming up including Christmas Curry & Quiz Night,, Christmas Market, the Terrier Race, the Sloely Cup and St Andrew's Candlelit Christmas Eve Service
 - ✓ The History Bit about St Andrew's Church
- ...and many updates from our local groups and businesses.



**Happy Christmas and
Merry New Year
to all readers of
Chaddleworth News!**

Please



provide your letters,
suggestions and
contributions for the
next, February edition by
20th January. Thanks!

Ed.



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Letters & Announcements

Poppy Collection

Sue Ridgeway and Grahame Murphy were the Royal British Legion Poppy Collectors for Chaddleworth and wish to thank all those kind souls that donated to this very worthy cause. The Area, under the management of Marion Walker for who we both work, raised the worthy sum of **£3,014.17**.

A word from Nathan...

As many of you may know by now, November marks the end of my time here at The Ibex Inn. I have not taken this decision lightly and I find it a massive shame that I am leaving, but with my father being taken ill earlier in the year it's put a lot of things in perspective and I need to step away to take care of my family. After I'm gone it will be business as usual, and will be left in good hands with Gav.

This venture has been more than a business for me. I am so incredibly proud that, after opening for a total of three days to then have to shut again for a lockdown, we have managed to survive a global pandemic and are now making our way through the cost-of-living crisis. These challenges are so detrimental for hospitality businesses, but it has been so incredible to watch this amazing village pub grow into what it is today. I am touched to have been so welcomed into Chaddleworth life and I am sure I will never find a community like it ever again. I will be forever grateful, and want to personally thank each and every one of you, customers, team members, and friends, that have supported me and the pub through this journey.

I will take a lot of fantastic memories with me. It's been such a good laugh being your Landlord and serving you all.
Nathan

The Bishop of Reading...

...is delighted to announce the appointment of The Reverend Michael (Mike) James Griffiths as Rector of the Benefice of West Downland. Mike is coming from the Diocese of Winchester, where he is Rector, East Winchester Benefice. We look forward to welcoming Mike at a service on 31st January 2024.

Goodbye to Nathan!



This will be a month I for one will remember. After the fireworks comes a bombshell, from one of the best pub operators we've had for a long time. All I can say Nathan, is thank you for giving us back our pub, your legacy for the village. Good luck pal.
Ray



Would you like to join the Chaddleshworth 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 Chaddleshworth News then **we would love to have you involved.**

Chaddleshworth News is edited and distributed by volunteers and the printing is paid for by Chaddleshworth Parish Council. Please contact

ChaddNews@gmail.com if you would like to join in...

Chaddleshworth Parish Council

Chaddleshworth Parish Council meets every other month with the next meeting on **Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7:30pm in Chaddleshworth Village Hall. All welcome.**

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 Chaddleshworth Parish Council via Chaddleshworth.PC@outlook.com or call/message via **07827 309401**

At our last meeting we resolved to improve the white 'speed awareness' gates at the road entryways to Chaddleshworth – the four that already have them and to install an additional white gate on Spray Lane. We hope to have the work carried out in the near future. These gates highlight the entrances to the village and, by being brightened up, they will hopefully help to reinforce the 30mph speed limit within the village.

An email has been sent to Sovereign Housing, copied to Cllr. Clive Hooker (Downland's District Councillor), Laura Farris MP and Newbury Weekly News, asking for an explanation for their proposed sale of one of their properties in Longrow. No response has been received at the time of writing. The Parish Council is disappointed at not being consulted before this sale. We hold a register

of parish applicants for affordable housing and are sure there would have been an applicant for this property. Anyone wishing to be added to our register please contact The Parish Clerk by email at **chaddleshworth.pc@outlook.com**

The eight local salt bins have been inspected and one, at the bottom of School Hill, has been found to need replacing. We will also be providing a scoop for each one to assist folk with spreading salt when required.

A second defibrillator has been purchased and will be installed at Chaddleshworth Village Hall within a few weeks. This is in addition to the defibrillator already in the Phone Box adjacent to The Ibex Inn and both registered with 'The Circuit', the UK Gov standard for registration of defibrillators so that they are used when needed.

Thank you to **John Ballard** for kindly laying a poppy wreath at RAF Welford this year. Chaddleshworth lays two wreaths every year, one at our village's war memorial and one at the base. It was lovely to see all the folk who turned out on Remembrance Sunday this year and a big thank you to **Mike Hedges-Jackson and Kathy Howells** for the much-needed warming drinks. Thanks also to Cllr. Shane McAllister-Lovelock for his fine exhortation to end the two-minute silence.

We would like to start work on a neighbourhood plan, anyone interested in shaping the future of our beautiful parish, please come forward. Young and not so young residents most welcome. Please contact The Parish Clerk by email if you would like to contribute your ideas.

Lastly, we would like to wish **Nathan de Souza** well upon his leaving The Ibex Inn and to thank him sincerely for the work he has done, along with Gavin Rees, to reinvigorate our pub.

all from Chaddleshworth Parish Council

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

www.westberks.gov.uk/downlandsparishcouncilreport

Kind regards, **Councillor Clive Hooker**



Calling all past and present pupils, staff, parents and friends of Chaddleshworth St Andrew's!

We are celebrating **200 years of Chaddleshworth School** at the current site. Do you have school photos and/or stories to share? Please join us for stone painting, coffee and cake on **Saturday 2nd December 10am to 12pm**

It is with much relief (in more ways than one!) that our new toilets have been installed!

Jeanne Lapsley, our Vice-Chair of the Governing Board, has championed the cause for the toilets to be refurbished and is delighted with the end result. The children say they love the fish theme and really appreciate having inside toilets, having had portaloos for a few weeks in rainy weather. A good experience to have had to know how much we appreciate the warmth and comfort our new toilets!



We have also been visited by our School Improvement Advisor, *Barbara Hunter*, who joined me for a Learning Walk and was very pleased with what she saw. It is always helpful to have a view from an external agency to check that we are on track and the answer is a resounding 'yes'!

We won GOLD at the St Barts Alternative Olympics!

Mr Withers and Miss Oram took 6 members of Red Kites to St Bart's to participate in the Alternative Olympics. The children came away with GOLD medals! The children showed great team work, not only encouraging each other, but also celebrating other school's successes. We are very proud of them.





Celebrating a quarter of a century of Mrs Rackham and Mrs Williams working at Chaddleshworth and Shefford Schools

Last week we celebrated Mrs Rackham working at our schools for 27 years and Mrs Williams for 25 years – wow! It is so lovely how you have both grown with our ever-changing schools. **Thank you** for your continued work and for helping us all every day. We feel very lucky to have you both as part of our school family.

Anti-Bullying Week has taught the children what bullying is and also what 'banter' is. They have also been reminded to 'Make a Noise', to tell a trusted adult if someone being unkind.



And finally, **Nativity and Carol Concert** rehearsals are underway, the tickets have been bought for the pantomime and we have some special visitors planned for the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support and we ***wish you all the best for the festive season from everyone at Chaddleshworth St Andrew's and Shefford C.E. Primary Schools!***

Alison Stephenson, Headteacher

www.csfschools.org



Great Shefford Under 5's

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

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



We are so very fortunate in Great Shefford to have a popular, well-established Pre-School and Baby & Toddler group based at the Village Hall.

We have operated for **over 50 years**, have an **"Outstanding"** Ofsted judgement for the second time, have fantastic resources plus a qualified and dedicated staff team. Our aim is to give local children and their families the best start in life so that they can flourish.

We welcome families with babies and toddlers to our Monday Baby & Toddler group to give new parents an opportunity to meet others for friendship and support plus giving the youngest children a chance to socialise.

Our Pre-School group is busy and provides a wealth of indoor and outdoor learning opportunities throughout the year; singing,

playing, baking, reading stories, music lessons, phonics preparation, walks into the countryside, visits to the woods, playing at the park plus recently feeding the pigs! We visit the interesting places in our community including the church, the Bug Hotel, the school and paddling in the river.

We enjoyed the Coronation of King Charles III by displaying artwork in the church, we laid a wreath at Remembrance, held a short Christingle service at Christmas time at St. Mary's and performed a Nativity play for the families to watch. In the summer term we visited Welford Park for the day by kind permission of Debby Puxley and took all our families to Bucklebury Farm Park before the end of term Sports Morning.

This autumn term we said a fond farewell to Morven and welcomed Alison to join our Pre-School team, plus Kathryn to join our Toddler group team, run by Debbie.

We hope that families feel supported and cherished at our group as we look forward to another year of early education and learning opportunities.

Thank you to everyone in the community for your support. **We wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas time.**

With best wishes, Denise Herrington
www.greatsheffordunderfives.co.uk





Chaddleshworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

Registered Charity number 1190914

As we head towards Christmas very, very quickly we have had a really busy couple of months in school. We have had our second of three bake sales. The PTFA have challenged each house to raise the most money from a bake sale and kicked things off with a spooky-themed sale and a fantastic total was raised. Next up was Arlington with a bonfire-theme sale and they too raised a really good total. Our next one for Watermill will be held early December and then the winning house will be announced.

We held our Winter Fete on 18th November. We had some wonderful local craft stalls with lots of varied Christmas gift ideas. Our cafe was as popular as ever and special thanks go to **Sheila, Carol and Paul** who gave up their time to run the cafe and BBQ. The homemade cakes were delicious and thanks to those who donated one. We also had a special guest at our Winter Fete, the little Shetland pony called **Teddy** who came along, and met lots of people outside and there was a wonderful opportunity to have a photograph taken with him. **Thanks to Kelly** for bringing him in and making sure he was dressed for the occasion.

Coming up next month we will be supporting the school by providing refreshments to everyone attending the Nativity and Carol Singing performances in school. Donations of mince pies closer to the time would be very welcome. **On 15th December we have our sponsored Elf Mile.** This is an in-school event that the children take part in each year. The cheeky elves will come along and create some mischief and hopefully create enough energy and power to fuel Santa's workshop so he can make all of the gifts needed for Christmas! We are looking for a snow machine to borrow or hire please do get in touch on e-mail. We would love to make this fun event just a little bit more special and with the British weather as it is we can't guarantee the real snow so we'd love to provide pretend snow just to make it a little bit



more fun! **On 19th of December the whole school will enjoy Christmas Lunch** and the PTFA provides support here with tablecloths that the children can colour in while they are waiting and Christmas crackers for all. The PTFA are also funding coaches to take the staff and children to see a pantomime before they break up for Christmas. We are proud to be able to provide this and this is only possible with the support of our families, staff and our wider community. **Thank you!**

We are also currently working with the school to provide some extra resources to be used within the Kitchen Area at the Chaddleshworth site and the Forest School Area at the Great Shefford site. The equipment will provide experiences the children may not otherwise have access to and this will be a wonderful addition to our schools.

We raise funds throughout the year to support the education and school experience for all the children at our wonderful village schools and we would be very grateful for any more volunteers to become involved regularly or less often. You do not need to be a parent at the school to support the PTFA – helping us is be very rewarding!

Contact: chad_shefford_ptfa@mail.com



Chaddleworth Entertainments

As the year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to update Parish on how the year has been, and the exciting things coming in the New Year.

Over the past year, we've had some great events – from hosting the lively Christmas & Curry Quiz night, to the fabulous Open Gardens back in June. We wouldn't be able to put any of these events together without the Parish's unwavering support. The aim of this committee, and the events we put on, is to bring a sense of community to the Parish, and we want to push this even more in 2024.

Our **Curry & Quiz Night** is back this year on **Saturday 16th December, 7pm at Chaddleworth Village Hall**. It's £10 per head which includes a variety of different curries (veggie option will be available). Teams of 6, limited spaces are available. A paid bar is available. Email entertainment@chaddleworth.net to book your table!

In addition to the events we have already put together, we are excited to bring you more in the year ahead. 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, and we want to commemorate this. Save the dates...

- ✓ **Thursday 6th June:**
D-Day Remembrance Beacon
- ✓ **Friday 7th June:**
Village Cricket & BBQ (put on by Chaddleworth Cricket Club)
- ✓ **Saturday 8th June**
Chaddleworth Village Fete

To honour the D-Day anniversary, Chaddleworth Entertainments Committee have pledged to donate 50% of their profits for the entire year of 2024 to **Help For Heroes**. We hope that with your support, we can raise as much money as possible so that Help for Heroes can continue to provide support for Veterans and their families all across the UK. Other plans for 2024 include our Open Gardens, a Village Boot Sale, and a Silent Disco.

But we need more help! If you think you could help to organise any of these, or have ideas on other events, please come along to our committee meetings. We would love to have you on board! Starting in the new year, meetings happen at **The Ibx Inn on the first Monday of every month**. However, there are no meetings in December, and in January the meeting will fall on **Monday 8th January at 7:30pm**.

Please come along! We look forward to seeing you there!



The Old Gits Pumkin Competition

Thank you to all who came along and took part in the **Compost Cup**! It was an entertaining afternoon with lots of pumpkins to weigh!

There were 35 plants grown, but only 17 entries in the final of all varying sizes. All were impressive...



The winner of the Men's Cup was **Jimmy Warrick** with his pumpkin weighing a whopping 63lbs. **Donald Heaven** came in 2nd place at 33lbs 3oz.



And well done to **Pauline Jordan** who won the Ladies Cup with her pumpkin, weighing in at 13lbs 15oz, and to the runner up **Marion Terret** at 13lbs 12oz (so close!). The smallest pumpkin came from **Liz Young** weighing in at a mighty 2lbs 13ozs!

There was also a raffle put on by **the lovely wives of The Old Gits** which raised an amazing **£70** to go towards the Seniors' Christmas Lunch (and to engrave the trophies!).

Thanks so much to The Old Gits for organising this year's Compost Cup, and I'm sure they are already looking forward to next year's!
Tish Slade





The Downland Practice

NHS app: The NHS currently spends a huge amount on text messages sent to patients so to help this, the NHS app messaging feature has been introduced. Patients with the NHS app downloaded and their notifications switched on will automatically receive text messages from the practice as app notifications instead. 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. For more information on downloading the app, switching notifications on or off, and more on how the app is used, visit www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/nhs-app-help-and-support/messaging-in-the-nhs-app

Flu and Covid Clinics 2023: The Downland Team delivered an excellent flu and covid service this year, we did have a slight hiccup during the first afternoon session, but this was soon resolved. Thank you to all patients who booked in with the surgery to have your flu and Covid-19 vaccinations. Unclear on what the government will be offering in terms of Covid-19 vaccinations next year, but the surgery has already ordered the flu vaccines for September 2024. We will reduce the numbers of under 65's flu vaccinations that we will offer next year as this group did not attend as well as the over 65 group.

Compton Dispensary: The Compton Dispensary has had its refit completed (Still a few snagging jobs to do), this will future proof this facility for years to come. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused our patients whilst this work was carried out.

Medication deliveries: The Downland Practice do weekly drop offs of medications to some of the local villages. For this to occur, someone from the village needs to sign up to be the receiver of the medication and hold this until collected by the patient. All medications are in sealed bags and only the name of the patient is available. No

Controlled Medication or fridge items can be sent using this system. Patients can request to use this service by contacting the Downland Pharmacy on pharmacy.downland@nhs.net, this will require filling out a form that you are happy for your medication to be delivered to your local drop off point.

A drop off point is
NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
in Chaddleworth.
Would you volunteer?

If you or someone you know is interested in setting up a drop off point in your village, please email our Pharmacy Team on pharmacy.downland@nhs.net.

NHS feedback: The last few months has seen the patient feedback via the NHS website increase. A link to our reviews page and Friends and Family Survey is sent out to patients with mobile numbers after their appointments. We see all responses and aim to respond to each in a timely manner. All views can be looked at by anyone and the last few months of responses has been shared and welcomed with the staff at the Downland Practice. Have a look at the below link.

www.nhs.uk/services/gp-surgery/the-downland-practice/X36437/ratings-and-reviews

Movement out of Practice Boundary Area: We get many requests for patients to stay with the Downland Practice when they move out of the practice boundary area. If you do move out of the practice boundary area, be aware that you can request to stay with the downland Practice, but this is very seldom granted. Please, if you are moving out of the area, do arrange to ensure you have enough medication to last whilst your new GP Practice process your application.

Downland Volunteer Group (DVG): The DVG are very close to receiving their new Electric Minibus, this will be located at the Downland Practice Chieveley. The DVG are available for lifts in and around the local area. The DVG are also looking to recruit new drivers, so if you have some spare time, please do offer to help to this great cause. Please email dvg.handybus@gmail.com or check out their webpage www.downlandvolgroup.org

www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk

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Do you have a friendly and outgoing personality?

We are currently recruiting for enthusiastic individuals to join our front of house team at The Ibex Inn. Offering competitive pay and flexible working hours. Please send your CV to enquiries@theibexinn.com or pop in and see us.

Coming up throughout December...

Monday 4th December – Wreath Making Workshop

Join Kelly as she provides a step-by-step guide so that you can craft your very own Christmas Wreath. £50 per person which includes all materials (with additional materials able to purchase on the night). Please email Kelly at jkellylouise@gmail.com to book your space.

Saturday 9th December – Christmas Market & Live Music

Get into the festive season this year at our Christmas Market. Plenty of gifts for friends and family! Plus, some live music in the evening from **Matt Worth Music**.

Festive menu available from 1st December...

Looking for the perfect venue to host your Christmas party? Whether that's friends, family or colleagues, look no further than The Ibex Inn! We're here to make your celebrations merry, memorable, and filled with joy! Give us a call or email for more information.

Coming up in the New Year...

Starting from January, we are introducing our Winter Warmer menu

Main courses start from £12.95 and will be available Monday-Thursday. Menu TBA, keep an eye over on Facebook for more info!

Friday 12th January – BBQ Smokehouse

A Southern-American themed menu. We cannot wait for this one... menu TBA!

Friday 26th January – Big Fat Quiz of the Year

Our Big Fat Quiz returns for another year. Join Tish as she recaps the year of 2023 through a variety of quiz trivia. We will be raising money for Sands again this year, a charity that provides support to save babies' lives and support bereaved families. Usual rules apply, £2 per player, maximum 6 per team.

Sunday 28th January – The Sloely Cup

Have you got your Sloe Gin ready? Bring it along on Sunday 28th January, we will be starting at 5pm prompt! Let's see who can knock Charlie Smith off the top spot!



The History Bit

In this edition I am covering St Andrews Church. Books have been written about it so I am covering the subject very scantily as it would be too onerous to try to cover it in one edition.

Records at the Berkshire Record Office indicate that there has been a Saxon place of worship on this site since the ninth century so 800 and something, so it is very ancient.

You probably all know that King Alfred was born in Wantage, some 7.5 miles away, and the Saxon Court was there. There are no Saxon vestiges in the church but it has been plastered inside and out so what may lie beneath this? After all an ancient Saxon window was uncovered at Boxford during renovations and is now on show.

An interesting feature of St Andrews is the Ordnance Survey 'benchmark' (an arrow head) on the wall to the left of the porch door this was an 'elevation' mark to signify the height above sea level that church is at.

Moving on to Henry the VIII, he granted the Manor of Wooley to Richard Tate in 1540 and St Andrews was referred to as 'Wooley Abbey'. Not long after this it was sold to Mr John Read who then sold it to Mr Thomas Tipping and his son Bartholomew. The church had fallen into disrepair but one of the three Tippings all called Bartholomew had the church refurbished. It is surmised that some records of this may be found in the Woolley Estate Court Rolls

and deeds at Woolley Park? Another source for details would be the Church Register Chest as I have seen mention made of it in 1925.

It is very difficult to penetrate the 'darkness' of early history but some 'glimmers' are there. For instance, Chaddleworth and its Church were recorded in the Domesday Book that William the Conqueror had published so that he could assess exactly the wealth of the lands he had conquered. Chaddleworth and its Church were recorded in 1086 and there is a plaque to this event in the Church porch placed by the Parish Council back in the early 1980's.

Back in 1925 Chaddleworth was paired with Woolley and a book I have read refers the Church History of Chaddleworth-cum-Woolley. Woolley, in medieval times, was also known as Wulvney. However, back in 1160 Chaddleworth St Andrews was given by Ralph Basset (also known as Ralph de Chaddleworth) to the newly founded Priory of Poughley (now named St Margarets Priory) which now lies within RAF Welford.



There is quite a bit of confusion over whether St Andrews has a Rector or a Vicar. When consulting the Oxford English Dictionary, it seems that if the tithe (one tenth of the produce from the Parish used to support the Church) passes to an incumbent rather than an organisation it would be a Rector. Whereas if the tithe passes to a chapter or religious house or even a layman then it would be a Vicar. Very confusing!

In the 1752 St Andrews Church accounts book there are two interesting inclusions: whipping dogs and washing. Whipping dogs were long sticks for 'tapping' badly behaved children in the church by men sitting behind and the washing referred to was the washing of the Parsons surplice and the altar fair cloth.

From the records, the church has changed quite a bit from what is apparent now and at its western end there was a large gallery right up to and over the main entrance covering a window on the north side and extending over the font. It was approached by a spiral staircase from inside the belfry. On the front covering the whole was painted/carved the particulars of the Parish Charities. This can still be seen albeit in an elevated position. Some reports claim that the gallery could seat 100 persons!



Grahame Murphy



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

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 some services, please contact the Benefice Office for joining details.



Services:

Sunday 3rd December

10:00am United Benefice Service, Great Shefford. Lay led with Communion by Extension

Saturday 9th December

5:00pm Carols around the Christmas tree, Brightwalton
Followed by mulled wine and festive music from the Peasemore Ukulele Group

Sunday 10th December

9:30am BCP Holy Communion Service, Shefford Woodlands with Revd John Toogood
11:00am Morning Praise, lay led, Fawley.
6:00pm United Benefice Carol Service, Leckhampstead
with the Revd Canon Liz Jackson and the UB Choir

Sunday 17th December

9:30am BCP Holy Communion, Leckhampstead with Revd Canon Liz Jackson
10:00am Café Church, lay led

11:00am Morning Praise + Holy Communion, Chaddleworth with Revd Canon Liz Jackson

11:00am Carol Service, Wickham. Lay led with Charles Puxley

Tuesday 19th December

6:30pm Carols around the tree, Leckhampstead

Thursday 21st December

6:30pm Carols in the Avenue, Great Shefford. Lay led

Friday 22nd December

6:00pm Carols on the Green, Fawley. Lay led

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

3:00pm Candlelit Carols, Catmore. Lay led with James Gardiner
4:00pm Crib Service, Wickham TBC

10:00pm First Holy Communion of Christmas, Chaddleworth with Revd Canon Liz Jackson

11:30pm Midnight Mass, Wickham with Revd Canon Liz Jackson

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

9:30am Christmas Morning Family Service, Great Shefford, with Revd Canon Liz Jackson
11:00am Christmas Morning Holy Communion, Brightwalton with Revd Canon Liz Jackson
11:00am Christmas Morning, Welford. Lay led with Charles Puxley

Sunday 31st December

11:00am United Benefice, Fawley, Morning Praise + Holy Communion with Revd John Toogood

Wednesday 31st January 2024

7:00pm Brightwalton, Institution & Induction of The Revd M J Griffiths as Rector, West Downland Benefice followed by drinks and nibbles in the Village Hall



North Wessex Downs National Landscape

From Wednesday 22nd November, all designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) in England and Wales are becoming **National Landscapes**. The new name reflects their national importance; the vital contribution they make to protect the nation from the threats of climate change, nature depletion and the wellbeing crisis, whilst also creating greater understanding and awareness of the work that they do.

This is an exciting next step for **the North Wessex Downs**, and for the UK, in fully realising the National Landscapes' vision to be the leading exemplars of how thriving, diverse communities can work with and for nature in the UK: restoring ecosystems, providing food, storing carbon to mitigate the effects of climate change, safeguarding against drought and flooding, whilst also nurturing people's health and wellbeing.

Our new logo features the Uffington White Horse – the best-known landscape feature of the North Wessex Downs – and one of eight white horses that sit within the designated landscape. Blue represents the big skies that can be experienced up on the chalk downs and are such a significant part of the natural beauty of the landscape.

Henry Oliver, Director of North Wessex Downs National Landscape says:

"Third-largest of the UK's National Landscapes, the North Wessex Downs has it all: from characterful villages and

sparkling chalk streams, through farmland wildlife and ancient woodland to the high chalk downs. Perhaps most special of all is the sheer richness of ancient monuments and landscapes that still survive, thousands of years after they were shaped by our prehistoric ancestors.

Each of our National Landscapes is unique and distinct, looked after by a locally accountable partnership. But we're also part of a network of natural beauty that spans the whole country. Nature doesn't take any notice of designation boundaries. By working together as a national network we can achieve much more than we ever could by working alone.

National Landscapes are protected for the nation – a glorious part of our heritage but also vital to our future. Calling ourselves National Landscapes emphasises these areas' national importance, deserving of the highest protection. Excitingly, it also represents our ambitious collective mission to collaborate as a network for natural beauty, on behalf of everyone."

Discover more about North Wessex Downs National Landscape...

www.northwessexdowns.org.uk

Note: The North Wessex Downs National Landscape covers 668 square miles (1,730 sq. km) of Berkshire, Hampshire, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire. It is the third largest AONB in England, created in 1972 to conserve and enhance one of the largest tracts of chalk downland in southern England along with other beautiful landscapes.



Preserving Second World War Memories in West Berkshire

We're looking for people to bring stories about their family's wartime experience so we can record and preserve them for all time



A newly launched nationwide campaign is encouraging communities to collect and digitally preserve everyday stories and objects of the Second World War for future generations.

Led by a team based at the University of Oxford and funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, ***Their Finest Hour*** (<https://theirfinesthour.english.ox.ac.uk/>) is a new initiative working to create a comprehensive digital archive of this incredible wealth of history and knowledge that lots of us hold either in our heads or our lofts.

Many of us have war-related stories and objects that have been passed down from our parents, grandparents and other family members. *The Culture and Libraries team at West Berkshire Council* are looking for people to bring stories about their family's wartime experience – and associated objects such as diaries, letters, medals, journals and ration books to their Digital Collection Days to be recorded, digitised,

and then uploaded to the *Their Finest Hour* online archive, which will be free-to-use and launch in June 2024.

Janine Lewis, West Berkshire's Executive Member for Public Health, Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside says:

"This will be a lovely opportunity to engage with the community across different generations and to make them the guardians of this incredibly important piece of our history. It will be wonderful to preserve these wonderful, stories, memories and objects for all time. We lose so much when a generation is no longer with us and this project gives us a unique opportunity to preserve memories and history in a personal and special way that history books alone cannot share."

Dr Stuart Lee, project leader, said,

"We're delighted to be able to create an archive of memories of the Second World War. We know from previous projects that people have so many wonderful objects, photos, and anecdotes which have been passed down from family members which are at risk of getting lost or being forgotten. Our aim is to empower local communities to digitally preserve these stories and objects before they are lost to posterity."

The project team is especially interested in collecting contributions from people from underrepresented backgrounds in order to increase the diversity of people benefiting from Second World War heritage.

The Digital Collections Days will take place at West Berkshire Museum Wednesday 17th January 2024 10-2pm The Wharf, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 AS

If you have any questions about the event or would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Gemma Taylor
gemma.taylor@westberks.gov.uk

Household Support Fund - apply today



To further support households with the rising cost of living, we have been allocated £1.4million from the

Government to extend the Household Support Fund for a year.

The Household Support Fund (HSF) is there to support those most in need. Priority will be given to households who are ineligible for other government support and vulnerable groups regarding the cost-of-living crisis. The scheme runs until 31st March 2024 and is there to help households most in need with the rising cost of living, including families, pensioners, unpaid carers, care leavers and disabled people.

To find out more and apply for the Household Support Fund, please visit our dedicated HSF page on our website <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/householdsupportfund>

Physio-Led Pilates Classes

Chartered Physiotherapist, Kirsty Harris runs her Physio-led Pilates Classes on Mondays 10-11am in Chaddleworth Village Hall & Thursdays 6:15-7:15pm in Great Shefford Village Hall.



These mat-based Pilates group classes aim to improve strength, especially at the functional core and trunk muscles. The exercises will also promote mobility, flexibility and balance.

The classes are suitable for beginners & all exercises will include options to allow participants to progress through the levels as they improve.

The classes are currently 'pay as you go' £10 per class.

For more information or to book your first class please contact Kirsty:

Email: info@vitalityphysio.co.uk
Phone: 07918 047128
Website: www.vitalityphysio.co.uk



National Animal Welfare Trust Trindledown Farm

Christmas is fast-approaching and we are so excited over here at Trindledown Farm! As some of you may have heard, we have lots of events happening in the build up to Christmas including **pop ups of small business selling Christmas gifts every Saturday and Sunday up until 16th December**. This includes Christmas present wrapping every week where we will wrap your presents for you, in exchange for a donation towards the charity.

Also hosting some exciting festive workshops is our onsite café **Little Graze**y. On their Facebook you can find full details of all the companies hosting workshops and how to get booked in. Over the Winter period the café hours are slowing down, with The Barn Café being open Friday to Sunday, 10am to 2pm. The café will shut for Christmas break from Sunday 17th December and will reopen again in January.

Back again this December is our wonderful Shoebox appeal! If you've never participated before, this is where individuals wrap up a shoebox full of presents to give to the centre for the animals to then open on Christmas morning. We've posted a list of suggestions on our social media for anyone stuck for ideas of what they can get for different animals. Last year we had a fantastic outpouring of gifts and our rescue animals were ever so grateful and excited for their first ever Christmas presents! We're accepting shoebox gifts up until 22nd December so there is plenty of time to drop off any presents for your favourite furry rescues.

We are pleased that this year we have helped over 150 animals via the support and care from our centre. While we won't have the exact figures until later this year, we are super proud of our achievement and so grateful that we could help so many animals. However, we still have some wonderful animals still waiting (pictured) for their fur-ever homes. Please check out our website to see what animals we have up for rehoming

<https://bit.ly/berkshirerehoming>

You won't hear from us now until the New Year, so to all our wonderful neighbours and supporters, we wish you a **Happy Holiday Season and Happy New Year!** *Molly*





Chaddleworth 100 Club

The latest winners of the 100 Club draw for October are **Jan MacIntosh** with her lucky number 50 and **Graham Winter** with his lucky number 35. The November winners are **Martyn Lisby** with her lucky number 69 and **Anna Britnor-Guest** with her lucky number 23. They all 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.

We need as many people as we can get to join as this is a really good way of supporting OUR Village Hall. The Hall has been around for well over 100 years and as you can imagine needs constant on-going maintenance including insurance. Recently the 100 Club has paid out £869.04 for maintenance to the electricity supply and a new padlock and keys for the gate to the Car Park.

How do I join the 100 Club?

Set up a standing order for £2 per month (one number) or £24 a year. Payable to Recipient **'Chaddleworth 100 Club (Newbury Building Society)'**, 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 the Chaddleworth Cricket Club AGM, a number of children's parties and happily welcomed **weekly Pilates and Lower-Limb-Rehab sessions**. Following our annual AGM held on 28th November the management team continue and look forward to the next year. If you would like to utilise the Hall or assist with the care and maintenance of it, please contact us via ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com

Saunders Wynn and Coventry Educational Foundation

The three named benefactors set up the Trust to offer financial help to further the educational needs of the children and students (up to the age of 25) of the Parish of Chaddleworth. The Trustees meet four times a year with the next meeting scheduled for 8th February 2024 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

Yoga in December

Monday evenings **6:15 to 7:15pm**

Classes **£10** (pay as you go)

all abilities welcome

Great Shefford Village Hall

A return to gentler rhythms as Winter creeps in.

To honour the change to a slower season and the drop in temperature we will find a sense of balance in classes over this month – leading you through an energy building, strong, yet slow flow, to create internal heat. All the while, finding many moments to guide you into deep restorative stretches and soothing poses.

Working also with the theme of feeling "Grounded." The perfect antidote to the stress felt at this time of year, often we can feel a little disconnected from internal rhythms when we are busy, so I hope our soothing Yoga flows on the mat will help ground you.

Olivia Boydall

oliviaboydall@gmail.com



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31st December 2023

Registration from 1:00pm to 2:00pm for both Terrier and Open Race. Terrier race starts at 2:30pm prompt! Open race shortly after

Terriers must be under 14 inches to the shoulder. Anything more than this they are welcome in the Open Race.



The Sloely Cup

28th January 2024

The Venerable Sloely Cup returns once again to its proper home at The Ibex on Sunday 28th January at 5:00pm prompt.



Will Charlie Smith win for the third year running or will a new name be added to the cup?

All you need to be in with a chance is to come along on the day with about 500ml of your finest sloe gin and you'll get to blind taste yours, and all the other entries to establish which is the best!

Usual rules apply.

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