

# Chaddleshworth News

## In this new edition...

- ✓ Updates from Chaddleshworth Entertainments, The IbeX Inn, St Andrew's Church, Chaddleshworth and Shefford Schools, The Under 5s, NAWT, Chaddleshworth Cricket Club the PTFA and the HandeBus,
- ✓ Letters and Announcements,
- ✓ Opportunities to ramble with the West Berkshire Ramblers and the North Wessex Downs Walking Festival
- ✓ ...and many updates from our local groups and businesses.

Please provide your letters, suggestions and contributions for the next, June edition by 20<sup>th</sup> May. Thanks!

**Ed.**



## Chaddleshworth Entertainments

The Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March from the Walled Garden by St Andrew's Church, 11:30am

## Chaddleshworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

The Easter Bunny brought some Hop-a-thon fun to school! The children had a great time and the sun even came out in time for their Easter Peg Hunt. **Thank You** to everyone who sponsored the children to raise money for new play equipment. 🐰



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## Letters & Announcements



### Graham Stanley

Graham and Jan moved into Norris Field in 1992 whilst both working at the JET project at Culham, later working at Harwell, Aldermaston and South of France. His interests were Motorbikes, Field Sports, Gardening and travel. He volunteered to help at Newbury racecourse during the COVID vaccination programme and was put in charge of traffic. He then caught COVID and for the last 21 months had suffered from LONG COVID. He became a Parish Councillor last year and threw himself into helping the village. He led the project to refurbish the speed awareness white gates which sadly he has not seen completed. He had lots of ideas for the village and was looking forward to actively improving life for the villagers.

Graham peacefully passed away in his sleep on Saturday morning, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024. He was my everything and a good friend to lots of others. His kind, thoughtful, cheeky presence will be missed by many.

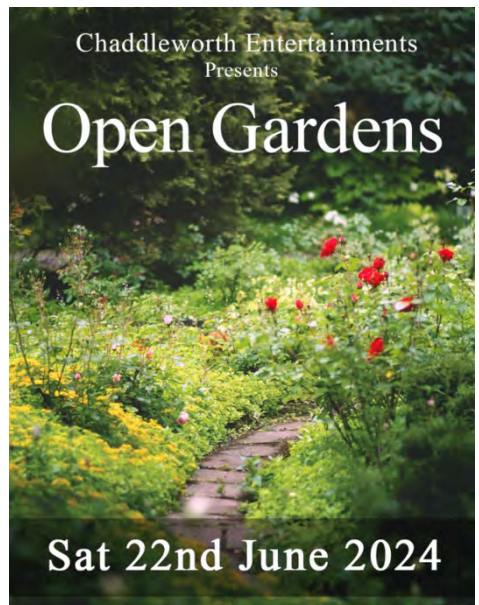
**Jan Dalton**

## Chaddleworth Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden in Chaddleworth has been kept neat and tidy by a rota of volunteers for many years. As people leave the village, have other necessary commitments or become less fit, the rota is dwindling. We need a few more volunteers. This is not a hard or time-consuming job. Each volunteer is asked to visit at least once, in a two-week allocated slot. All that is required is a very small amount of weeding, dead-heading of roses, or disposing of the occasional beer can or piece of paper. No pruning, hedge or grass cutting is required – at the moment this is done by another group of wonderful volunteers.

Please let me know by email [lea.naples@motionlink.co.uk](mailto:lea.naples@motionlink.co.uk) or phone **01488 638488** if you would like to be added to the rota. This is such a lovely asset to your village and any help will be much appreciated.

**Lea Naples**



## The Ibx Inn

We are constantly striving to improve our services and better serve our valued locals. We are busy working behind the scenes to bring you new and exciting events, but if you have any feedback or suggestions, we would love to hear from you! Please drop us a message on Facebook or Instagram, or even a line over on our email [bookings@theibxinn.com](mailto:bookings@theibxinn.com) Thank you!

## The Old Gits

### Get your beds ready!

On the afternoon of **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**, you can come along to **The Ibx Inn from 4pm** to collect your marrow plant. It is your job to grow this to the best of your ability, ready for cutting in Autumn time (Cutting date TBA). £4 per plant, any profits go towards The Senior's Christmas Lunch.

## Chaddleworth Parish Council

Chaddleworth Parish Council meets every other month with the next regular meeting on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7:30pm in Chaddleworth 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 via [Chaddleworth.PC@outlook.com](mailto:Chaddleworth.PC@outlook.com)

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

[www.westberks.gov.uk/downlandsparishcouncilreport](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/downlandsparishcouncilreport)

Kind regards, **Councillor Clive Hooker**

## Holy Week and Easter

In the West Downland Benefice

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| 24 | Palm Sunday<br>9am in Chaddleworth & 10:30am in Welford for Holy Communion                           |
| 25 | Monday<br>7pm Evening Prayer in Shefford Woodlands   |
| 26 | Tuesday<br>7pm Evening Prayer in Leckhamstead  |
| 27 | Wednesday<br>7pm Holy Communion in Chaddleworth  |
| 28 | Maundy Thursday<br>7pm Bring and share supper, Holy Communion and "The Watch" in Brightwalton        |
| 29 | Good Friday<br>10:30am Childrens activities in Great Shefford and 2pm for "The Last Hour" in Wickham |
| 30 | Easter Eve<br>7pm Bringing in the Light (Contemporary Service including a bowl of chilli!) in Fawley |
| 31 | Easter Day<br>9am Great Shefford & 10:30 in Leckhamstead and in Welford for Holy Communion           |





## Chaddleworth Entertainments

Spring is here which means we are creeping closer to our summer celebrations, in support of Help For Heroes...



### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June: D-Day Remembrance and live Swing Band.

A beacon lighting to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. Starting at the war memorial, we invite you to join the service followed by a procession up to Heads Farm. There you can enjoy your own picnic for dinner, watch the *Garston Gallopers* Morris Dancers, and have a boogie to a live swing band. At dusk, we will light the Beacon to mark the anniversary of D-Day. We really hope to get the full support of the village.

If anyone has any D-Day related anecdotes or poems and would like to read them out at the event, we would love to hear them. Please get in touch at [entertainment@chaddleworth.net](mailto:entertainment@chaddleworth.net)

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Chaddleworth Cricket Club versus The Village

Chaddleworth Cricket Club are very kindly putting on an evening of fun cricket for everyone of all ages. It'll be a T20 format and will be for everyone of any ability! Starting at **6pm**, cakes and refreshments will be served.

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Chaddleworth Village Fete & Live Music

- ✓ Silent Auction: lots of fantastic prizes up for grabs including a shooting

lesson at *Hangman's Stone Sporting Clays* worth about £300!

- ✓ Rosie's Pet Care Fun Dog Show is back for another year. Enter your 4-legged friends in a range of different categories including 'Sausage Scoffer'
- ✓ Mr Muddle is doing his brilliant magic show!
- ✓ Plus much more!!

This year is set to be a good one, there is something for all and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

*Reminder: we will be looking for cakes, plants, bottles and raffle prizes for the fete. If you feel that you could donate any of these, please get in contact with us via [entertainment@chaddleworth.net](mailto:entertainment@chaddleworth.net)*

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** If you would like to host a stall at the fete or think you could lend a hand on the day (even for a couple of hours) please get in touch. We would love for these events to bring people together and reflect the fantastic sense of community that Chaddleworth have, but we cannot do it without help.

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Open Gardens

Spruce up your garden and make it shine! Get ready for the return of our **Open Gardens**. Whether you have a vast vegetable patch, fabulous flower beds, or a ravishing rose bush, every garden is unique and welcome! Some lovely gardens have already signed up but we want more! This will be the last open gardens until 2026 so don't miss out!

Please register by emailing [entertainment@chaddleworth.net](mailto:entertainment@chaddleworth.net)



## The Ibex Inn

We Are Open Every Day

01488 639052

[bookings@theibexinn.com](mailto:bookings@theibexinn.com)



Spring is in the air, and here at The Ibex we're embracing the change of season with open arms and tasty pints! We are counting down the days to when the weather is nice enough for evenings in the pub garden. In the meantime, we have lots of events coming up to keep us (and hopefully you!) busy...

### APRIL

#### **Ribs Night – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

Enjoy our slow cooked sticky BBQ ribs - served with chips – for only £17.95. Pre-order only by 8<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **Race Night – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Our annual Race Night is back, and we are raising money for Alzheimer's Society. Experience virtual races while trying your luck and placing your bets on the horses using our very own Ibex Dollars! Help us make a difference and support a fantastic charity close to all our hearts – spread the word!



#### **Live Music – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

An evening of good music, and probably some even better dancing! Live music from 8pm.

### MAY

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#### **Curry Night – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

A highly requested curry night is coming your way. Gather your friends and family and tuck into some delicious homemade curries. More details TBA...

#### **Karaoke – TBA**

Our Boxing Day karaoke went down an absolute storm, so much so that we're bringing it back. Unleash your inner rockstar here at The Ibex – grab the mic and belt out your favourite tunes. Keep an eye on our Facebook for more info...

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night**

Quiz night returns! Gather your brainiest buddies and compete for glory – with challenging questions and great company, it's the ultimate test of your trivia knowledge. We will be supporting a new charity this time around – St. John Ambulance. They are 'the charity that steps forward in the moments that matter, to save lives and keep communities safe, and are the market leader in the provision of workplace training, first aid supplies and event and ambulance services.'



We look forward to welcoming you again soon!  
**From Gavin & The Ibex Team**

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

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



What a fantastic month packed full of learning opportunities for our children. It's difficult to know where to begin!

We start at the end: our **Easter service at St Andrew's Church**. By parent and carer power and minibus we took all the children to Chaddleworth for our Easter service led by Rev. Mike, with each class contributing. Kingfishers and Robins read the Easter story, Owls wrote their own acrostic poems about what Easter meant to them (family, forgiveness, a new start) and Red Kites wrote poems thinking about the resurrection and spring. We also had a bit of Zumba thanks to the song actions. The children loved it! We want to thank Rev. Mike, the team at St Andrew's, Lady Eliza, parents, carers and governors who contributed to making this such a special service.



Back at school, the children carried on the Easter theme, with the **PTFA Hop-athon and Easter peg hunt**. It was lovely seeing all the children's "hoppy" and happy faces today! Thank you for all the donations too!



And now we go back to the beginning of March...

**Kingfishers trip to STEAM, Swindon:** The Kingfishers explored the history of the Great Western Railway and heard about the amazing things achieved by ordinary men and women on their trip to STEAM. This interactive experience, including dressing up, role play and building bridges has certainly developed their learning. Fantastic!

**Kingfishers Football Festival:** Well done to all the Kingfishers that took part in the KS1 Football Festival. We hear you all worked your socks off dribbling the ball and saving goals.

**Junior Music Festival – Owls Class:** After months of preparation and rehearsals the performance day finally arrived! We met the Berkshire Music team and 12 other school groups at The Hexagon for a final run through of the songs and actions we had been learning, before our evening performance. Thank you to all our friends and family that came to support us in the audience. It was great to see smiling faces enjoying the concert. We LOVED the experience! And the songs and memories will stay with us for a very long time!



**Thank you from Robins class to Denise and Danielle!** Robins had a double treat! Danielle, from Berkshire Music Trust, brought something really special with her last week! All Robins children had a turn at listening to and then playing the harp – it was amazing. Their Mystery Reader this week was (drum roll please) Denise from pre-school. The children were delighted to see such a familiar face and we know Denise was delighted to see all the children too. Thank you Denise and Danielle for making our Wednesday afternoon in Robins such a pleasure this week.

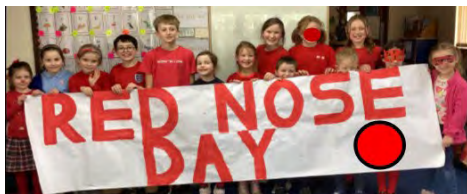


**Owls and Red Kites Cross Country Run:** All the children in KS2 had the opportunity to run in the cross country event at Newbury Showground. They showed such courage, endurance and compassion – a very proud moment for us all!

*“It was fun but exhausting”*

*“It’s a worthy challenge of stamina and I am proud of what I achieved”*

*“It was encouraging to see and hear everyone cheering us on!”*



**Red Nose Day:** Thank you so much to everyone who donated! The final total was **£71.09** and the children loved Sophie, Emily, Sophie and Evey’s games, activities and jokes!



**Red Kites Girls Football:** *“It was nice that parents came and cheered us on!”; “It was great to see everyone working as a team!”*

### **World Book Day 2024**

The children loved the Masked Reader on World Book Day – thank you Miss Oram – and they certainly enjoyed sharing their love of reading!



Thank you to everyone for your support this term and wishing you a happy Easter break!

**Alison Stephenson**, Headteacher

[www.csfschools.org](http://www.csfschools.org)





## Chaddleworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

(Registered Charity 1190914)

What a busy couple of months Chaddleworth and Great Shefford PTFA have had! Starting with our February 'photo challenge' fundraiser to pay for a children's First Aid skills course, families and friends raised a super **£134** and we are delighted that the *Great Shefford Parish Council* agreed to donate a further **£140** to help us reach our total! **Thank You** to everyone for your generosity. The First Aid skill course will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Since half term, the PTFA have run a *Krispy Kreme* donuts sale, which was enjoyed by children, families, and teachers alike! We then welcomed mums, aunties, and grandmas into school on 8<sup>th</sup> March to enjoy a *Crafternoon Tea* with their children. It was fantastic to see the school hall full of ladies and children enjoying themselves as they tucked into cakes made by our PTFA team.



With the weather warming up, the PTFA's next mission is to raise funds for outdoor play equipment. Instead of bats and balls, we are hoping to provide play boxes full of outdoor games for the children to enjoy in the upcoming summer term. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, please scan the QR code above to make a £2 donation. Thank you!

On the last day of spring term, after a service at Chaddleworth Church, the children took part in an Easter Hop-a-thon challenge. They ran, leaped over hurdles, and tackled an egg and spoon dash, before enjoying their annual Easter peg hunt hosted by the PTFA. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children with this challenge, and help us approach our fundraising target.







## Great Shefford Under 5's

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

Our Monday morning **Baby & Toddler** has been extremely popular this term thanks to huge efforts by **Debbie and Kathryn** to make everyone so welcome and to provide a wide range of activities. This group provides a valuable community service as it connects and supports new parents, providing opportunities to socialise, make friends and for the children to play.

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

Our **Pre-School** has been so busy. We have welcomed visits from our new Rector, Mike, who has entertained the children with his lively singing and guitar playing, plus he has walked with us across the fields to the church to share a little of the Easter celebrations.



The local PCSOs, Lee and Jo, called in to read a story "PC Ben" and talk about how the police help people. Of course, sitting in the police car was most exciting!



We have also celebrated World Book Day, joined in the fun of Red Nose Day and each child has been on the mobile library to take a book to read at home. Now we are enjoying the lead up to Easter. We have made an Easter Garden with the tomb, crosses and flowers after reading the story, "The Angel and the Dove" which explains the emotions of the Easter story in an age appropriate way. We have decorated the hall with paintings of chocolate eggs, made Easter baskets, baked hot cross buns and will have an egg hunt on the last day of term.

We would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Easter!

*With best wishes, Denise Herrington*  
[www.greatsheffordunderfives.co.uk](http://www.greatsheffordunderfives.co.uk)



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



### West Downland Benefice

The Church of England in Brightwalton & Catmore  
Chaddleworth, Fawley, Great Shefford & Shefford  
Woodlands, Leckhampstead and Welford & Wickham.

### Extravagant Hospitality

As I have settled into life in the West Downland Benefice, I have been asked the same question a number of times in a variety of different ways – essentially: “Are you happy here?” I can honestly say that I absolutely am! The kindness and generosity shown by those I have met so far has been quite incredible. This really is a wonderful community to be a part of. Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome.

There is much we need to improve on as the church, but our extravagant hospitality is the hallmark of everything we do. Starting with the simplest cup of coffee and every bite of food we serve through to every smile of welcome and prayer shared, we want our extravagant hospitality to be the first thing that everyone experiences whenever they connect with all that happens in church. There are good biblical principles for this - from the many meals and celebrations that Jesus enjoyed to alabaster jar of perfume that anointed his feet towards the end of his earthly life, we are encouraged to be generous. I hope that is your experience. If it is not, please let me know!

As I write this, I am deep into the planning for Holy Week and Easter. The details about the various services around the benefice are in the picture below but I wanted to highlight a couple of opportunities to join in with something that might be a little different this year...

On **Maundy Thursday**, we will gather in **All Saints, Brightwalton at 7pm** for a Bring and Share Supper. Maundy Thursday is a very moving service as we move from the celebration of a meal with friends to the silence of the Garden of Gethesemene.

On **Good Friday**, there is an Easter Café Church in **St Mary's, Great Shefford at 10:30am** with activities for children and refreshments for all. The quiet service of “The Last Hour” is at **2pm** in **St Swithun's, Wickham**.

Then on Easter Eve, perhaps a new experience for this benefice, our Easter Celebrations begin when the sun sets and we have a contemporary service to bring in the Easter Light. For this we will be gathering around a fire at **St Mary's, Fawley around 7pm** for a bowl of chilli as we wait for the church to get dark. We will then light the new Easter Candles for all of our parishes and they will be carried back to the churches for the Easter services that follow in the coming weeks.

Do keep up to date with all that is happening via our socials **@westdownland** or the website

[www.westdownland.co.uk](http://www.westdownland.co.uk) and I look forward to welcoming you into church soon!

With my love and prayers,

Rev Mike  
x



# Sundays

in the West Downland Benefice

	9am	10.30am	4pm
1st Sunday	St Mary the Virgin Fawley	St Mary Great Shefford	St James Leckhampstead
2nd Sunday	St Withun Wickham	All Saints Brightwalton	
3rd Sunday	St James Leckhampstead	St Mary Great Shefford	
4th Sunday	St Andrew Chaddleshworth	St Gregory Welford	
5th Sunday	St Stephen Shefford Woodlands	St James Leckhampstead	

Sign up for the pew sheet at [westdownland.co.uk/joinin](http://westdownland.co.uk/joinin)

## There's more mid week...

in the West Downland Benefice

### TUESDAY Holy Communion

followed by  
coffee in the  
rectory

9:30am

St Andrew's  
Chaddleshworth

### TUESDAY Rectory Supper Club

get to know the  
Rector over  
supper

7pm

Book a time on  
our website

### WEDNESDAY Holy Communion

a quiet service  
with time for  
prayer and  
reflection

7pm

St Andrew's  
Chaddleshworth



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## The Downland HandeBus

The Downland Volunteer Group (DVG) are running regular **HandeBus** trips to some great attractions including to the Watercress Line and Blenheim Palace in March and to Oxford on Good Friday.

Future destinations planned are:

- ✓ **April 12<sup>th</sup> to Bath** for Shopping (a)
- ✓ **April 26<sup>th</sup> to RHS Wisley\*** (b)
- ✓ **May 10<sup>th</sup> Henley upon Thames** (b)
- ✓ **May 24<sup>th</sup> to Stourhead Gardens\*** (a)
- ✓ **June 7<sup>th</sup> Avon Beach Mudeford** (c)

Glide into these locations in the comfort of our 12-seater Electric Minibus. The Fare is **£5**. Events marked \* require separate entry fees and booking. The bus leaves from the IbeX Inn, Chaddleworth at (a) 12:00noon or (b) 11:45am or (c) 10:40am.

To book a seat on a trip or to use the HandeBus, the Downland Volunteer Group can be contacted on:

- ✓ **07713 813523**
- ✓ [dvq.handebus@btinternet.com](mailto:dvq.handebus@btinternet.com)
- ✓ [www.downlandvolgroup.org](http://www.downlandvolgroup.org)



Can you help us? Become a volunteer! As a volunteer organisation we require volunteer drivers. If you have a clean driving licence with a D1 entitlement category included and would like to help residents in the Downland villages, even if it's just a few hours a month, please do contact us on: 07713 813 523. A vehicle without a driver is of very little use, so if can help please call us.



## West Berkshire Ramblers

Our inaugural meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1967 meaning we've been going for over 50 years. We kicked off in 1967 organising two walks per month but the programme has steadily evolved and we now average between four and five walks per week over the year as a whole, including recently in Chaddleworth.

[www.wberksramblers.org.uk/walks/walk-s-programme.html](http://www.wberksramblers.org.uk/walks/walk-s-programme.html)





## West Berkshire Council

### Potholes

Motorists have reported 16 times as many potholes on a district's roads than during the same period last year.

West Berkshire Council's budget meeting heard 1,881 potholes were reported between January and February this year.

In 2023, the figure for the same period was 116.

Portfolio holder for highways, housing and sustainable travel Denise Gaines said the council had spent "£400,000 more fixing these in this administration than in the last three years". She added that big potholes were being fixed within three days.

The council said it will normally repair potholes that have a 1.96in (5cm) vertical edge and are 11.81in (30cm) wide, but each pothole is assessed using a risk-based approach.

It has published diagrams of what sort of potholes will get fixed, and it has an interactive map on its website showing where they have been reported, giving them each a serial number.

Some £8.5m has been set aside to improve roads and footpaths in West Berkshire next year. Signage improvement gets £55,000, and £255,000 goes to footway improvements.

[www.westberks.gov.uk/reportapothole](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/reportapothole)

### Household Waste Recycling Centre Opening Hours

Following our recent consultation, we're updating the Household Waste Recycling Centre hours for both our Padworth and Newtown Road sites. Starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April,

weekday opening hours will now be 11am to 6pm. Rest assured, weekend and bank holiday hours will continue as usual and operate 9am to 6pm, including Easter Monday.

We are making these changes to increase efficiency as both sites are not being fully utilised, meaning we have several appointments unused every day. This will also see us save approximately £59,000 annually.

If you wish to visit one of our centres, please don't forget to book an appointment and ensure your household is registered for a permit. Further details can be found on our website [www.westberks.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/recyclingcentres)



### Local Nature Recovery Strategy

You are invited to participate in creating the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Berkshire. Join us at the Corn Exchange, Hungerford Town Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 12noon to 3pm, where you'll have the opportunity to delve deeper into the project, learn how to support local nature initiatives, and share your valuable insights. Spaces are limited to two people max per organization. Register your interest on EventBrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berkshire-nature-recovery-77589872633>

You can also complete the survey online. Share your thoughts, ideas, and priorities up until 7<sup>th</sup> May:

<https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/berkshire-local-nature-recovery-strategy>



## Chaddleworth 100 Club

The latest winners of the 100 Club draw for February are **Robin Fishlock** with his lucky number 32 and **Marguerite Griffith-Jones** with her lucky number 55. The winners for March are **John Bibbings** with his lucky number 76 and **Grahame Murphy** with his lucky number 13. They all win **£43**. We are currently 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 YOUR 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 £96.14 for replacement lights in the Village Hall.

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

## Chaddleworth Village Hall

Recently, Chaddleworth Village Hall has repaired lighting inside (thank you to the Chaddleworth 100 Club for funding this) and updated the outside lighting (thank you to Max

Barlow, store manager of ToolStation Hungerford for providing his skills to install these) and hosted the West Berkshire Ramblers.

If you would like to utilise the Hall or assist with the care and maintenance of it, please contact us via [ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com](mailto: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 **23<sup>rd</sup> May 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](mailto:botmoorway@btinternet.com) for an application form. All applications are treated in the strictest confidence. Any applications received after this scheduled meeting will still be considered for awards by the Trustees but there may be a delay before awards are made.

## Chaddleworth Bakers Trust

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 Bakers Trust via the Parish Clerk on [chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com](mailto:chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com)



## National Animal Welfare Trust Trindledown Farm

We hope you're all had a lovely March and Easter!

Unfortunately, our centre is still flooded from January and the water hasn't gone down much yet. We're hoping for a dry April to help the fields dry out but so far, we are still very soggy over here! We have had lots of wildlife join us since the lake appeared and whilst they make a fantastic addition to the views, the water is causing further issues to our centre and our animals.



Owing to the condition of the fields, it's been determined that our two goats, **Woody** and **George**, are struggling with their limited space as they don't have the room they need to roam and climb. Therefore, the decision has been made that the two boys need to be rehomed to where they can have the space and quality of life they need. Their feet are not cut out for this swamp life and the boys miss having human interaction every day. If you know of anyone who has the space and would be interested in having two goats, please do get in touch.

If anyone would still like to donate to the repair fund following the damage the flood has left us, you can find our JustGiving campaign here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/what-everfloatsyourgoat>

For those that took part in our Easter auction, you'll be pleased to hear we raised over **£700** towards our animals. Thank you to everyone for taking part and thank you to the kind individuals who donated Easter eggs towards the event.

Our Easter egg hunt took place during 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March which the kids enjoyed greatly. Similar to our pumpkin hunt at Halloween, we hid easter eggs with letters on them across site for children to unscramble the word and win a prize.

We have a wonderful group of motorcyclists coming to visit the centre on April 14<sup>th</sup> as part of their charity run for our rescue animals. If you'd like to join in, please contact us for details on how to get involved.

We have several animals still looking for homes at our rescue, including **Bess**, an Irish wolfhound cross who is a gentle giant with the most loving nature. Just ask anyone – she adores a belly rub and will often fall asleep whilst being groomed! Bess is looking to be the only pet in a home but we know she'd make a fantastic companion for someone.

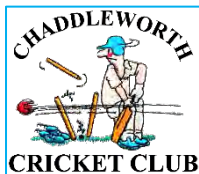


Also still looking for their forever home is **Humphrey**. Although a bit older than most, Humphrey believes he is still a kitten and behaves like a young cat too! He's often seen jumping about and playing despite being 19 years old! Humphrey would be an amazing addition to any family – could he be right for you?

For either of the above or for any other of our available animals, check out our website for details on how to apply.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (@nawt.berkshire) and Instagram (@nawtberkshire) to stay up to date on all our latest news.

## Chaddleworth Cricket Club



As the spring sun warms Chaddleworth and flowers begin to bloom, there is an unmistakable buzz in the air. Yes, you guessed it – it is almost time for cricket season! Chaddleworth Cricket Club (CCC) are excited to get going.

We are on the lookout for enthusiastic individuals to join us – whether you are a seasoned pro or a complete novice there is a place for you on the team! Joining CCC isn't just about playing a sport; it is about becoming part of a fun and tight-knit community – from thrilling matches at the cricket club to post-game pints in The Ibx Inn. We welcome players of all ages and abilities and our amazing Captain, Jack Barrett, will be able to give you tips and pointers in the training sessions which are run on Thursday evenings.

For more information and to become part of the team, please email [chaddleworthcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:chaddleworthcricketclub@gmail.com)

If you are interested in supporting but don't fancy playing, you can sign up as a 'non-playing member'. This costs **£10** and goes towards funding the club so that we can continue. We've had a great couple of seasons but cannot do it without the support of the village. These memberships can be bought from the bar at The Ibx Inn, or directly through the cricket club.

We would like to say a huge **Thank You** to all our Vice Presidents. Without their support and generosity we wouldn't have a club. A very warm welcome to our newest VPs **Kevin Brady** and

**Will Blackwell**, and to our newest sponsor **Heads Farm Contracting**, thank you all!

## Chaddleworth Cricket Club versus The Village!

In the upcoming Chaddleworth D-Day Anniversary Celebrations, Chaddleworth Cricket Club are excited to host a **CCC vs The Village** cricket match. Mark your calendars for **Friday 7th June, starting at 6pm.**

Prepare for an evening filled with fun and camaraderie in a T20 format match. It promises to be great fun for players and spectators alike! There will be delicious cakes and liquid refreshments to be enjoyed throughout. We look forward to seeing you there.

## SIXES COMPETITION 11<sup>th</sup> May

The poster is for a 'Sixes Competition' held on May 11, 2024. It features a silhouette of a batsman in mid-swing, with a red cricket ball in the air. The text 'CHADDLEWORTH CRICKET CLUB' is at the top. Below the batsman, it says 'SIX-A-SIDE COMPETITION' in large, bold letters. The date 'MAY 11 2024' is displayed in the center. At the bottom, an orange banner reads '£35 PER TEAM TO ENTER' and 'WINNING TEAM WILL WIN A CASH PRIZE'. The Chaddleworth Cricket Club logo is at the very bottom, with the text 'Please email chaddleworthcricketclub@gmail.com to register your interest' below it.



## North Wessex Downs Walking Festival 2024

*From 31<sup>st</sup> May to 9<sup>th</sup> June. Book Now!*

We are pleased to announce bookings are now open for this year's walking festival.

We have a fantastic programme of 29 walks across the North Wessex Downs with opportunities for you to seek out wildlife, uncover history, picnic with the family or simply soak up the views. This year there are even more farm walks on offer where you can hear directly from farmers and land managers about their work, with some family-friendly options available. Or why not take the Wiltshire 3 Peaks Challenge in a sponsored, self-guided walk for local charity Youth Adventure Trust?

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[www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/walking/walking-festival](http://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/walking/walking-festival)

### Including: 'The Big Drop' farm walk

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024, Length 2.6 miles, Start Time 2.00pm*

2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the Normandy (D-Day) landings that began the liberation of Western Europe and ultimately tipped the course of the Second World War. A small farm nestled in the North Wessex Downs, just outside Boxford in West Berkshire, played a significant but top-secret

role in this world event. The valley near RAF Welford was used on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1944 as a site for a practice for the D-Day landings. Prime Minister Churchill and Eisenhower inspected the American troops of the elite 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. This was followed by a mass parachute drop of about 3,000 men and equipment (pictured).

This event was witnessed by a small boy and his family who stood by a hedge to watch. That small boy is the owner of Court Oak Farm. We will follow a new route around the farm to learn more about this momentous occasion, see newly installed information boards with archive photos of the event as well as personal memories.

During the walk we will also learn about Court Oak Farm, a recipient of a Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) grant. It is an arable farm that has been in the family for nearly 150 years. Growing mainly wheat and barley, with some oilseed rape and oats, it is now farming regeneratively. In the last few years, several miles of new hedges and have been planted to encourage wildlife.

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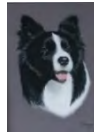
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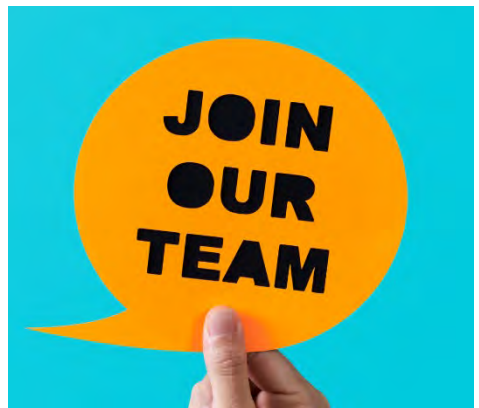
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