

August 2024

Chaddleworth News

In this new edition...

- ✓ Great times at Chaddleworth and Shefford Schools and thank you to and from Alison who is taking a year's sabbatical,
- ✓ reports from the wonderful D-Day events,
- ✓ updates from Chaddleworth Entertainments, The Ixex Inn, St Andrew's Church, The Under 5s, NAWT, Chaddleworth Cricket Club and the PTFA,
- ✓ ...and many updates from our local groups and businesses.

Please provide your letters, suggestions and contributions for the next, October edition by 20th September. Thanks! **Ed.**



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Federated Primary Schools 'Living life in all its fullness'



As usual, we had a busy end to the term with French Olympics, the PTFA Summer Fête, Sports Day, a drumming workshop, Red Kites end of term production, a Leavers' Service at St Mary's, a Leavers' Ball and a Leavers' Service at school. And the whole school went to the beach!

There is a whole team behind all of these events, working to make it happen, whether it's planning, organising, resourcing, funding and many, many more jobs that have to be undertaken in order to achieve the goal.

Pictured:

- Red Kites production
- Beach Trip
- This Year's Leavers

We had so many people to thank at the end of term. The support we have received from staff, parents, Governors, friends of the school and of course the fantastic PTFA has been phenomenal and we can't thank them enough for the time, dedication and care they have taken in helping our children 'Live life in all its fullness'.



From September, **Ms Debbie Munday** will be Acting Headteacher and **Miss Katie Oram** will be the Acting Assistant Headteacher as I take a year's sabbatical. Having worked in education for 30 years, the last 10 of which have been at Chaddleworth and Shefford Schools, I am taking a break and thank everyone for their support and continued support of the team!

So, a final

Thank You to everyone.

We could not achieve what we have achieved this year without everyone working together. Wishing you all a restful summer break.

Alison Stephenson

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Great Shefford Under 5's

We have broken up for the summer.

The Baby & Toddler group rounded off the year with a fun morning of face painting, singing and activities. Debbie and Kathryn would like to thank the many young families who have supported the Monday session and had such fun.

The Pre-School term ended with a wonderful trip to Bucklebury Farm Park, a day out at Welford Park "Big Wood" and a sports morning on the last day. We said a fond farewell to 16 children who have left to join local schools.

We would like to wish all our families a very relaxing and fun summer and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Best wishes, Denise

www.greatsheffordunderfives.co.uk



Chaddleworth Parish Council

Chaddleworth Parish Council meets every other month with the next regular meeting on **Tuesday 3rd September 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

Councillor Wanted...

- ❖ *Are you passionate about our parish?*
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- ❖ *Do you have innovative ideas for the council?*
- ❖ *Do you have concerns about specific issues and want to do something about them?*

If this is you, then Chaddleworth needs you....

We welcome people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect our community to put yourselves forward to join as a **Councillor for Chaddleworth Parish**

Please email the Clerk for a short application form to complete to confirm your interest...

David Jennings, Clerk
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The regular Councillor's Report is available via the West Berkshire website:
www.westberks.gov.uk/downlandsparishcouncilreport

Kind regards, **Councillor Clive Hooker**

In this edition, don't miss:

- ✓ Saturday 28th September
Chaddleworth Harvest Auction
see back page, contributions sought
- ✓ Every Sunday:
The West Downland Benefice
We worship as a benefice in all our parishes across the month in a variety of styles and traditions. Everyone is welcome to all our services, whatever age!
- ✓ Every Monday:
Chaddleworth Monday Club
- ✓ Every Month, win in the...
Chaddleworth 100 Club





Chaddleshworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

(Registered Charity 1190914)

The PTFA kickstarted July with our school Summer Fete. The weather was against us with steady heavy downpours overnight and throughout the day, and gales of over 24 mph leading us to have to cancel our giant inflatable slide! However, with our amazing team of members, parent volunteers, staff and support from the children, we all joined together to make it a fantastic day!



It was wonderful to see the school full of visitors coming along to enjoy the fete on such a soggy day! Our brilliant refreshments and BBQ team were delighted to see so many families from the surrounding villages arrive. We hope the children enjoyed using tokens to play the



variety of games on offer and cashing in their stamp cards at our prize table!

We owe enormous thanks to our friends from the **Chaddleshworth Cricket Club** and **The Great Shefford Sports and Social Club** who pitched up in the rain to offer games and refreshments that were both enjoyed and appreciated.

Thanks also go to our local PCSOs, **Lee and Joanna**, along with the crew and engine from **Newbury Fire Station** for coming along for the day. The children were delighted that the firemen teamed up to join in with our egg throwing competition! We hope they come back next year for a rematch against our reigning year-6 champions.



Thank you also to **Ruth from Priscilla's Kitchen** in East Garston, who was our guest judge for our *Bake-Off Competition*, along with our Chair of Governors **Jim Hazlewood**. Both were impressed by the high standard of bakes from both children and parents.



We are delighted to announce that our fete fundraising total was **£2293.46! Thank You** to all who attended our fete and helped us reach such a super total!

This allowed the PTFA to fully fund the whole school trip to Avon Beach on Tuesday 23rd July with an added treat of an ice cream for each child when they were there.

The PTFA's hard work didn't stop at the fete! At the school's sports day on Thursday 11th July, we provided fresh fruit for an energising morning snack for the children, cakes for the parents' lunchtime picnic. And ice pops for a treat after the races had been run.

We then presented our headteacher **Alison Stephenson** with a bouquet of flowers in thanks for her hard work and commitment to the school over the last ten



years. Mrs Stephenson will be taking a sabbatical next year and the PTFA, parents, and children **Thank Her** for everything she has done for the school.

Our final event of the year was the School Disco and Leavers' Ball on Friday 19th July! DJ Karl provided the music for lots of fun and dancing, alongside the PTFA who ran the tuck shop for the children along with fruit and drinks.

What a great couple of months it has been!

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COMING UP IN AUGUST...



BEER FESTIVAL – THIS SATURDAY

This Saturday (from 4pm) is our Beer Festival. Kevin from *Indigenous Brewery* is joining us with a pop-up bar in the garden and showcasing some of his fantastic ales! But if beer isn't your thing, do not worry... we also have a gin & prosecco bar available – there is something for everyone. With live music from Josh Smith, and some yummy BBQ food, it is set to be a good day. If you'd like to reserve your friends and family a picnic bench in the garden, please get in touch ASAP. Don't forget your four-legged friends can come too as we are totally dog-friendly!

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY – TAPAS

Back by popular demand is our Bank Holiday Tapas. From Friday 23rd to Monday 26th August we will have a special Tapas menu on offer similar to what we did last August. Whether is a light bite with your pint, or a feast with your family, Tapas is perfect for any occasion (especially if we are graced with some more warm weather...)



SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER – BINGO

We are changing things up at The Ibex! Introducing Ibex Bingo! Hosted by *Mark Slade* on **Sunday 8th September from 5pm**. We're really looking forward to this one!

SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER – HARVEST AUCTION 2024

The Old Gits have begun their organising of the annual Harvest Auction. It's always a great evening of entertainment and we hope that this year is no different. If you have anything you'd like to donate for auction, please contact *Chris Terrett* 07885880540 or *Gary Pounds* on 07799190885.



We are hiring! Some of our fantastic Ibex team are heading off to university in September (don't worry, we hope they will be returning in their breaks!). But it means we have some positions to fill. We are looking for **permanent** and **full-time** front of house and housekeeping. Please do get in touch if you, or anyone you know, would fit into our team well! **01488639052** bookings@theibexinn.com or pop in and speak to a member of staff!

Thanks, as always! Gavin and The Ibex Team



A round up of some fantastic events...

We extend a warm thank you to all who joined us for the memorable village D-Day anniversary celebrations. **Reverend Mike** kicked off the three-day event where he delivered a touching service at the war memorial, leading into a spirited procession up to Heads Farm guided by Mike on the drum and **Alistair Graham-Campbell** with his magnificent piping. The turnout was incredible, creating an atmosphere that was palpable for all in attendance, including village residents, Cubs, and school children from the neighbouring villages.

Special thanks to **Andrew Burfoot** for organising a captivating sound installation along the drive towards the beacon site, featuring snippets from interviews of the time. The procession continued through the grounds, eventually reaching the beacon site bustling with people enjoying their picnics. A heartfelt appreciation to RAF Welford for their extensive display of captivating stories, vehicles, and uniforms that enthralled both young and old alike.

The entertainment continues with the lively **Garston Gallopers** and an amazing swing band, inspiring onlookers to showcase some of the best dance moves Chaddleshworth has ever seen! Just before the beacon as lit, amidst the festivities and perhaps disregarding a few health and safety protocols, **Peter Hambro** took to the skies to express his gratitude and share poignant stories of family members involved in

the D-Day landings. The evening finished with a successful beacon lighting, a few more drinks, and a bit more dancing! We really hope that everyone who attending enjoyed their evening!

Moving onto Chaddleshworth Fete...

We were treated to yet another wonderful day surrounded by friends and family. Despite a few early showers during setup which raised some doubts, the sun graciously made its appearance just in time for us to welcome everyone through the doors. From stalls offering homemade treats and crafts, to the quintessential brass band playing some classic hits, to the bar and BBQ keeping everyone refreshed, the fete was a true showcase of the community spirit that thrives within our village.

As a committee, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers, stall holders, performers, and attendees who all contributed to the success of the fete. The dedication and support are what makes any event in the village truly special and memorable.





There is a long list of people to thank for putting this event together. **Brian & Dave** for stepping in to man the bar, and it was a great surprise for people to see **Nathan De Souza** behind the BBQ alongside **The Beards**. As always, thanks to **Mark Slade** for hosting the event and giving out announcements throughout the day. We had some generous donations to our raffle, bottle stall, and silent auction from local businesses too. To every other volunteer that helped and gave up their time, to other stall holders, to the brass band, **Thank You**. The day really was a true celebration of all that makes our village a wonderful place to call home.



A busy month...

The recent Open Gardens event was a delightful showcase of the stunning landscapes and floral wonders within our village. Visitors had the opportunity to wander through an array of meticulously tended gardens, each offering its unique charm and beauty. From vibrant blooms to tranquil hidden corners, the event provided a refreshing escape into nature. Thank you to all the gardeners to generously shared their green spaces, making it a blooming success for all to enjoy!



From the Chairman...

I would like to express my thanks to each and every member of our hardworking committee who dedicate their time and effort to bring our village events to life. The behind-the-scenes work that goes into organising these events is often unnoticed, so I want to take this moment to extend my sincerest thanks to each committee member for their dedication and commitment.

Help for Heroes

A gentle reminder that 50% of all profits made by the committee for 2024 is being donated to Help for Heroes.



Think you can help? If you are interested in joining the committee, please get in touch with **Tish 07795840489**. Meetings are monthly on either Monday or Thursday evenings.



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



West Downland Benefice

The Church of England in Brighton & Coombe, Chaddleshall, Farley, Great Shelford & Shelford, Woodlands, Leathemstrey and Welham & Wickham.

Dear Friends,

On the 6th June, the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, hundreds of people (including school children, Beavers and Cubs) gathered at the memorial in Chaddleworth for an act of remembrance. It was moving and poignant. This was followed by a Pipe and Drum-led march up to Heads Farm for a community picnic with live music and dancing. People travelled from all around to participate.

I was blown away by the number of people who gathered! I had only printed 40 orders of service and apparently 167 people marched and that doesn't include all the people who took the shuttle bus or made their own way up in a car. If you have not seen the video that was expertly put together you can see it on our instagram [instagram.com/westdownland](https://www.instagram.com/westdownland)

Why am I mentioning this? Well, the overriding theme of the comments that I heard about the event can be summed up in one word '**Community**'. That is the original definition of the word "Church".

We are blessed with beautiful church buildings across the West Downland Benefice. Each unique and lovingly cared for by hardworking and generous individuals in each village and there will always be a need for more help and support. But we do this because our church buildings are places where the community gathers. Those communities

are not confined to the buildings. We are living out our values of People, Place and Purpose in all that we do, wherever we find ourselves. It is my prayer that everyone who lives in this benefice will encounter the church as a broad, inclusive, vibrant and eclectic community that everyone is welcome to be part of. Do let me know how we are getting on!



These past few weeks have seemed like a whirlwind of meetings, services, productions, assemblies and general end-of-year excitement in the three schools in the West Downland Benefice. Into that mix, I have also been to the Isle of Wight with a previous school as I had committed to be one of the leaders on their Year 6 (end of primary school) residential trip to the PGL adventure site there.

When we gathered in the Red Funnel Ferry Terminal in Southampton to begin the trip, I was presented with my very own 'Leavers Hoodie' as I too was one of the people who left that particular community in 2024!

It reminded me of a line from one of my favourite books (*Only Forward*, by Michael Marshall Smith) that goes something like this: *"Everything you've*



seen, everything you've done, everything you've become remains. You can never go back, only forward..."

I put that to one of the schools recently in one of our assemblies and asked them to reflect on what it might mean to them. All of the children spoke in terms of letting go of past mistakes and trying to make the best of the future. That surprised me a little as I usually think about that line as building on all that we have done as we move forwards towards a brighter tomorrow. I wonder what it means to you?

In Matthew 6:34, we read how Jesus says to his disciples: *"Give your attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes."* As we enter a time of rest in our year, when many may be heading off on holiday or taking a break from their regular activities, let us try to enjoy all that our wonderful surroundings have to offer us in the here and now so that we are ready to step into the next bit of the adventure together in September. Happy Holidays all!

Rev Mike
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Chaddleworth Village Hall

Recently, Chaddleworth Village Hall has been hired for several parties and local meetings. The Hall's car park has also been borrowed often to support nearby events.

If you would like to utilise the Hall or assist with the care and maintenance of it, please contact us via ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com

Chaddleworth 100 Club

The latest winners of the 100 Club draw for June are **Judy Kelly** with her lucky number 46 and **Chris Edge** with his lucky number 74. The winners for July with his lucky number 39 are **Chris Bourne** and **Pete Ireland** with his lucky number 70. They all win **£43**. We are currently at 86 Members so thank you one and all. It would be nice to have 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.

The 100 Club is a vital source of income for the Village Hall. It is really worthwhile being a Member to keep the Village Hall going and I implore every villager to join. The Village Hall Committee have a programme of improvements in the coming year that need financing and the 100 Club will support this (currently there is £524 that can be spent). Please contact Grahame Murphy on **638628** or email botmoorway@btinternet.com

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!

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 August** to consider applications including any relating to the additional costs of home-schooling and remote study for students. Previous contributions have been made towards the cost of school uniforms, books for university courses, specific equipment and kit for courses, and residential courses.

If you wish to apply for funds please contact the Foundation's Clerk, **Heather Murphy**, Tower Hill Cottage, Botmoor Way, Chaddleworth RG20 7EU or email botmoorway@btinternet.com for an application form. All applications are treated in the strictest confidence. Any applications received after this scheduled meeting will still be considered for awards by the Trustees but there may be a delay before awards are made.

Chaddleworth 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

July has been a busy month for us with events! This month gone you may have seen us at *Lambourn Vintage Machinery* and *Shaw House Summer Fair* running the dog shows.

We are so excited to be attending **Newbury Show** in September and we look forward to meeting new faces and saying **HELLO** to long-time supporters. If you are going along that weekend, please do pop over to our stand!



In July we got to see some fabulous faces come and go including the incredible *Smudge* who has been in our care for months. Unfortunately, Smudge's last owner passed away and he was kept in a boarding cattery for 6 months before coming to our rescue. It has been a very long year for Smudge, but we are so excited to say he officially has found his *fur-ever* home and is settling in so well! His new family are so excited about his progress and how quickly he has come out of his shell.

Still on the hunt for their fur-ever home is **Bertie**, an olde English Bulldog. Bertie hasn't had the easiest start to life, but he is determined to find his people. Bertie is an absolute sweetheart who just wants someone who will make him his whole world. If Bertie sounds like he could be of interest to you,

check out his profile on our website at www.nawt.org.uk/rehoming/

Bertie is also one of the dogs that has recently undergone *BOAS* surgery, which is an operation to help *Brachycephalic* or "flat-faced" breeds to breathe easy. We are currently running a fundraising campaign to help us raise back the unexpected costs of the surgeries. As a charity, we would never allow an animal to suffer and for way Bertie his past suffering is unacceptable. We are doing everything we can to help by getting him this surgery. However, this has put a significant strain on our resources and we are appealing for our supporters help to recover the unexpected fees. If you would like to help contribute towards Bertie's needed surgery, please do so here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/howcanwebreathewithoutyou>

Alternatively, please share Bertie's story to help. Thank you for all your support.

As always, don't forget to follow us on Facebook ([@nawt.berkshire](https://www.facebook.com/nawt.berkshire)) and Instagram ([@nawtberkshire](https://www.instagram.com/nawtberkshire)) to stay up to date on all our latest news.

Molly Hall



Chaddleworth Cricket Club



With being about halfway through the season, the team at Chaddleworth Cricket Club are working hard to make this a season to remember! Here's a roundup of the last few months...

MATCH REPORTS

19th May - Purley on Thames (A) - LOST
Purley batted 311 but sadly it was all over and out for Chaddleworth at just 80 runs

2nd June - Boxford (A) - LOST

9th June - Peasemore (H) - WON

23rd June - Wantage & Grove (A) - LOST

27th June - Leg Rovers (H) - WON,
Chaddleworth stole a win from the Leg Rovers in the final over

7th July - Letcombe Regis (A) - LOST, a
35 over game with Letcombe taking the win with 229 for 5 against Chad's 180 for 7

12th July - Boxford (H) - WON Boxford
batted bravely with 125 off 20 overs but they were no match for Chaddleworth who clinched the win with 6 overs to spare.



7th June - VILLAGE GAME

We had a fantastic turn out for the Cricket Club vs The Village game as part of the D-Day programme of events. It was great to see the villagers joining in and to have so many supporters on the side-lines cheering them on. The Village team won the game with 114 runs vs 92, well done!

29th June - SEATTLE CUP

Another year, another successful Seattle Cup all thanks to the Mills family. **Joe, Jacqui & Tony** generously donate so much of their time & money to the Club all year round and especially for the Seattle



Cup where they provided all the refreshments including a delicious BBQ!

We raised a whopping **£500** which is vital to keeping our Club going and this latest amount will go towards some much-needed pavilion maintenance.

Four teams battled it out over a gloriously sunny afternoon, but it was **Ed Pocock's** team that won the competition, with **Charlie Smith's** team coming in a strong second. Well done Ed & team! Thank you to everyone who attended, participated in, and supported the event.

30th June – Chairman's XI

The Chairman managed to rustle up a 'rag, tag and bobtail team to face the mighty Chaddleworth young 'bucks'. One in his eighth decade another with 2 replacement knees and the rest very rusty although we were fortunate to have young Ben and Robin to 'start the ball rolling'. The two 'ringers' who might have saved us were at Glastonbury to watch their mother perform so they were forgiven for not attending. The game was played in good spirit and although we put up as good a performance as possible, we were thrashed.

After the match we adjourned to The Ibox to watch 'Southgate's' eleven pull the rabbit out of the hat and win taking us through to the semi-final of the Euro Cup beating Slovakia 2 goals to one after extra time. Thank you to everyone who took part especially **Paul Kavanagh**, **Tony Mills** and **Chris Jones** who came from afar. I am still nursing a strained groin and I think this may have been my last hurrah!

Grahame Murphy

COMING UP in August & Sept...

We have lots of home games coming up over the next few months and we'd love your support. Take a wander up to our beautiful grounds at Heads Farm, relax, enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake and cheer on Chaddleworth CC. A perfect Sunday afternoon!

Upcoming home games:

4th August – Chieveley

11th August – Aldworth

1st September – Twyford & Ruscombe

8th September – Stroke Makers

15th September – West Isley

21st September – we are teaming up with the **Chaddleworth & Shefford PTFA** to bring you a fun, family-friendly cricket event! Keep an eye on our Facebook pages for more details.

As ever, a huge thank you to all supporters of Chaddleworth Cricket Club and your generous donations that help us to maintain the pavilion & grounds and put on events for the village. We've been working hard this summer to put in new fencing around the pitch, pavilion, and a new car parking area. Our next task is to give the pavilion some much needed repairs and a shiny new coat of paint!





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