

February 2025

# Chaddleworth News

## In this new edition...

- ✓ Please read about The *Cred1 Warriors* and support them especially at the **Chaddleworth Tea and Cake** event and via the **Chaddleworth Entertainments** events throughout this year.
- ✓ We have reports from the Terrier Race(s) and Sloely Gin Cup,
- ✓ the latest Chaddleworth Village Hall 100 Club winners,
- ✓ updates from Chaddleworth Entertainments and The Ixex Inn – with a special **25%-off voucher** enclosed!
- ✓ ...and plenty more information about our local schools, church, groups, charities, businesses, and West Berkshire Council.

Please provide your letters, suggestions and contributions for the next, April edition by 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Thank you, go well and Happy New Year too!  
**Ed.**

## Tea and Cake!

Come and join us for  
tea and cake  
on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
in **Chaddleworth Village Hall**  
from **2:30 to 4 pm**

We are raising money for the ***Cred1 Warriors*** charity to support research into this vital organisation dedicated to research and support for children affected by Cred1.

Read more about this rare genetic disorder and the story from Gus, Sophie and Oli of Chaddleworth on the next page.

There will be a cake stall and a raffle, and some games and fun for younger ones.

Prizes for Raffle and Cakes for tea would be appreciated via Phyllis Bibbins, Monk Orchard, Main Street, telephone 01488 639488 or 07962 457458



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## Oli for Creld1 Warriors

Oli successfully completed his incredible challenge of running 7 marathons in 7 days from Chaddleworth on 15<sup>th</sup> December for Creld1.

It was a massive challenge, but Oli powered through. Despite his knee giving way early on, nothing could stop him from finishing the challenge.

Through his relentless determination, Oli managed to raise just over an astounding **£60,000**. This funding has already allowed vital research to begin, which brings us one step closer to understanding the gene mutation that causes Creld1, and hopefully, one day, finding a treatment for our brave warriors.



Creld1 is a newly discovered genetic disorder that impacts the development and function of multiple organ systems. Children with Creld1 often face severe health complications, including heart defects, immune dysfunction, and neurological issues, and severe seizures. Tragically, many of these children don't survive beyond early childhood due to the relentless nature of the condition.



Angus was diagnosed with this rare disorder last summer. It was an incredibly frightening and uncertain time for us, but through connecting with other Creld1 warriors and their families, we found hope. And this is why we are committed to doing all we can to help.

We don't know what the future holds for Angus but what we do know is we will do everything we can to help him.

If you'd like to donate, please visit the Cred1 Warriors website at [www.cred1.com](http://www.cred1.com), or search for Cred1 Warriors on JustGiving.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us on this journey.

We live just at the bottom of Chaddleworth.

With love, **Sophie, Oli, and Angus**  
**XX**

[www.justgiving.com/page/cred1-7in7](http://www.justgiving.com/page/cred1-7in7)



# Community Plan 2025

## A Fresh Vision for Chaddleworth: Our Community (aka Parish) Plan

It's time to shape the future of our village! After more than a decade, Chaddleworth is creating a new Community Plan – our shared vision for the next five years. This vital blueprint will capture what matters most to you, from improving recreational spaces to enhancing village activities and everything in between.

## What Could Change?

Your input could influence various aspects of village life, for example:

- Better broadband connectivity
- Traffic calming measures
- New youth programs
- Protection of our cherished countryside
- Enhanced walking and cycling routes

Join us in creating a stronger, more vibrant Chaddleworth that reflects all our aspirations!

## Why It Matters

A Community Plan gives us real power to shape Chaddleworth's future. It provides documented evidence of our priorities, often leads to increased community involvement, and helps West Berkshire Council make informed decisions about local services and amenities. Importantly, it can also unlock grant funding opportunities for village projects.

## Timeline: Making It Happen

We want to complete this activity in 2025, with the following rough timeline:

- February/March: Form the steering committee
- April: Community Launch Event
- May: Survey development
- June: Survey Launch at the Village Fete
- October: Present draft plan and actions
- November: Formal approval and funding application

**Volunteers Needed:** We need YOU to help shape our village's next chapter! Whether you can spare a few hours to help with our community survey or can help on the committee, every helping hand makes a difference.

Ready to get involved? Please contact me at [piers.king@gmail.com](mailto:piers.king@gmail.com) and let's make Chaddleworth even better together!

## Letters

**Thank You:** I would like to thank all the volunteers who gave up their time to organise the events we all enjoyed over Christmas and New Year.

We do not take their efforts for granted – far from it. *Michael Pooley*

### **Newbury Weekly News Over 80's**

**Parcel Fund:** For a number of year's I have been the local distributor of these welcome Christmas Parcels. My difficulty is not missing anyone out so I need to be told when people reach the age of 80. So would anyone aware of when a parishioner reaches that age please let me know? As you can imagine it is embarrassing for me to ask so I need to rely on the 'grapevine'.

*Grahame Murphy*



**North Wessex  
Downs  
National  
Landscape**

In addition to our many walks local to Chaddleworth, we have four new walking routes on our website. Two short walks – Lardon Chase (2 miles) and The Holies (3 miles) – near Streatley can be combined to create a longer figure-of-eight route taking in woodland, chalk downland and gorgeous views. Head a little further north to Dorchester on Thames for another figure-of-eight walk (5 miles) that takes you to Wittenham Clumps and the iron age hill fort there. Finally, head south into Hampshire to visit another hill fort at Ladle Hill - the highpoint of a varied 4-mile walk

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

## The Sloely Cup

It was lovely to welcome five entrants to this year's sloe gin competition: **Alan, Michael, Charlie, Chris, and Shane**. The gins were judged in a blind taste test by the entrants themselves, who scored each one on qualities such as clarity, warmth, and overall taste.



Once the scores were tallied, the winner was revealed... congratulations to **Charlie Smith!** Charlie reclaimed the cup after Shane's victory last year, marking his third win in the competition. We look forward to seeing what next year's contest brings!





## Chaddleshworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

(Registered Charity 1190914)

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break! The PTFA were happy to welcome everyone back to school and start our spring term fundraising with a **House bake sale competition**. The three school houses (Anvil, Arlington and Watermill) will be bringing in cakes and bakes this term, and competing to raise the most money possible through after school bake sales.

We are all working together to raise funds for cooking appliances, such as electric hobs and air fryers, for the children to use in cookery lessons.



The winning house will be announced during assembly and the children will receive a break time reward for their fundraising efforts.

**Well Done to Anvil house** who held the first bake sale and raised a super total! We enjoyed and appreciated all your bakes.

If you would like to help us reach our target, please scan the QR code to make a donation:



Our PTFA 2025 calendar has already started filling up with events:

- ❖ Arlington house bake sale - Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb
- ❖ School Movie Night - Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb
- ❖ Watermill house bake sale - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb
- ❖ Non-school uniform day - Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Mar
- ❖ Mother's Day Gift Market - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar
- ❖ School Easter peg hunt - Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Apr
- ❖ Great Shefford Village Easter Holidays Trail
- ❖ Bags2school collection - Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Apr

We have lots of second-hand school uniform in our PTFA store. All items have been washed, packaged and labelled, ready for new owners to make good use of them. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the PTFA team at [chad\\_shefford\\_ptfa@mail.com](mailto:chad_shefford_ptfa@mail.com) if you are in need of uniform and would like to browse our selection. We have stock in most sizes from age 2-3years up to adult sizes, including jumpers, cardigans, trousers, skirts, dresses, PE kits, and even shoes. All sales are by donation, with a suggested cost of **£1 per item**.

**Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30pm at the Queen's Arms in East Garston. All are welcome.**

Thank you for your continued support!

Best wishes from **Kathryn, Charlotte and the PTFA team**



## Great Shefford Under Fives

Our “drop in” Monday **Baby & Toddler Group**, run by Debbie and Kathryn, has been busy with many new parents, carers and their very young children. This runs on Monday mornings from 9.30 – 11am for £3 including refreshments for all so please come along with your little ones.



At **Pre-School** the children are learning about the wintery weather, birds and how to care for them, plus enjoying great outdoor learning. They have made bird feeders from recycled cartons and pots, filled with lard and bird seed. One family has already sent in a photo from their garden of the small birds enjoying the treat.

We have recited the rhyme, “*The North Wind doth Blow*” and made barns and robins in our junk modelling.

Last week, everyone was very excited to be outside in the frosty weather; we raced across the fields and stomped through the frozen long grass.

This week, there is mud which made for a fun and messy walk to the trees! We looked inside the church at the Nativity



scenes which stay there till Candlemass and spent afternoons at the park.

We do have Pre-School spaces in September so if you would like to know a little more about what we can offer your pre-school child, please do get in touch or look at our website.

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



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

## Federated Primary Schools

Happy New Year from everyone from Chaddleworth and Shefford Primary Schools!

Let us first share some news from our Christmas festivities...

### The First Christmas Story

We are all so incredibly proud of our children and their presentation of the Christmas story to you, and all our visitors. I'm sure everyone who had the opportunity to join our audiences would agree that the children's stage presence, spoken word, acting and singing was just magical!



The songs from the nativity performances were recorded and edited by **4legsradio** and can be heard again anytime go to [www.mixcloud.com/4legsradio](http://www.mixcloud.com/4legsradio) – scroll down the show list to find *Chris and Penny's Christmas Show* on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The show is 3 hours long so you will need to forward 2 hours into the show!

### Pantomime trip

A huge **THANK YOU** again, to our PTFA whose fundraising enabled the whole school to travel to, and enjoy, the 'Cinderella' pantomime at The Hexagon theatre in Reading. We really were...

*'living life in all its fullness'*

...with smiles, singing, laughter and just a touch of dancing too!

### Our Christmas Church Service

Thank you to all our Governors, family and friends that joined us on Wednesday at St Mary's Church, with *Reverend Mike*. It truly was a magical service that reminded us all of the first Christmas story, complimented with carols and poetry too.



### Christmas Lunch

Another heart warming community celebration of Christmas time in school was our Christmas Lunch, with all the trimmings! Well done to all the kitchen, and waiting staff who made the children's lunch time so special. Another 'thank you' to *Mrs Bell* who made our beautiful hall decorations!

### A Special Visitor





We were so lucky he could fit us in to his busy schedule! As Santa himself popped in to deliver every a special gift for every child!

...and second as we step into 2025 share our latest news...

### **Our Christian Values**

Our Christian Values 'Tree of Life' is bursting with leaves representing the values of 'community' and 'compassion' we've seen in school from terms 1 and 2! Term 3 brings us to focus on 'courage'.



We began the week with our whole school worship to think about what courage means to us. We shared words to

describe our understanding of 'being brave', 'trying our best', 'keeping going even if it's tricky'.

Our text challenged us to spot the courage in the story of, 'What we'll build' written by *Oliver Jeffers*. We were able to identify lots of moments of courage, such as: saying sorry when we've made a mistake, building something new, trusting someone else, going to somewhere unknown and leaving precious belongings somewhere safe.

Our blue leaves are ready to share with children and adults when we spot moments of the Christian value of courage in and around school!

### **Winter Weather!**

The temperatures have dropped and the snow started to flutter! We've finished the week at  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  with ice and chilly toes!



However, this cold weather gave opportunity for snow angels, spotting footprints, ice drawing and even a small snow man!

**Ms Munday, Acting Headteacher**  
[www.csfschools.org](http://www.csfschools.org)

## The Ibx Inn

01488 639052

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



### SIX NATIONS AT THE IBEX!

The Six Nations is back, and rugby fans from across the whole of Chaddleworth and beyond are gearing up for an action-packed tournament! We will be showing every single game of the competition, so we look forward to seeing you!

### VALENTINE'S DAY

Book you and your loved one a table before Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February to receive a glass of bubbles on arrival on the house! Drop us an email on [bookings@theibexinn.com](mailto:bookings@theibexinn.com) or ring 01488639052.

### BINGO NIGHT – 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

A Sunday afternoon of fun, bingo, and hopefully some big wins! Whether you're a seasoned pro or just fancy a fun night out, everyone is welcome! Bingo from 5pm, but we recommend coming a bit earlier if you're looking to dine with us!

### LIVE MUSIC – 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

After an afternoon of Six Nations games (Wales v. Ireland 2:15pm, England v. Scotland 4:45pm) we will be hosting some live music! The perfect way to end the Saturday.



Come along to try 5 different Irish whiskeys for only **£20**. There is also the option to enjoy the whiskeys alongside our favourite Steak & Guinness Pie for **£34.95**. All day on *Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March!*



### RACE NIGHT

IN AID OF ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Our Race Night returns on *Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 8pm* – place your bets and cheer on your horses! With great prizes to be won and plenty of liquid refreshments on offer, you can't miss it! All proceeds from the race night packs with go to *Alzheimer's Society*, so come along and support a great cause while having a fantastic night!



Treat the mums in your life in style! Plus, every mum gets a glass of bubbles on arrival! £10 deposit required per person which can be paid over the phone or in person. Booking is essential to avoid disappointment.

P.S. Please note we are currently closed on Mondays.

**ENJOY 25% OFF YOUR NEXT BILL! Find your voucher within this edition of the Chad News and bring it along on your next visit!**

# Chaddleworth Cricket Club



## AGM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Summing up this season we had a nearly full book of games and some welcome extra September games but following a familiar trend, particularly this year the good old British weather thwarted us on several occasions.

I wanted to mention the great success of the Seattle Cup that tends to bond the club so well!

The ground was well tended with the usual loving care courtesy of *Mr Mills Snr* and his assistant *Mr Doncaster* with the occasional help of *Mr Mills Jnr*, *Neil Bailey* and particularly *Ben Barrett*. We now have wire netting around the troublesome boundaries where we used to lose so much time retrieving lost balls.

The inside decoration was refreshed, and a great job was made of it by members of the team.

I would like to thank all the ladies who provide the teas and for their invaluable service for which they are not thanked enough. They are in no particular order: *Jean, Ashleigh, Rosie, Holly, Tish, Izzy, Jacqui, and Heather* for the cakes.

I would also like to thank all the Life Vice Presidents and the Vice Presidents who have been very generous in their support of the club of the years. I note that we have a new Life Vice President *Pip Pocock*. We also have a new VP and sponsor in *Kevin Brady*.

I also thank our secretary Rosie for all her hard work and organisational skills. If I have forgotten anyone please accept my apologies.

**Grahame Murphy, Chairman**



CHADDEWORTH CRICKET CLUB  
**SIX-A-SIDE**  
COMPETITION 2025

**SUNDAY 25TH MAY**  
9AM START

**£35 PER TEAM**  
**TO ENTER**

FOOD & BEVERAGES WILL BE  
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

**WINNING TEAM**  
**WILL WIN A**  
**CASH PRIZE**

CONTACT  
CHADDEWORTHCRIKETCLUB@GMAIL.COM  
FOR MORE INFO

## HOME FIXTURES

25<sup>th</sup> May – Sixes Competition – 9am

22<sup>nd</sup> June – Wantage & Grove – 2pm

26<sup>th</sup> June – Leg Rovers – 6pm

28<sup>th</sup> June – Seattle Cup – 1pm

29<sup>th</sup> June – Ed's XI – 1pm

13<sup>th</sup> July – Inkpen – 2pm

20<sup>th</sup> July – Gentlemen of West London – 1pm

27<sup>th</sup> July – Binfield – 1pm

3<sup>rd</sup> August – Chieveley – 1:30pm

31<sup>st</sup> August – Twyford & Ruscombe – 1pm

7<sup>th</sup> September – Stroke Makers – 1pm

14<sup>th</sup> September – West Isley – 1pm

## How can you support the team?

You can join the team, become a non-playing member, or give a one-off donation to the club.

Contact [chaddleworthcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:chaddleworthcricketclub@gmail.com)  
for more information

## THE YEAR OF 2024

What an incredible year 2024 has been for the Entertainments Committee! We're thrilled to announce that plans for 2025 are already in full swing, including preparations for the village Fete. Be sure to save the date: *Saturday 21st June 2025*.

As many of you may remember, we pledged to donate 50% of 2024's profits to *Help for Heroes* in honour of the D-Day anniversary. Thanks to the amazing support from the village, we're delighted to share that we have donated an incredible **£1,000!** This wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of everyone who attended and supported our events—thank you all so much!

Looking ahead to 2025 we hope to end the year with another donation, this time to *Creld 1 Warriors* who you may have read about in this edition – or previous editions – of Chaddleworth News.

We have lots of plans for the coming year, including upgrading some of our equipment, such as our well-loved gazebos that will all be helpful in bringing more events to Chaddleworth.

### CHADDLEWORTH CINEMA NIGHT...

We are in the middle of organising our next cinema night at Chaddleworth Village Hall, but have you got any thoughts as to what we show?

Please email [entertainment@chaddleworth.net](mailto:entertainment@chaddleworth.net) with your suggestions!

## WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

We have lots of great ideas to bring to the village in 2025, but we can't do it without a few more pairs of hands on board.

### EVENTS COMING UP IN 2025

- CINEMA NIGHTS
- BEACON
- FETE
- FUN RUN
- CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

If you have a few hours to spare, your involvement can help us plan and deliver some fantastic events.

If you feel that you cannot commit to the meetings and planning but are keen to volunteer on the day of an event, please do also get in touch!

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in joining our committee please get in touch at [entertainment@chaddleworth.net](mailto:entertainment@chaddleworth.net)



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be taking place the morning of *Easter Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April* from

*11:30am*. Meet at the Walled Garden of St. Andrews Church and follow the signs! Free for all to attend – there will of course be plenty of yummy Easter Eggs up for grabs!

## 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.

Dear Friends,

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February** is known as Candlemas in the Church. It is the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple – 40 days after Christmas. Marks the end of the Christmas season and is the service where we are each given our own candle to carry with us on our journey through this year. Reminding us that Jesus is the Light of the World. That the Light always shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot put it out. This year we will be celebrating Candlemas at **9am in Fawley, 10:30am in Great Shefford and 4pm in Leckhampstead and all are welcome!**



It also marks one year since my first Sunday in the Benefice.

One Whole Actual Year!!!! It's amazing!

There is so much to be thankful for from this past year. The welcome I have received in the churches and communities of the villages in the West Downland Benefice; the incredible and memorable services and events; The times in celebration, learning and discovery in the three different schools.

I have really enjoyed my time here so far and am excited for all that we will do together over the coming days and weeks and months.

Our theme in the churches for this last year has been "**Come and See**". That invitation is open to all, at any time.

If there is anything anyone would like to chat with me about, or pray about, or look at in the churches, please do just ask.

I am also really keen to get to know you all better. Do please sign up for the Supper Clubs that run in the rectory on a Tuesday night. Take a look at [www.westdownland.co.uk/WhatsOn](http://www.westdownland.co.uk/WhatsOn) for more information. These will return in the spring and everyone is welcome. I hope to see you there!

With my love and prayers,

Rev Mike  
x



## Chaddleworth Village Hall

The latest winners of the 100 Club draw for December are **Maggie Hedges** with her lucky number 36 and **Nicola Cathcart** with her lucky number 59. **They win £40.** The winners for January are **Cynthia Jordan** with her lucky number 5 and **Ray Doncaster** with his lucky number 61. They both win **£37.**

As you can see the Membership is dropping due to death and people leaving the village. We are now at 74 Members so we need more people to join to boost the numbers. 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.

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 these.

If you would like to utilise the Hall, become a trustee or assist with the care and maintenance of it, please contact us via [ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com](mailto:ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com)

### How do I join the 100 Club?

It has been pointed out to me that a mention of Newbury Building Society needs to be included in the following instructions.

Here's what you do if you "internet bank", 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 [courtminstrel@outlook.com](mailto:courtminstrel@outlook.com) to get your allocated lucky number!

**PLEASE NOTE: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

**Cleaner Wanted:** For Chaddleworth Village Hall, 2 hours every 2 weeks, £12/hour, over 18 years old only. A quiet job in a lovely location. All equipment provided. Please contact us

on **07827 309401**

or [ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com](mailto:ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com)

## NAWT Trindledown

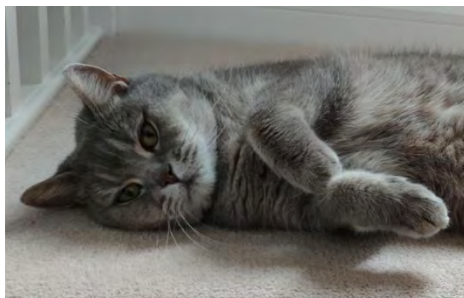
Happy 2025! We hope you had an amazing New Year and are staying cozy this winter! We've got lots of exciting plans brewing behind the scenes for a year packed with fun events just for you!



To kick things off, we're thrilled to announce a **mini-Valentine's Day auction** happening soon in our FB group, **Trindledown Treasures**. It's the perfect chance to find a gift for someone special in your life!



Also coming up is our beloved **Valentine's Day sponsorship**. For £15 you sponsor the animal of your choice and receive an e-card back from them this Valentine's Day! More details soon on our social media pages! If interested, please email our fundraising officer at [m.hall@nawt.org.uk](mailto:m.hall@nawt.org.uk) or call us on **01488 638584** for more information.



We have said goodbye to some very lovely faces including the wonderful Buddy the cat, who had unfortunately lost his previous owner. After some time spent in a home with one of our fantastic fosters, Buddy was soon able to go off to his forever home, where he is now living his absolute best life.



Still waiting for their forever home is Rubble, a 7-month-old Mini lop rabbit. Rubble is hoping to find a loving home, hopefully with another rabbit, where he will have access to the outdoors in warmer months. If you think Rubble could be the rabbit for you, check out his profile on our website at [www.nawt.org.uk/rehoming/](http://www.nawt.org.uk/rehoming/)

Thank you again to everyone for your continued support in 2024!

As always, don't forget to follow us on

Facebook [@nawt.berkshire](https://www.facebook.com/nawt.berkshire)

Instagram [@nawtberkshire](https://www.instagram.com/nawtberkshire)

Web [www.nawt.org.uk/rehoming/](http://www.nawt.org.uk/rehoming/)

to stay up to date on all our latest news.

**Molly Hall**

## Chaddleworth Parish Council

Chaddleworth Parish Council meets every other month with the next regular meeting on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 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)

## Councillor Sought...

*Are you passionate about our parish? Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? 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**

email [chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com](mailto:chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com)  
or SMS/call **07827 309401**

The regular Downlands Ward Councillor's Report is available via West Berkshire:

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

Kind regards, **Councillor Clive Hooker**

## Chaddleworth Wednesday Club

**Join the Wednesday Club at the Ibex Inn each Wednesday** for a social time with a complimentary hot drink and bowl of soup which are kindly funded by the *Chaddleworth Bakers Trust*.

## 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)

## 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 **6<sup>th</sup> February** 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@gmail.com](mailto:botmoorway@gmail.com) (Please Note: New Email Address) 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 but there may be a delay before awards are made.





## West Berkshire Council

### Shaw House Tudor Garden

We are very excited to share our plan to create a new Tudor Garden on the front lawns at Shaw House, with thanks to funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The garden will be created using a mix of low maintenance hedging, flowers and herbs to create a symmetrical design in the style of a Tudor knot garden (more detailed images available soon!). The fully accessible garden will also feature raised beds and seating to enjoys the views of Shaw House.

Landscape work is due to start on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January and our wonderful team of volunteers will then begin planting ready for public opening in Spring 2025.

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## Terrier Race 2024

What a fantastic day it was for the annual terrier race! Thankfully, the weather held off enough to keep us dry, and the excitement in the air was undeniable.



First up was the Open Race, and what an incredible contest it turned out to be! The dogs raced with such enthusiasm that it was nearly impossible to keep track of who was in the lead (especially with all the



black labradors!). In the end, it was a tight finish, but a big congratulations goes to **Henry**, owned by **Dan**, for clinching the victory.

Then came the Terrier Race and, as expected, it was full of classic terrier chaos! All the dogs burst off the starting line. But as they approached the finish, it was anyone's guess who would claim the top spot. There were plenty of distractions, including the lure wrapping around the cone, but amid the pandemonium **Beans** emerged victorious crossing the finish line in style and earning the title of champion.



A massive thank you to everyone who helped to put this event together – **Gary Pounds, Donald Heavon, Charlie Hadland, Rosie McDowell**, and everyone who we haven't mentioned. And a massive thank you to all of the entrants and their owners! Until 2025...

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