Cheddington Village Newsletter

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CRA NEWS

Daffodils. The CRA started planting daffodils at the Blenheim junction area in October 2001. Over the years we have also planted at the Old Allotments and along the village hall path.

Every year since 2001 we have added more bulbs, predominantly at Blenheim. One of us on the committee was sent each year to a garden centre to purchase the bulbs, including Peter Jay when he said he could get a "pensioners discount" on a Tuesday . Just by chance, one year he bought an early flowering variety, so when you see daffodils flowering in late December or early January, they are still these ones. The Parish Council has now also started to plant daffodils, some at the pavilion and some again at the Old Allotments. This year, between us we have planted another 1,000 bulbs, but as some of us doing the planting are now in our 70s or even 80s we perhaps wouldn't mind a bit of help next year. Offers would be appreciated, just contact the newsletter. Thank you.

Litter. More than two million pieces of litter are dropped in the UK each day, according to the charity Keep Britain Tidy and in 2023 to 24 councils spent almost a billion pounds cleaning up litter, or attempting to.

Against that background in early November just seven residents came along to help clear litter from the roads leading into and out of Cheddington. This is where the majority of the litter was collected from.

One Mentmore resident was among the seven and he picked litter along the road from Mentmore to the Blenheim roundabouts. His sacks, along with litter from within the village, and what was collected on the day, meant that in total we had 31 black sacks of rubbish which were stored at the Three Horseshoes before collection by the Buckinghamshire Council's contractor.

Thanks go to the parish council who provided the black sacks, to Jules and Michelle at the Three Horseshoes and to the volunteers. We will conduct another litter pick in five months time.

Over a million fly-tipping incidents are regularly recorded annually. At least that is one thing we seem to be free of recently in Cheddington.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The December Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm in The Pavilion, Cheddington Recreation Ground. For those residents who do not know, to find 'The Pavilion' just follow the path alongside the tennis courts until you reach the white building.

The Agenda will be posted on the Cheddington Parish

Council Facebook page, on the Cheddington.org website and on the Notice Board at The Green, with 3 clear days' notice before each the meeting. If you wish anything to be discussed at the meeting, please advise the Clerk well in advance of the Agenda being finalised.

The Parish Council carry out the day-to-day running of the village so if you have any queries please contact the Clerk, Roz Roberts on clerk@cheddington-pc.gov.uk or on 07885 442643 and leave a short message with your name and contact number.

Please note that all correspondence is emailed directly to all the Parish Councillors for comment or for their information.

PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE. Please note the aim of the Cheddington Parish Facebook page is to relay information to the residents of Cheddington. It is <u>not</u> a public forum page.

PLANNING MATTERS. As reported at the November PC meeting:

To Consider Applications Received via Bucks Council:

24/03073/APP – 3A Church Lane – Householder application for demolition of existing single storey rear bay window extension. Construction of single storey rear extension, loft conversion with double hip to gable roof extensions, rear dormer and front rooflights. Increase height of chimney and fenestration alterations – No Objection

24/03142/APP – 6 Town Farm – Householder application for single storey rear extension to existing garage – No Objection

To Receive Determinations by Bucks Council:

24/0222/AOP – Land Adj The Duke Of Wellington PH - Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access and layout for the erection of 9 dwellings with associated parking and access – Refused 09.10.24

Other Planning Matters

24/00667/APP – Cheddington Recreation Ground – Construction of MUGA sport ground with the inclusion of 4 floodlight columns at 8m high – Withdrawn by Parish Council 22.10.24

VANDALISM AT CHEDDINGTON RECREA-

TION GROUND. On the 25th of September the Parish Council notified residents on Facebook about mindless vandalism at the Recreation Ground. Unfortunately, more damage has been done to benches/signage and to top it all one of the Royal British Legion Tommys was stolen from the Old Allotments site we think on the Sunday evening/Monday morning after the village held it Remembrance Service. Disgraceful!

Yes, isolated incidents have happened in the past which

The next Residents' Association committee meeting will be on Wednesday 12th February at 7.15pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Please come along to tell us of any issues.

the Parish Council handyfolk have simply dealt with but because there seems to be a pattern, and significant damage has been done, the incidents have been reported to our local Thames Valley Police in Wing. Cheddington Neighbourhood Watch are also aware of these incidents. If the culprits are caught on the Pavilion CCTV (there is a clearly visible sign, showing that surveillance is taking place) the police WILL BE informed. Please mention this to anyone you know who might be up at the Recreation Ground. Also, the fact that any damage done has to be repaired, which means that these unnecessary repairs come out of your precept tax. Monies that might have been allocated for something else!

The PC is continuing to develop the Recreation Ground as a fun and welcoming place for the village. It is waiting to have 4 new picnic benches installed but if these get damaged it may have to reconsider further spending at the Rec.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY THANK YOU. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who organised and took part in the Cheddington Remembrance Day Service at The Green on Sunday 10th of November.

Naomi O'Neil for coordinating the arrangements for the Scouts parade, Cheddington Scouts, Revd Pam Reeves, the Choir, Cllr Alan Hollett for reading the Roll of Honour, Keith Malcolm and Mary Glendinning for sprucing up the Memorial, The Cheddington Yarn Bombers, Rachel Cousins for the letterbox topper and the W.I. for decorating the Green. It all looked fantastic.

Finally, thanks to the History Society for the display in the chapel which had information on the Cheddington men who are mentioned on the War Memorial.

It was lovely to see so many people in attendance.

DOG WASTE AND LITTER BINS. Can we please request <u>again</u> that these are not used for the disposal of dog poo bags! There are enough dog waste bins dotted around the village which are professionally emptied by Buckinghamshire Council.

Also, it has been brought to the PC's attention <u>AGAIN</u> that dog owners are letting their dogs poo on the large green spaces/public rights of way in the fields and not picking it up. Please pick it up and dispose of!

FANCY A CHAT AND A CUPPA! Come along to The Methodist Church on Fridays from 12 noon – 2.30pm if you fancy a chat and a light lunch. This is a Churches Together initiative in conjunction with the Parish Council. If you can help in any way/wish to volunteer, please contact ccraft@gmail.com or 01296 661068.

Remember Open Doors is also on from 10.30am if you fancy a chat, a cuppa and a cake before lunch on a Friday!

THE PAVILION – AVAILABLE FOR HIRE! If you are looking for a lovely venue for a child's party/adult party/group meetings/reading groups/wine tasting class, for a small exercise class or whatever please contact the Bookings Clerk, Roz for further information on cpcpavilionbookings@gmail.com or call 07885 442643.

The cost per hour is £13.50 for residents and out of village £16.50 per hour.

Remember the Recreation Ground is also available on request for large, organised events so why not use both venues

FIX MY STREET. For any issues in respect of damage to pavements, graffiti or fly tipping, please report

these via https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk

CHEDDINGTON ALLOTMENTS.

Allotment Warden Vacancy. The Parish Council has a vacancy at the Cheddington Allotments for an Allotment Warden. If you are interested in this voluntary allotment administration role, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

There is an active working group at the allotments so if you are an allotment holder, I am sure they would be delighted if you would like to join and assist. Contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

If you require any information/be added to the waiting list in respect of having an allotment, please contact the Parish Clerk who will direct your enquiry to one of the allotments working group members.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents a merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

The Parish Clerk, Roz Roberts can be contacted by email at clerk@cheddington-pc.gov.uk or on 07885 442643.

Please note the Clerk's role is a part-time position and she may not respond immediately to your query/message.

Have a search on Facebook for Cheddington Parish Council and like us!

Copy date for the next issue: JANUARY 15th

The Residents'
Assoc. committee:
Christine, Mary, Jo,
Simon, Karen, Nick,
Nova, Vera, Cathy,
Sandra, Trevor and
Tony would like to
wish all our readers
and Advertisers a
very Happy
Christmas and a
prosperous 2025.



Christmas Market, Cookie Decorating, Snow Globe, Meet the Owls, Face Painting, Slime Making, Sand Art, Henna, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate, Entertainment, pop up cafe, and much more



SANTASTIC FUN DAY

Sunday 8th December 2024 12pm to 4pm

Cheddington Village Hall Church Lane, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 ORU



Mulled wine and Mince Pies

Snow Globe Cookie Decorating Refreshments Slime Making Sand Art Making Hold an owl **Face Painting**

Christmas Market And much more **Entertainment by**

Singer :Beth Merill and Simply Sax band

CHEDDINGTON PANTO GROUP PRESENTS

21 - 23 FEBRUARY 2025 CHEDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

SHOWTIMES:

21 FEBRUARY: 6.00PM

22 FEBRUARY: 1.00PM, 5.00PM

23 FEBRUARY: 1.00PM

TICKETS:

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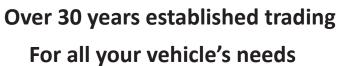






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Veekly Hatha Yoga classes, Monthly Gong Baths in Cheddington and Pitstone

Weekly Hatha Yoga classes

Working with alignment and linking the breath with movement. at Cheddington Pavilion and Cheddington Village Hall

nday 6.30pm - 8.00pm, Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.30pm - Cheddington Pavilion

Wednesday 9.15am - 10.45am - Cheddington Village Hall

My classes are suitable for all levels including those new to Yoga as postures can be modified to suit the individual.

Monthly Gong Baths

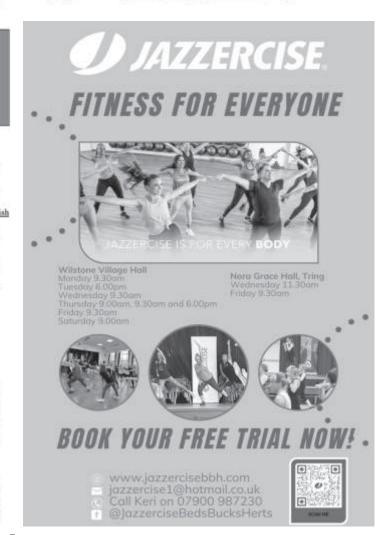
Held at Pitstone Pavilion on a Friday Evening Pitstone - 6.45pm

Gong Baths are a form of sound meditation. Participants are bathed in the sounds and vibrations created by the Gongs, crystal bowls and other instruments.

Please see website for Gong Bath dates. oga classes and Gong Baths have limited spaces and must be booked in advance.

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FARMING AND FOOD

by Julie Gaymer (julie@mentmoreparkfarms.co.uk)

Christmas is coming and I hope you have all considered buying local. If you haven't ordered your turkey or main meal just yet it's not too late! The farms and farm shops nearby need our support this year more than ever.

We have some very fine farmers/butchers who sell their own produce in their shops. I'm thinking of Grooms farm shop at Ivinghoe in particular. They are open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays...hours on their website... orders online and home delivery. www.groomsfarm.co.uk.

Kings farm shop near Wendover is open Wednesday to Sunday www.kingsfarmshop.co.uk. Its worth a visit.

Not to be forgotten is www.potashfarmfoods at Gubblecote for free range chicken and turkey. Look at their website and give them a call!!

The farmer/butcher that I go to is at Whitchurch. They are just outside the village on the Cublington Road with plenty of parking outside. They are taking Christmas orders and are open Tuesdays to Saturday. www.parrot-bros.co.uk

All of these farm shops also provide fruit, vegetables, eggs and bread! So worth a trip to see what they have.

Farm shops nearby also providing Christmas fare are Meads at Wilstone (www.pemeadsandsons) and Pecks Farm Shop (www.pecksfarmshop.co.uk) at Leighton Buzzard.

Finally don't forget Ben Masons Christmas Trees – details on Facebook.

Looking online I have discovered the 'Traditional Food in Buckinghamshire' website www.bucksfoodpartnership.org which was a bit disappointing but it had some amusing recipes which I have added here for your entertainment!

Cherry Duff

- 4 cupfuls pitted cherries
- 4 teaspoonfuls baking powder
- 2 cupfuls sugar
- 1 teaspoonful vinegar
- 1 teaspoonful salt
- 1 tablespoonful butter
- 3/4 cupful milk
- 2 cupfuls flour

Mix flour, baking powder and salt; add butter; mix until mealy; add milk. Put sugar, cherries and vinegar in bottom of buttered baking dish. Cover with flour mixture and steam forty-five minutes. Serve in dish in which it is cooked.

Cattern Cakes

- 9 oz self-raising flour
- 2 oz currants or sultanas
- 2 teaspoons caraway seeds
- 4 oz melted butter
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 oz ground almonds
- 7 oz caster sugar
- 1 medium egg (beaten)

Sugar & cinnamon mix for sprinkling

Stir the flour and cinnamon in a bowl, then stir in currants, almonds, caraway seeds and the sugar. Add the melted butter and the beaten egg. Mix well to form a soft dough. Roll out on to a floured board, into a 12 x 10 inch rectangle. Brush the dough with water and sprinkle with the sugar/

cinnamon mix. Roll up and cut into 3/4" slices (if preferred the dough can also be formed into small balls and pressed flat, the taste is the same!) Bake at 200°C (180°C fan oven) or Gas 6 for about 10–12 minutes until browned.

Stokenchurch Pie

500g of plain flour

800g meat (any cooked meat like lamb or beef chopped small)

100ml Beef stock

200g lard

3 hard-boiled eggs

100g dried pasta

A little salt

A little water

Mince or cut up the cooked meat and add to a little thickened beef stock. Boil the dried pasta in salt water until tender, cut up small and mix with the meat. Cut up the hardboiled eggs. Make pastry with the flour and lard, (rub in the soft lard to the flour until it makes bread-crumbs and then add one or two tablespoons of water to bind) roll out and line a well-greased pie tin. Put in half the meat, the eggs, and then the rest of the meat on top. Cover with pastry. Make a hole in the centre, and brush over the top crust with milk. Bake in a hot oven for 30 minutes.

Cherry Bumpers and Bumpkins

2kg black cherries, stoned

300g sugar

1kg shortcrust pastry

Sprinkle the sugar over the cherries and toss to mix thoroughly. Roll out the pastry to about 5mm thick and cut into 10cm diameter rounds (should be enough for 16–18 rounds). Divide the sugared cherries equally between the rounds, heaping a pile of cherries on the centre of each round. Dampen the edges of each round, fold them over to make a semicircular pasty, and seal together. Bake on a lightly greased tray at to 200C for 25 minutes. Dust with sugar.

Eat hot or cold.

<u>Bacon Badger</u> Pastry wrapping a filling consisting of bacon, potatoes, onions and beef suet.

https://youtu.be/scNjvkS3yZ8

Local Pork Based Pies

Padbury Pork Pie: Pork Pie using prime local pork shoulder, sage, spices and seasoning.

Winslow Pork Pie: Highly spiced pie which includes crumbled black pudding pieces, chilli flakes and garlic.

Buckingham Pork Pie: A lighter, sweeter pie and more of a picnic pie than a pork pie, incorporating Bramley apple, home cooked ham pieces, onion, Cheddar cheese, herbs and a hint of English mustard.

Please let me know if you try out any of these recipes!!

Happy Christmas Everyone and a Very Happy and Healthy 2025.

Copy date for the next issue: January 15th

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Travel Impressions

If you need help and advice with planning your next holiday, we will be extending our opening hours in January to include every Saturday from 9am-1pm.





NOTICES

REPAIR CAFÉ. Our next Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café will be held on Saturday 25th January between 9.30 – 12.30 at the Pitstone Pavillion. Bring along broken items to be fixed by volunteers! Tools & equipment, electrical goods, electronic devices, clothing, fabrics, jewellery, household items, toys & games, wooden items & bicycles & more! There is no charge for fixing but donations are welcome.

Amazing refreshments available, also for a donation!

Since our first café in February 2023 we have successfully repaired over 750 items!

We are now able to recycle Contact Lenses & Packaging, Empty Medicine Blister Packs & Oral Care Waste & Packaging, drop them off at one of our cafes!

For further information or enquiries have a look at our Facebook page—Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café

Or send us an email ivinghoerepaircafe@gmail.com Or give Kim a ring on 07778279109.

CHEDDINGTON METHODIST CHURCH. MINISTER: REV NOREEN DALEY-LEE 01525 240083.

We welcome everyone to come along to our church to share in our worship and other activities. Services begin on Sundays at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated.

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

- 1 3 pm Rev Noreen Daley-Lee
- 8 Mr Steve Kemp
- 15 Mr Nick Aylen
- 22 Mr Lafton Lee Carol Service
- 29 Rev Noreen Daley-Lee Covenant Service United Service with St Giles

SERVICES FOR JANUARY

- 5 3 pm Rev Richard Atkinson
- 12 Mr Arthur Sara
- 19 Mr Ken Harris
 - 3.30 pm Messy Church
- 26 Mr Pete Honeyball Service of Holy Communion

MESSAGE FROM EMMANUEL LEE (son of our Minister, Rev Noreen Daley-Lee).

What is the month of December about?

Many people think that December is the month of Christmas which it is, but December has a deeper meaning that is outshone by Christmas and its delights.

The general thought about December is counting down towards Christmas; decorating the house; lighting up the Christmas tree; having turkey for dinner and of course, getting presents. All this seems a lot more fun and exciting than the true meaning of Christmas. You see if Jesus wasn't born around 4–6 BC (BC means before Christ) in December, we wouldn't be celebrating Christmas.

This is how it all started. Luke the Evangelist introduces his readers to the Angel Gabriel (one of two angels named in Scripture) who visited Mary, announcing that she was going to have a son called Jesus, while Joseph (Mary's husband) got told in a dream to marry Mary for the child to be born is the Son of God, emphasising the role of God's grace and of God's Spirit, and announces that He will rule David's kingdom. Mary, the young maiden of Galilee, submits in simple faith to the Lord.

When Jesus was born in a town called Bethlehem, there came three wise men who gave the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. King Herod was troubled when he heard the news that people were calling him the King of Israel, the Messiah or the Saviour. So, an angel told Mary and Joseph in a dream to set off to Egypt. Since Herod didn't want to lose his role as King, he made a plot to kill all the baby boys who were two years old or younger in Bethlehem and the surrounding region. After Herod died, an angel told Joseph to go back to Israel, since all the people who wanted Jesus to die were dead.

So, December is a reminder that God often does the impossible and the unlikely; to remind us His power is not restricted by our limitations. Overall, it may be said that Christmas isn't just about fun, games, stockings or Christmas trees which is all good fun too, but remember that it is Jesus who was born which is why we celebrate this special day. I, therefore, recommend that we need to give Jesus all the thanks that our hearts could offer. We could say a prayer, but it doesn't have to be a long one because all our prayers are going to be heard, big or small. Remember that you can do a lot more than pray, like going to church or joining a youth group but, don't worry, you don't have to if you don't want to.



"THE TOAST" – FOR PARENTS, CAR-ERS and LITTLE ONES. For all parents/ carers of pre-school children and babies, join us in

the Chapel schoolroom on Monday mornings 9.30 – 11.00 during term time for a gentle start to the week. There are toys, activities and refreshments (including toast!) and a warm welcome.

The last session will be the Christmas Party on 16 December. Contact Cathy Craft email: cathy.e.craft@gmail.com for more information.

THE SINGALONG CAFÉ, will be held on Tuesdays 10 December and 14 January 2.30 – 4.30 pm at the Methodist Chapel led by Karen, Cathy and Trevor who are all accomplished musicians. At the December meeting we shall be singing Carols and Christmas songs. Come along and bring a friend or two – all are welcome. Refreshments will be included thanks to two willing volunteers.

OPEN DOORS. Friday morning 10.30 a.m – noon at the Methodist Chapel. All are welcome to meet and socialise and enjoy at cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. Contact Stuart Minall email: stuartpminall@gmail.com for more information.

BOOKS and JIGSAWS. A collection of paperback books and jigsaws are available for buying or borrowing for which a small donation would be appreciated. Do come and have a look to see if there is anything of interest to you. The schoolroom is usually open 9.30 – 11 am on Monday mornings during term time or Friday mornings 10.30 – 12 noon. If you have paperback books, in good condition, or jigsaws that you would like to pass on do bring them along.

WARM SPACES. The Methodist Chapel will be open on Fridays 12 noon to 2.00 pm for a soup lunch for all those who would like to meet together. Donations of tins of soup or bread, tea/coffee or biscuits can be dropped off at the Chapel on Fridays from 10.30 am. This is a Churches Together initiative in conjunction with the Parish Council to whom we are most grateful for their financial support. All enquiries to cathy.e.craft@gmail.com or 01296 661068.

LOOP SYSTEM. For those people with hearing aids, we have an induction loop system installed and working in the chapel. *Continued on page 10*

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St. GILES PARISH CHURCH. SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

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Sun 1st	9.00 am	B.C.P.	St Giles	
	10.30 am	Family Christingle Service	St Giles	
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's	
Thurs 5th	9.15am	Mid-week Communion	St.Giles	
Sunday 8th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles	
	6.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	St.Mary's	
Sun 15th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's	
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles	
	5.00 pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	St.Giles	
Sun 22nd	10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Giles	
Tues 24th	7.00pm	Carols on the Green		
Weds 25th	9.00am	Holy Communion	St.Mary's	
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St.Giles	
Sun 29th	10.30am	Benefice Service	St.Giles	
SERVICES FOR JANUARY				

Thurs 2nd	9.15am	Mid-week Communion	`St.Giles
Sun 5th	09.00 am	B.C.P.	St Giles
	10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Sun 12th		Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 19th		Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 26th	10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Giles

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

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Sun 2nd	9.00 am	B.C.P.	St Giles
	10.30 am	Family Christingle Service	St Giles
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Thurs 6th	9.15am	Mid-week Communion	St Giles

ST GILES FLOWER GUILD. Would you like to sponsor a Christmas flower to remember or celebrate the life of a loved one? We are planning to fill St Giles with beautiful displays to celebrate the Christmas period. We are asking for donations and messages written on tags that will be hung on the Christmas Tree at St Giles. You can either write your own tag or give us your wording and we will provide and write the tag for you. All donations and wordings can be dropped off at 6 Hillside. Any questions give Kim a ring on 07778279109. Thank you.

Clare, Rachel and Kim

SOCIETIES

CHEDDINGTON PANTO GROUP -

CINDERELLA. We are all working hard on and off the stage to bring you a show you'll love. Cinders and the Prince have met but as we all know their path to true love won't be running smoothly with Cinder's wicked step sisters and step mum doing everything they can to ruin it for them, but of course it's pantoland and good always overcomes evil so fear not. With lots of silliness along the way, audience interaction, a special invite from Buttons to join his gang and lots of laughs Cinders does go to ball! We can't wait for you all to come and join us for lots of family fun.

Tickets are selling fast so don't delay, go online today to reserve your seats! Show dates and times are as follows:

Friday 21st Feb @ 6PM

Saturday 22d Feb @ 1pm and 5pm

Sunday 23rd Feb@1pm Adults £15, children £12

Book online www.cheddingtonpanto.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Security at Cheddington Station. SABA,

the company that manages the carpark, have informed NHW that footage captured by its cameras is retained for a period of 30 days. In the event of damage/theft to/from a motor vehicle, access to these records can be obtained either from British Transport Police or an individual's insurance company. BT Police can be contacted on 0800 40 50 40, by text on 61016 or, if urgent assistance is required, on 999.

Scams. NHW have been informed that a new form of scam is being used with the advent of artificial intelligence (AI). The victim receives a phone call or voice message that sounds like a family member and who gives a sob story and asks for money from the intended victim.

NHW recommends that, in order to protect yourselves, you ask the 'family' member a random question that only a real relative would know the answer to. It is advised not to ask the 'family' member for a password, as AI may have already 'learned' the answer.

If you receive any such calls please report it to the police either phoning 101, or report it on TVP's online 'tell us about it' webpage giving them as much detail as possible.

Cheddington 1st Scout

Scouts Group. This month has been another busy one for all the Scouting sections. We had a very successful Bonfire night which was well attended by

our scouting families and was expertly managed by all the leaders. This was quickly followed with the village Remembrance parade on the Sunday where we had a fantastic (and very smartly dressed) turn out from all of our sections - again a proud moment to see the scout group so well supported.

Happily, all sections have found leaders again, but we are ALWAYS looking for more people to help us either with the sections or as part of the Exec committee that are responsible for governing the group. The Exec is currently very low on people, so if you would like to be involved in this capacity, please again email admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk.

Beavers are looking forward to going back to Monday and Thursday evenings with a full programme lined up, including their Christmas end of term trip to a climbing wall and the District Beaver Christmas Party to enjoy too.

Cubs have been very lucky with a new leader who has stepped forward to take on Tuesday Tigers so will be back up to full force and have a village treasure hunt and some camp cooking lined up over the next few weeks.

Scouts always have a great programme lined up and are looking forward to making movies, playing some board games and will be running wild at Laser Quest for their Christmas outing.

Explorers had a spooktacular time at the 'Scarefest' Halloween camp held at Gilwell park. They will be learning some Bushcraft skills and how to play blackjack over the next few weeks rounding up their term with big Christmas party at the hut. With this group being so large we are still looking for people interested in supporting/mentoring this section please email admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk.

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Squirrels – Still trying to get off the Ground.

The Scout group are still working hard to set up a new Squirrels Drey which is a scout section that would sit before Beavers aimed at children aged 4 to 6.

A lot of interest has been expressed and a plan has been developed but we are still short on offers of leadership to establish this Section. If you think you or someone you know, would be interested in establishing and helping to run the Squirrels section OR your child may wish to attend then please let us know at admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk.

Hut Hire. Our refurbished hut is now available for hire at preferential rates for Scout Members or Cheddington Residents. We also now have Wi-Fi available at the hut! Please check out the Cheddington Scout Group Facebook page for more details.

Group Details. 1st Cheddington is a thriving Scout Group, offering challenge and adventure to young people of all ages, helping them learn to take responsibility for themselves and for others while having fun and taking part in a wide range of activities. The Scout Group continues to grow and plays an active part in village life. We have four sections, all of which are open to both boys and girls:

- Beavers (6 to 8 years) Mondays 18:30 19:30 / Thursdays 18:15 – 19:15
- Cubs (8 to 10½ years) Tuesdays 18:30 20:00 / Wednesdays 18:30 – 20:00
- Scouts (10½ to 14 years) Thursdays 19:15 20:45 / Fridays 18:30 – 20:00
- Explorers (14 to 18 years) Mondays 20:00 21:30

Meetings are usually held in our headquarters on Station Road unless otherwise advertised by leaders.

For further information about any of the sections, to put your name down on our waiting lists (we recommend at least a year before they are old enough so that places can be made available), to hire the hut or any other enquiries please email admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk

SPORTS & FITNESS

BADMINTON CLUB. We play social badminton (with a competitive edge!) between 8pm and 10pm every Thursday evening in the Village Hall. New members are always made welcome. Membership is available for £65 for the whole year or £3 per session. We start back after Christmas on the 9th January. For further details give Kim a ring on 07778279109.

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Huge congratulations to two of our Junior Members, Alice Burnams and Charlotte Wright who won the recent Hertfordshire Schools Badminton Tournament playing doubles together. This is a fantastic achievement and one we are so proud of, as the girls have only been playing badminton since September last year! We wish the girls good luck as they move forward to compete in the Regional Tournament in the new year.

DAYTIME BADMINTON. Come along on a Monday morning between 10.45 and 12.45 (except the 23rd & 30th this month!) for social daytime badminton, no membership necessary. The cost is £4 per session. We start back after Christmas on the 6th January. For further details contact Kim on kim.key@hotmail.co.uk or 07778279109 or just turn up!

MESSAGES

Happy Christmas. Kim, Kevan, Matthew and Madelyn would like to wish all their friends and neighbours in the village a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

4th Parish council meeting. Pavilion. 7pm 10th Singalong café. Methodist Hall. 2.30pm

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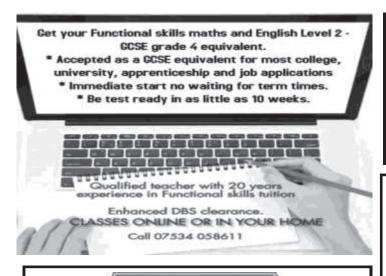
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