

Cheddington Village Newsletter

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The July Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 7pm in The Pavilion, Cheddington Recreation Ground, High Street, Cheddington LU7 0RG. 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 web site 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 **not** a public forum page..

PLANNING MATTERS. As reported at the June PC meeting:

a. Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council: No applications received.

b. Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council: No determinations received.

DATES FOR THE DIARY. Milton Keynes Play Association Summer Play Sessions. Milton Keynes Play Association, supported by Buckinghamshire Council, is providing this year's exciting Summer play sessions at Cheddington Village Hall and grounds.

Weds 31st July Morning 10.00am – 12.00pm

Friday 23rd August Afternoon 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Enjoy a series of play, sports and arts activities for children aged from 1 up to 11. The event is FREE.



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2024 REMINDER!

The village is looking really good, so keep tidying up your gardens, hanging baskets and hedges! Remember judging will be taking place between 1st June and 14th July!

For more information, please visit <https://bucksbkv.co.uk>.

GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT. It has been agreed to alter the current agreement to increase the grass cutting in the months of April, May and June to once

a week. Obviously, this will be adjusted to changing growing conditions. In November the hedges will be cut as usual.

RECREATION GROUND LIGHTING. A big thank you to Amp'd Up Electrical for installing the pathway lighting and repairing the car park floodlight at the Recreation Ground.

LITTER BINS. Can we please request **again** 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.

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 for further information/to arrange a booking on cpcpavilionbookings@gmail.com or 07885 442643.

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

Remember the Recreation Ground may also be available on request so why not use both venues for an event.

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.

Warden Position. If you are interested in this voluntary allotment management role, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

There is also 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. Again, 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.

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

The next Residents' Association committee meeting will be on Wednesday 10th July at 7.15pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Please come along to tell us of any issues.

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!

BUCKS COUNCILLORS NEWS.

The new photo ID requirements for the General Election. Buckinghamshire Council is reminding residents that to vote in the General Election on 4 July they will need to **have** registered to vote and to show a valid photo ID at polling stations.

This now applies to:

- Local elections
- UK General elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- UK parliamentary by-elections
- Recall petitions

You can apply for a free voter ID certificate, known as a Voter Authority Certificate, if:

- You don't have an accepted form of photo ID
- You're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you
- You're worried about using an existing form of ID for any other reasons, such as the use of a gender marker

To find out more about what ID is accepted and to apply for free voter ID, if you need it, look here: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>

The deadline to apply for free voter ID in time for the 4 July General Election is 5pm on 26 June.

For people registered to vote by post, no photo ID will be required. This is because postal voting requires other identification checks, such as signature and date of birth verification.

Sarah Ashmead, Buckinghamshire Council's Deputy Chief Executive and Returning Officer, said:

"You will need to show an accepted form of photo ID for the General Election on 4 July 2024.

Find out more about what to expect on polling day by visiting Buckinghamshire Council's website.

The council is urging residents to share this information with friends and relatives who may be unaware of these voter ID changes or need assistance with applying for the necessary documents. Booklets containing relevant information are also available at Buckinghamshire libraries; you can also use the computers in our libraries to register to vote and find out more about voter ID.

Councillor Derek Town

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

I refer to the Buckinghamshire Council's recent announcement in the Village Newsletter "June" Edition under the following headline.

"Council unveils ambitious Housing Strategy for 2024-2029"

By the helpful comments of the CVNL EDITOR we now understand that "objections" under "Infrastructure" will not be considered by the Council, hence we are likely to have more housing development in Cheddington beyond the recently completed **Orchard Manor** development.

In that regard the owners of Cheddington Manor and 8 acres of land and STP, may be willing to release land to

developers for apparently unavoidable new housing and of which the residents should be aware, it may be possible for us as the owners of Cheddington Manor to help achieve the Council's **"Housing Strategy for 2024-2029"** on what we would propose to title **"Cheddington Manor Park"** STP.

We maintain our moral stance as expressed in the November 2023 Newsletter.

We sincerely hope Cheddington residents will support our own views, the BBCs excellent programme **"inside out"** and the **Daily Mail** headlined on 7 April 2023.

Yours sincerely

Harry Hart.

FARMING AND FOOD

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

Farmers always talk about the weather because timing of our work is reliant on the weather and the condition of the soil in which we plant our food. Cheddington is surrounded by agriculture. Within a couple of miles of our village we have sheep farming, dairy and beef herds, egg producers and cereal and legumes grown. In addition, the pick your own fruit and vegetable farm at Ivinghoe. We are able to source everything locally in season.

All of us are watching our very late drilled crops to see if we are going to get a reasonable harvest. This year the answer is that we will not do so. So, we just look forward and hope that the weather will become kinder to us and new ideas about weed control and what to grow in our fields will be successful.

Nationally the weather has an impact on animal feed to the stock farmers as well as food for ourselves. The prices of bread, breakfast cereals, meat, vegetables and beer are increasing. To name just a few.

Around Cheddington we have excellent farm shops, Grooms in Ivinghoe and Meads in Wilstone, where we can buy all these locally grown products. However, cereals from our farm may be found in Weetabix, Muesli and our beer...so go to, what we call, The Top Shop! Cheddington Stores!

It's really important to realise that all our British food is produced to a very high standard. Standards which can be traced back to source. Cheap food from an unknown producer may be grown overseas where the workers are not rewarded properly for their work or the animals may be kept in poor conditions or chemicals used freely without careful consideration.

By the time this Newsletter is distributed we will have harvest workers arriving on our farm. We will also be anticipating a new government in Westminster. I think I can speak for us all when I say I'm very anxious about that!

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Monday 9.15am - 10.45 am

Monday 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Wednesday 9.15am - 10.45am

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Relaxing Day Retreats held throughout the year, see website for dates.

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Various, dates available including some weeks in the School Holidays (including Easter). Prices vary according to the dates you wish to book.

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Twelve harvest workers will be living on site. These young people are from around the UK and this year some from New Zealand. We need staff who have a farming background or have been attending an agricultural college or university. Some experience operating farm machinery is essential. Health and Safety training is given and we had a First Aid course this winter. Look out for our workers and make them welcome – in their free time they will try out our local pubs so you will see them around now and again.

Harvest time is a very busy time and we have to coordinate our various teams combining corn and baling up the straw around the area. Heavy and wide, slow-moving machinery will be on our roads carrying loads of corn and heavy bales. All the corn is transported back to our grain dryer, cleaning and storage facilities at Mentmore Park Farm. What we ask for is that drivers give us time and space! Make sure you are visible to the tractor driver and be patient. Please. Our drivers have been trained to look out for you... please look out for them too.

Lets hope we all have good weather for summer holidays and harvesting!



Almost 350 people gathered to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Leighton Buzzard Young Farmers Club over the May Bank Holiday weekend.

Members past and present celebrated the

Club's milestone anniversary at an event on Sunday 26th May hosted by the Murrell family at Whitewell Farm, in Long Marston, Tring.

NOTICES

CINDERELLA PANTOMIME.

Panto is back in Cheddington next February – oh yes it is! CPG will be performing the hit panto Cinderella at the village hall over the half term weekend of 21st – 23rd February. There will be lots of parts for all the family – and you don't have to have any previous stage experience.

Principal roles include the downtrodden Cinderella, her two Ugly Sisters, her friend Buttons and of course the Prince and his valet Dandini.

Come and join our OPEN AUDITIONS on Sunday 1st September at 10.30am for young people (Year 3 and over), and 1.30pm for those over 16.

Rehearsals will be held at the Village Hall on Sunday mornings from mid September.

If you would like to receive an audition pack, please email cheddingtonpanto@gmail.com

REPAIR CAFÉ.

Our next Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café will be held on Saturday 27th July between 9.30 – 12.30 at the **Ivinghoe Hub**. 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 550 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 on ivinghoorepaircafe@gmail.com

Or give Kim a ring on 07778279109.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE NEWS. New Electric Van Shows Charity's Commitment to Going Green.

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has invested in a new electric van for its retail operation. The Charity's 13 shops provide much-needed income for the Hospice in Stoke Mandeville and the electric van will move donations from the public around their shops in Buckinghamshire. The van demonstrates the Charity's commitment to operating responsibly, supporting sustainable shopping through zero emissions. Funding for the van was provided by Angels Den, Fairhive, Perrys, Travis Perkins and West Herts Charity Trust.

Head of Retail, Lily Caswell explains "One of the ways we plan to meet the growing need for hospice care is to keep increasing the income we raise in our shops. We are growing our shop numbers – we now have 13 shops from Buckingham to Beaconsfield, and plans to open more.

"We rely on our retail van to transfer stock between our shops and make the best use of the donations we are given. Our van covers an amazing 16,000 miles a year and moves tonnes of clothing, accessories, books and toys to keep our shops full of amazing product for our customers to buy."

Charity shopping is becoming more popular and it's also a more sustainable way for to live, with its emphasis on recycling. Donors donate goods that they no longer need to charity shops, and shoppers buy them, in increasing numbers as income from retail is at a record high for the Charity. Donating unwanted clothes, books, toys, household goods is an invaluable way to support the Charity. All proceeds are invested into hospice care, providing end of life support to people in their homes and at the Hospice in Stoke Mandeville.

Lily continued "We are absolutely delighted that we now have a fabulous new electric van to help us, and are immensely grateful to all of the generous donors who made buying the van possible. Our big blue electric van will support sustainable shopping in Buckinghamshire, with zero emissions, to ultimately raise as much money as possible for hospice care. Helping local people, while helping the planet at the same time – what could be better than that?"

"The Angels Den believe that the Florence Nightingale Hospice is truly a great cause for us to support. We are so pleased that the Charity was part of the inaugural Angels Den and to have contributed to the new e-van." Martin Gallagher, CEO, Angels Den.

"We are committed to supporting our local community, and the Florence Nightingale Hospice plays an integral part of providing assistance to many individuals in our area, therefore we are delighted to have been able to support them in upgrading their vehicle to a new electric one." Andrew Rysdale Assistant Director of Property, Fairhive Homes Limited.

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“West Herts Charity Trust (WHCT) have a long established relationship with a number of local hospices. We recognise the great work you do and know how important it is to have suitable vehicles to support your retail operation. We worked together with you to find a solution which would satisfy your needs and be kinder to the local environment by using an electric van. WHCT are confident the van will be well utilised and are pleased to have contributed towards it.” Richard Minashi, West Herts Charitable Trust

POPPY APPEAL VOLUNTEERS NEWS.

Not only was it the commemoration of D-Day in June, but it was also volunteers' week, and so we wanted to say a special thank you to you – our amazing Poppy Appeal Volunteers.

You have helped raise over £50m during Poppy Appeal 2023. Your selfless dedication enables the Royal British Legion to provide vital support to the Armed Forces community. Without you, that simply wouldn't be possible. We are immensely grateful for each person's unique contribution. As a token of our appreciation please find a discount code below.

We would also like to say thank you, by sharing a discount code with our Poppy Appeal Organisers, for Poppy Shop. You will receive 15% discount, using code 2024PAO15 at checkout.

Please help spread the word.

Please join us in celebrating the incredible contribution volunteers make. You all have your reasons you volunteer – and we'd love to hear them and share them. Share your stories with us on social media using #VolunteersWeek #PoppyAppeal #RoyalBritishLegion.

St.GILES PARISH CHURCH.

For all enquires please contact Team Rector Andrew Krauss 07508 213154.



Journeying On. We are coming to that time of the year where many people, especially young people, may well be thinking about two different types of journey at the same time. One is short-term and is of course holiday time, a chance to recuperate, relax, explore and perhaps acquire new experiences. The other is longer-term and connected with bigger life goals that might well depend on pending exam results. Both of these journeys involve some form of planning and anticipation, and perhaps also some precautions should things not work out as hoped, but otherwise

they are clearly very different. Longer-term journeying requires a deeper sense of orientation and also a heftier degree of stamina to continue to focus on a goal. For many people it stimulates a discipline of enduring prayerfulness. Moreover, it requires discernment as to whether the goal is really the best or most appropriate one for us, and may need nuancing, or in some cases changing more sharply. Some points along the way may well involve crossroads with conflicting signs, or even an apparent choice of slightly different routes to the same overall destination. These require an engaging, prayerful discernment on our part.

As most people reading this will know, the benefice too stands at a key point on its journey forward. The advert for the vacant post of Team Rector following Revd Howard's departure to Derbyshire is, at the time of writing, just about to go live. By the time this article will be read the application deadline will be upon us and shortlisting be due to follow very soon. We pray that we do get a decent number of applicants and that those responsible for shortlisting and interviewing may be discerning in their task.

I am also aware that this will be my last newsletter contribution before my wife and I move out of the benefice. We have enjoyed our time here and wish you all the very best for the vacancy period and what lies beyond. We hope very much that a new Team Rector will be with you before Christmas and a new Team Vicar very soon after that. Thank you to all those who are working on the required process for these appointments, and our prayers and thanks to all who will be covering during the vacancy. May it prove a positive opportunity for the churches in the benefice to discern the next stage together.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Andrew Krauss.

Services St.Giles and St. Mary's July

Thurs 4th	9.15am	Mid-week Communion	St.Giles
Sun 7th	9.00 am	B.C.P.	St Giles
	10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Sun 14th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 21s	9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 28th	10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Giles

August

Thurs 1st	9.15am	Mid-week Communion	St.Giles
Sun 4th	9.00 am	B.C.P.	St Giles
	10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Sun 11th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 18th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 25th	10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Giles

September

Sun 1st	9.00 am	B.C.P.	St Giles
	10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Thurs 5th	9.15am	Mid-week Communion	St.Giles

FREE TO COLLECT. The CRA are offering a facility on the back page of the Newsletter for villagers to offer free to others to 're-use' any useful items they no longer need. If anyone has items they wish to offer free to the collector please summarise the details in about 20 words (or less). There will be no charge for this.

COMPOST AREA AT ST GILES.

This is a polite reminder that the compost bin is only for organic waste and unsuitable for plastics and wreaths which contain metal. These should be disposed of at home. All non-organic waste has to be taken home by our volunteer so your ongoing co-operation would be very much appreciated.

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SERVICES FOR JULY

- 7th No Service at Cheddington – Joint Service **10.00 am** at Wingrave Methodist Church – Rev Dr Hayford Offori-Attah – Service of Holy Communion
14th Mrs Antonia Allen
21st Café Church – Local Arrangement
28th Mr Ken Harris

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

- 4th **3.00 pm** – Rev Richard Atkinson
11th Local Arrangement – Joint Service with Wingrave at Cheddington
18th Café Church – Local Arrangement
25th Mrs Louise Atkinson – Reader Service

From the Minister:

God's Calling!

The call of God comes in different seasons of our lives that compels us to change course. Your trajectory might be a medical doctor, accountant, scientist, businessman/woman, musician, teacher, nurse or electrician – the truth is you can be an electric presbyter – all skills are needed on deck. Why not give God a chance?

To each of us the call comes in a particular form but always in an irresistible constraint. The experience is real, as real as the bread we eat or the water we drink. Mine was a silent hush of God's presence, as I sat on the couch – light as a feather his finger touched me. I was assured that it was no longer I in that space, but a phenomenon beyond self and outside self. I was persuaded beyond any doubt that God's call was for me, undeniably unlettered as those who responded to the call **'follow me and I will make you fish for people'**.

To each of us the call has its origins in the eternal counsels of God: before Jeremiah was born, he was a thought in the mind of God – "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:4). The word consecrated here bears its original meaning, 'set apart.' Jeremiah is a predestined man. God also knew you before the foundations of the earth and has set you a part for a purpose. At the tender age of twelve, as I was walking down the aisle of the Bethel Centenary Methodist Church, Montserrat, my uncle-in-law said to me, "Rose you have a voice to be a minister." I was therefore obliged to visit him before I started theological seminary. "Rose", he said, "do you remember what I told you."

To each of us the call might be scary. Jeremiah was called to the prophetic ministry which is included in the ministry of the presbyter or deacon where we are called to be God's messenger – God's mouthpiece. You may think that it is out of your league, unsuitable, or unimaginable but God calls. The prophet trembles before such a lofty call: unlike Isaiah but like Moses he shrinks from this awful responsibility. The Greek renders better: 'I am too young'. The prophet is probably about 20 years of age: he is God's chosen vessel and God uses him for His purpose.

To each of us grace specialises. With Isaiah grace is cleansing, with Jeremiah it is empowering. I still recall that

Sunday morning in 1998, as I was preaching about the prodigal son, I was endowed with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Throughout biblical history those who responded to God's call initially felt a great sense of inadequacy, but as Paul says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

To each of us God's calling is about God with us – "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, do not be afraid of them for I am with you to deliver you, says, the LORD." God is projected as bossy here, but God is saying to Jeremiah, 'I am going to be with you, so you don't have to worry or be afraid'. Part of the protocol at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTC), involved leading devotions on a team of four students and a lecturer in the chapel during the week. I was a member of the first team to begin the new academic year alongside the late Reverend Dr Llewellyn Williams, President of the UTC. "Sir, I am unqualified to be part of this team," I said cowardly to Dr Williams. "I don't know who you are or where you are from, but one thing I do know, is that you are a seasoned prophetess," he responded. Reverend Dr Williams was reassuring me that God is with me. One of the most beautiful aspects of ministry is the assurance that Yahweh is with us. You may be feeling unqualified, inadequate and afraid, but God is with you. John Wesley said, "Best of all, God is with us."

To each of us the task to which we are called might seem insurmountable, but God is with us. The work the prophet is called to do was bigger than himself, is of both destructive and constructive nature. Perhaps we should omit, 'to destroy and to overthrow'. For this reason, our calling is a vocation – it is not a job. If it was a job many would have already quit. One does not retire but superannuate instead. Yet it is one of the most fulfilling journeys you can embark on.

To each of us, the call of God is progressive. Some of us are satisfied by just being a member but, God might be calling you to be a steward, treasurer, youth leader, children's worker or making teas and coffees. It all begins somewhere. The prophet Jeremiah is satisfied where he is. He thought he is only a boy and didn't have the necessary credentials for the progressive activity as a prophet. He thought he is too inexperienced. But the call is marked by provisions: "Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth." God equips those who respond to his call.

I cannot accentuate this enough; the Church needs you more than ever. History teaches us that the church is not sustained by the empty pews but people. There is a seat at the chapel for you. Church is not as scary as you may think. We are ordinary folks who go to the supermarket and pull weeds from our garden. Yet, we are called to join in this extraordinary tradition, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." (Noreen)



"THE TOAST" – FOR PARENTS, CARERS and LITTLE ONES meets each Monday, during school term time, in the Chapel schoolroom from 9.30 – 11.00 for a gentle start to the week. There are toys, activities and refreshments (including toast!) and a warm welcome. Contact Cathy Craft email: cathy.e.craft@gmail.com for more information.

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OPEN DOORS – Friday morning 10.30 am – noon at the Methodist Chapel. All are welcome for a cup of tea or coffee, biscuits, a friendly chat as well as free WIFI. Contact Stuart Minall email: stuartpminall@gmail.com for more information.

WARM SPACES This will continue on **Fridays** for all those who would like to meet together from 12 noon to 2.30 pm for soup lunch and a dessert.

BOOKS and JIGSAWS: We have a collection of paperback books and jigsaws for buying or borrowing; if you are able to make a small donation that 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 books, in good condition, or jigsaws that you would like to pass on do bring them along.

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

SCHOOLROOM BOOKINGS A projector and screen are available. For all enquiries, please contact Janet Banham email: j.banham@btinternet.com

Mentmore Arts Festival. The 14th Mentmore Arts Festival was held over the Bank Holiday weekend 25th – 27th May. We had a record attendance, despite the slightly showery weather, and early financial calculations suggest that we have exceeded last year's total in funds raised. Our wonderful artists once again surpassed themselves with the work available to buy including painting, photography, jewellery, ceramics and textile art. The charities we are supporting this year were in attendance, with Gemma Gibbard and Sue Burke from MK:Act manning a stall outside the church the whole weekend giving visitors details of their sterling work, and Ben Horner from Guide Dogs for the Blind with Felix talking to visitors around the Village Hall and the church during Sunday afternoon. Our refreshments tent was as popular as ever for lunches and teas in the garden and we ran a successful raffle with great prizes. As many of you know, this was our last festival. We have supported 25 different charities over the course of the 14 festivals and donated over £110,000. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us over the years by baking cakes, erecting marquees, serving teas, coffees, Pimm's and lunches and, of course, the big tidy up at the end. We couldn't have done it without you all.

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If you would like to be included in Cheddington Neighbourhood Watch and receive our cascade messages, please email neighbourhoodwatchcheddington@gmail.com and we will ask one of our Coordinators to contact you.

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Their new email address is – wingnhpt@thamesvalley.police.uk

CHEDDINGTON PLAYScheme

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For more information please contact Liesl on 07716 778118 or Nicola on 668347 or email cheddingtonwi@gmail.com.



FLOWER CLUB

is normally held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Hall at 7.30 pm. We hold workshops, organise demonstrators and outings throughout the year. The next meetings are on 17th July and 14th August. Interested in joining? Please contact Kay Clements (Chair) on 01296 668781 for more details.

1st Cheddington Scout Group.

As the summer term continues all sections are taking advantage of the lighter evenings and occasionally better weather to get involved in lots of activities, a few highlights below, as you will see the breadth of activities is quite significant! Many thanks to our leaders and helpers who make this all happen.

Beavers: Cycling trip, outing to the "Beauty and the Beast" production in the village and joining forces with Beavers from other groups at the County Beaveree.

Cubs: Hiking at Ashridge, building bug hotels, pond dipping, outdoor painting and cycling.

Scouts: Rifle practice, cooking a curry, a trip to Chesham Lido, a 'Things I have Drawn' masterclass, It's a Knockout and their Summer Camp at Braid Wood.

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Squirrels – Can you help? The Scout group are 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 the level of effort for group leadership to establish this Section is considerable and the set-up and running of it will be incremental to the current volunteer team and reliant upon new volunteer leaders and helpers stepping forward to assist.

If you think you or someone you know, would be interested in establishing and running the Squirrels section OR your child may wish to attend then please let us know at admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk.

Hut Hire. Our newly 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.

Volunteers Required! As you can imagine, all sections are extremely popular, and we have significant waiting lists. We are urgently looking for volunteers to assist with running the sections (especially Cubs!). Volunteering as part of the Scouting movement can be an extremely fulfilling and enjoyable experience (and if you are a leader you will not be charged the normal subscription fees for your child).

If you, or anybody you know, is willing and able to get involved with any age group as a leader or in any other capacity such as fund raising, administration or executive leadership, please contact us at admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk.

We can also offer the opportunity for Young Leaders (aged between 14 and 17) to support a younger section whilst developing their own skills - they can already be an Explorer Scout keen on starting their own leadership journey or a young person outside of scouting who is working towards the voluntary element of their Duke Of Edinburgh Award.

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 / Friday 18:30 – 20:00
- Explorers (14 to 18 years) – Mondays 20:00 – 21:30

Meetings are held in our headquarters in Station Road.

For further information about any of the sections, or to put your name down on our waiting list (we recommend at least a year before they are old enough so that places can be made available) please see the contact page at www.cheddingtonscouts.org.uk.

Cheddington Scouts has a dedicated Admin email for any enquiries you may have, this may be for hiring the hut or general questions relating to scouting in the village. Please use admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk Please note DO NOT use this for registering your child to join – please follow as advised above.

SPORTS & FITNESS

BADMINTON CLUB. The badminton season has now come to the end but the 2024/25 season starts again on Thursday 5th September. For further details give Kim a ring on 07778279109.

JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB. The current junior badminton season has now come to an end. The 2024/25 season starts again on Thursday 5th September. New junior members are always welcome, places are secured on ability and not age. Turn up at 6pm and Ray will determine the most appropriate group for you. Ray can be contacted on 662148 for further details about Junior Badminton.

DAYTIME BADMINTON. Would you be interested in playing badminton in the morning in Cheddington? We are looking at the possibility of starting morning sessions either on a Monday or Tuesday in the Village Hall from September. Please register your interest by contacting Kim either by email, kim.key@hotmail.co.uk or phone, 07778279109.

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If you are over 50 years of age, you will be very welcome and your first visit will be free. For more information, please contact Chris on 01442 824350.

PETANQUE CLUB. Petanque is a friendly, open-air, pursuit which can be played by **all** members of the family. The Petanque pitch in the recreation ground is available to all but as a member of the Petanque Club you also get the opportunity to participate in a variety of social events organised throughout the year.

We now have vacancies for more members so for more information please contact Derek Wilkinson (668689) or Tony Johnson (661342) for further details.

VILLAGE WALKING GROUP.

A group of us get together every other Wednesday morning for a walk in our lovely countryside. We generally meet at 9.15am at the Green and drive to a different spot each time and walk for 4 to 5 miles at a relaxed pace with plenty of time to chat and admire the views. Lifts can be arranged if necessary. We are usually back in the village by midday. New walkers are very welcome. For more information contact Mary Peacock on 662620, Nicola Barron on 668347 or email cheddingtonwalkers@gmail.com.

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bowls. We can also arrange sessions on Fridays at 6pm if Tuesday afternoons do not suit you. Please contact our membership secretary Diane on admin@cheddingtonbowls.org.uk or leave a message on 01296 661381 if you are interested in coming along.

You are also welcome to come along to watch our matches. There is a lot more information about the club on our website at <https://cheddingtonbowls.org.uk/>

CALENDAR

JULY

3rd Parish Council Meeting. Pavilion. 7pm
9th Singalong Café. Methodist Hall. 2.30pm
27th Repair Café. Ivinghoe Hub. 9.30am
29th Playscheme starts. School
31st Play Session. Village Hall. 10am

AUGUST

23rd Play Session. Village Hall. 1.30pm

SEPTEMBER

1st Panto Auditions. Village Hall.
5th Badminton season starts. Village Hall
7th Chedfest. Three Horseshoes. 1pm

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