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CRANEWS.

We are always looking for different material to provide additional interest to the readers of this Newsletter. If you have an interest in something that you would like to describe, maybe even submitting an article on a regular basis, please submit it to the editor for consideration. Photos from local events might also be of interest.

Litter Pick. On Sunday 28th April eight people braved the damp conditions and collected over 20 bags of litter, some discarded signs and various objects including a 10 inch bread knife from around the village and the roads leading in and out. We also removed some unwanted signs from our lamp posts. Thanks go to the Parish Council for the donation of black sacks and to the Three Horseshoes for allowing us to store the spoils there until the Buckinghamshire contractor made two trips to collect everything. We will conduct another litter pick in 4 or 5 months time.

Broken stiles. The two stiles along the footpath that leads from the High Street down to Lammas Road, along-side the school fields, are broken. We originally complained to the Rights of Way people back in December 2021, however no proper repair or replacement has happened, so we made another formal request for action in early May supported by photographs. Hopefully this will lead to repairs or replacements.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The June Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 7pm in The Pavilion, Cheddington Recreation Ground, High Street, Cheddington LU7 0RG. For those residents who to 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 cheddingtonparishcouncil@gmail.com 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.

CHEDDINGTON 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN.

Date of announcement: Friday 31 st May 2024. Commencing on Monday 3 rd June 2024 and ending on Friday 12 th July 2024

Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd.

The unaudited AGAR has been published along with the formal notice on the Cheddington website and on the Parish noticeboard. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2024, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to the Clerk.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. As advertised the Annual arish Meeting took place on Wednesday 1 st May at the Pavilion. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the May monthly meeting will be made available on the cheddington.org website as usual, after the June meeting. Please note we have also included, as a separate document, the full Buckinghamshire Councillors Report given to the Ivinghoe Ward Parish annual meetings.

PLANNING MATTERS

As reported at the May PC meeting:

a. Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council:

24/01122/APP – 28 Hill Side Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SP – Householder application for single storey side extension – No Objections

24/00667/APP – Cheddington Recreation Ground, High Street, Cheddington – Construction of MUGA sport ground with the inclusion of 4 floodlight columns at 8m high – Cheddington Parish Council supports planning application No. 24/00667/APP as this will provide a valuable outdoor sports facility for benefit of the whole of the village

24/01318/APP – 13 Manor Road, Cheddington Bucking-hamshire LU7 0RW – Householder application for demolition of porch and rebuild with first floor extension to front with pitched roof – No Objections

b. Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council: No determinations received.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

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

Wed 31 st July Morning 10.00am – 12.00pm Friday 23 rd 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. Details of activities to follow.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2024 REMINDER! Hope you are sprucing up your gardens, hanging baskets and hedges! Remember judging will be taking place between 1 st June and 14 th July! For more information, please visit https://bucksbkv.co.uk.

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!

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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 cheddingtonparishcouncil@gmail.com 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!

BUCKS COUNCILLORS NEWS.

Please park considerately on the school run.

As schools return after the Easter holidays, parents and carers dropping children off by car are being given a timely reminder to #Beconsiderate about how and where they park or stop, to help keep everyone safe.

Buckinghamshire Council is relaunching its #Beconsiderate campaign which seeks to remind those who hop in the car to do the school run, to think about the safety of pedestrians and other road users when they stop to drop their children off.

Many children are taken to and from school by car every day. Sometimes in the rush to get there on time, it can be tempting to pull onto the kerb or part way onto a driveway. stop on zig zag lines or even pull into a bus stop. While it may seem like a harmless thing to do, vehicles blocking pavements and footpaths, even if just for a short time, often means pedestrians, which can include young children, those with limited mobility and older people, are forced to go into the road to get past, which can be extremely dangerous. Similarly, part blocking a private driveway or lowered kerb can prevent larger vehicles including emergency ambulances and fire engines from getting through and parking in or near a bus stop can lead to unnecessary traffic gueues. It is also important not to block the visibility for school crossing patrollers when they are assisting families on their way to school safely.

Majority of Bucks families get first choice primary school place.

Figures published on the 16 April show that more than 9 out of 10 families in Buckinghamshire received their first-choice preference for a primary school place this year.

For children starting primary school in Reception, 91.27% have received their first-choice allocation, (compared to 90.33% last year). Figures for the top choice of junior schools (Year 3) are very slightly changed at 95.12%, (compared to 96.70% last year) but still equate to the majority receiving their first choice.

Council unveils ambitious Housing Strategy for 2024–2029. Buckinghamshire Council has unveiled a comprehensive Housing Strategy for 2024–2029. The strategy sets out the council's vision, priorities and actions to meet the current and future housing needs and challenges in the county.

The Housing Strategy has been developed with the input and support of a wide range of partners, including housing associations, developers, community groups and other public sector organisations.

To achieve the strategy, the council has created three key priorities:

- 1. A strong housing offer: The vision is to provide affordable, accessible, sustainable, and suitable housing choices for all life stages. Recognising that a safe and secure home is fundamental to quality of life, public health, and economic prosperity.
- **2. Better homes**: The council is dedicated to improving the quality and sustainability of existing homes. Through targeted investments, it aims to enhance living conditions and create vibrant communities.

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3. New homes: The strategy emphasises the importance of affordable, accessible, and appropriate new housing. By collaborating with housing associations, developers, and community groups, Buckinghamshire Council will ensure that residents find homes that meet their needs and aspirations.

Each priority includes:

- What the council will do to achieve it
- The challenges Buckinghamshire faces
- · Actions the council is taking now
- Proposed actions up to 2029

Fly-tipper receives suspended prison sentence for dumping asbestos roofing waste in

Bucks. An 81-year-old man from London has narrowly escaped prison after admitting to dumping asbestos roofing materials in Denham, Buckinghamshire. Jagdish Kumar Sharma admitted fly-tipping the waste at Broken Gate Lane in Denham on 17 September 2023. He entered a guilty plea when his case was heard at High Wycombe Magistrates Court on 17 April 2024.

On 17 September 2023, residents at Broken Gate Lane, Denham discovered black sacks dumped in undergrowth on their unadopted road. They reported the dumping which was investigated by an enforcement officer from Buckinghamshire Council. The investigating officer counted 16 black sacks of corrugated roofing sheet material which he suspected to have asbestos content. The officer took samples away for analysis. It was confirmed that white asbestos fibres were present, so a specialist contractor had to be found to clear the material away safely. As the road has not been adopted it meant that the clean-up costs fell to the residents as the landowners, rather than to the council. The residents have a CCTV system which they used to identify the vehicle suspected of having brought the waste.

Buckinghamshire Council officers investigated and interviewed Sharma at a police station near his home. Sharma explained that he had found the waste dumped illegally outside a property he owned in London. He said he was so incensed by finding the waste dumped on his property that he loaded it into his own vehicle and removed it. He was unable to provide a satisfactory explanation as to why he dumped it where he did, but he did admit dumping the waste himself at Broken Gate Lane.

The District Judge sitting at High Wycombe Magistrates' Court took account that this offence involved the deliberate dumping of hazardous waste material, as well as the offender's age and personal circumstances. He sentenced Sharma to 3 months imprisonment (suspending the sentence for 12 months). Sharma was ordered to pay clean-up compensation in full to the local residents in the sum of £582. He was also ordered to pay full investigation and prosecution costs of £917.66 and a victim surcharge of £154, totalling £1,653.66.

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Council reminds residents of new photo ID requirements for local and national elections.

Buckinghamshire Council is reminding residents that to vote in upcoming elections in England they will need to show a valid photo ID at polling stations.

This will apply to:

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

The Electoral Commission's website lists the accepted forms of photo ID. 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.

Councillor Derek Town

FARMING AND FOOD

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

How much would you pay for a milking cow??

It occurred to me while reading our latest edition of The Farmers Guardian that we don't have any idea of the value of a milking herd, or any other stock on the farm for that matter.

On one page the headline reads 'Whitecarr milkers sell to high of 4,000 gns'. Stock animals are still auctioned in guineas. One guinea was 21 shillings in old money. Today a Guinea is worth £1.05. So for the convenience of the seller they know they receive £s while the 5p difference goes to the auctioneer as commission.

So, on the same page -

262 Dairy cattle topped at £3.000 in Carlisle market.

A Lockerbie farmer sold 38 freshly calved, late lactation cows and dry cows to an average almost £2,100 peaking at £2,650 which was a second calver.

Limousin bull tops £7000.00 at Leyburn

A pedigree second calver with a heifer calf £2,700.00

A store cattle Judge, Andrew Spink, Ripon, chose a 21-month-old British Blue heifer as his champion. It sold for £1.920.00.

Ewes and lambs saw a flying trade at Carlisle – a champion pen of Texel hoggs with single lambs sold to £238/life.

Mule ewes sold to £133/life for a three-crop ewe with twins.

Pigs at Leek market averaged £200 for a 'porker' and £197 for a 'baconer'.

None of us really have much idea of how much it costs to breed and care for stock animals...however, I do know it takes dedication and love. Every single day of your life the animals need care and attention.

Moving on to farm machinery I decided to look in the same magazine and online at **second hand** machinery prices. I hope you are finding this interesting!

Bailey Grain Trailer £17,000.00

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so this is a very small insight.

Meanwhile... everyone is talking about the future of farming in the UK. The NFU has published a Farm Confidence Survey showing that short and mid-term confidence among farmers is at its lowest since 2010.

Number 10 is having a Farm to Fork summit on May 14... lets hope we see the results of that!

And the Future of Family Farms has been studied at Harper Adams University.

One notable comment in the report said that farming families tend to 'stick with it' and adapt to stay in business. We do try to do this and hope to continue to keep British produce at its high standard.



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NOTICES

Speed Monitoring. The Parish Council / Cheddington Residents' Association ran a speed check from 7th March to 12th April 2024, outside the scout hut on Station Road, monitoring traffic driving towards the roundabouts from Church Path.

60,936 vehicles were monitored over 35 days, an average of 1,740 vehicles per day. This is about 10% less than when we last did monitoring at this location in October 2022

We recently found some data from a speed check undertaken in 1993 which reported 977 and 1131 vehicles on the two days of their survey. This would suggest that traffic nowadays is 65% higher than it was 30 years ago.

The peak hours remain 7am to 8am and 5pm to 6pm. This was no different in 1993.

One vehicle was driven at 75mph and three at 70mph during this period, but the overall average speed was 39mph. 35% of vehicles were driven at over 35mph during weekdays and this rose to about 40% at weekends.

Since the last speed check the road surface has been improved and now, as we expected, less drivers (about 25%) keep to the 30mph limit; 40% drive at 31 to 35 mph and 35% drive at 36mph or faster. Previous monitoring gave a figure of 25% for the 36mph or more.

So it does seem that more drivers now increase their speed as soon as they leave the houses and parked cars, as they meet the open road with a good road surface.

The road has lamp posts along it so we cannot have more 30mph signs put up. We are continuing to press Bucking-hamshire Council to paint 30mph roundels on all roads where drivers first meet the 30mph limit.

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Buckinghamshire Highways, is going to put permanent Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) at two locations along Station Road and one on the High Street later this summer. The Motor Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) will continue to be used elsewhere.

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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LOCAL FARMERS & CRAFT MAR-

KET. Cheddington Farmer's and Craft Markets will be held on the last Sunday of every month April to October 2024 at Cheddington Village.

The Market will host an array of growers, home produce, home preserves, handmade chocolates, fitness and wellbeing, caricatures, businesses, charities, arts, and artisan crafts.

Buying from our markets can help you shop and eat more sustainably, this also means you're directly supporting all independent local growers, producers, artisan, charities, and craft businesses.

You will be spoilt for choice! There is something for everybody! Including entertainment and fun activities for the families to enjoy. Everyone is welcome. FREE ENTRY.

Cheddington Playscheme

29th July – 2nd August 10am – 3pm

Available for all children attending Cheddington School or living in the village aged 4 - 12.

Bookings open in June, please find all information on our Facebook Page - Cheddington PlayScheme

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE SEE FACEBOOK OR EMAIL: CHEDDINGTONPLAYSCHEME@HOTMAIL.COM.

News from Cheddington Com-

bined School. We've been enjoying many activities during this term, including making full use of our outdoor spaces. In April we held a 'working party' day to help clear our forest school area, it was a fantastic success with many families attending to help us — thank you so much to everyone who came along to help! Following a school competition, and as voted for by the children, the new name for this area is 'The Secret Garden'. We're so pleased that the children are now able to use this space for outside learning.

In the Spring Term we conducted our annual Parent & Staff Surveys. These surveys are run by our governors and pro-

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.

vide important information & feedback to support the strategic planning for the school. We received lots of fantastic and constructive feedback which is hugely beneficial. Here are a few quotes about what our parents think of the school:

"Good school, well led that supports & encourges the children"

"Happy place to learn and develop with a good level of teaching and support."

"My child is happy, well supported and making good progress in their education. As a parent I feel respected and included as a part of my child's educational journey."

We currently have limited spaces in some year groups for 'in year transfers'. If you'd like to know more information or would like to arrange a tour of the school then please contact the School Office at admin@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk.

Cheddington Combined School has a zero tolerance approach to cyber bullying. We will not tolerate abusive, disrespectful or repeated negativity directed at either our staff or pupils - whether via email, text or social media. We reserve the right to take all appropriate action, including sharing content with investigating authorities.

Supporting Oceans of Hope: Donate Your Unused Foreign Curren-

CY. Between now and July, Natalie Turner is raising money for Oceans of Hope, a UK charity who organise sailing events for people living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Natalie was diagnosed with MS in 2020, after experiencing sudden and challenging symptoms.

As part of her fundraising efforts, Natalie is reaching out to our community for support. She's seeking donations of any out-of-date or unused foreign currency you may have lying around. Those forgotten coins and notes can be turned into invaluable support for Oceans of Hope's initiatives. You can drop off at 36 Hillside, call 01296 540476 or message her on 07958 400402 to arrange collection.

But that's not all! Natalie is also excited to be holding an online auction on 1st July (details TBC) to further support Oceans of Hope. There will be some fantastic items on offer, from an Alpaca Walk to t-shirts and gift items. Natalie welcomes further donations of products or services from anyone willing to contribute. Whether it's a handmade craft, a voucher for a local business, or an experience to remember, your donation will help raise vital funds for this worthy cause. For now, you can view lots and follow progress at www.facebook.com/groups/oceansfundraiser

You can also contribute through Natalie's JustGiving page. A humble donation of just £2 (or whatever amount you can spare) will go a long way in empowering Oceans of Hope to continue their life-changing work and her employer will match her total up to £1000.

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TRING OPEN GARDENS. Nine gardens and an allotment are opening in Tring on Sunday 30 June to raise money for Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care. This community event will run from 1pm to 6pm with tickets sold on the day, cash only, at any of the gardens. Plant sales, choir, refreshments and more are promised. Please go to renniegrovepeace.org/opengardens for the list of gardens and more info.

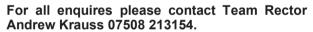
Breeding Bird Survey in

Cheddington. In the second week of May I did the early visit for the Breeding Bird Survey. I have done this now in Cheddington for 22 years. We have a bumper number of Robins this year, all in fine voice. As usual, the walk down Church Path between the old orchards produced the most number of species, including Long-tailed Tits, Chiffchaffs, Blackcaps, Blackbirds, Goldcrests and Song Thrush, it really is a wildlife haven there. There were good numbers of Jackdaws, Collared Doves and House Sparrows in Church Lane, although the numbers of House Sparrows did seem a bit lower than usual - such a nice sight to see a happy House Sparrow chirping on his chosen roof. In the fields near the railway line there were Whitethroats in the hedge, Blackcaps singing and a couple of Linnets. The Rookery in Station Road must be doing well this year because I counted 52 Rooks digging in the soil and searching the grass for grubs and other food. No Yellowhammers yet, but there were at least three displaying Skylarks over the cereal crops and a single Swallow.

The late spring survey is done in May/June so hopefully I will find some Yellowhammers singing by then. The information on our birds feeds into the national dataset and is used by government bodies to inform environmental schemes.

Lynne Lambert

St.GILES PARISH CHURCH.



The Glorious Trinity. The last Sunday in May was Trinity Sunday, a day which in one respect marks a great summary of the Christian faith just beyond the Day of Pentecost (the Sunday before) and transitions beyond Eastertide into a long season of the church year running right the way up to the start of November.

Trinity Sunday is, however, not just an occasion to summarise the core of the Christian faith and its doctrine regarding the nature of God, but also a celebration of that which is the origin of everything – that without which there would literally be nothing. There is therefore a very strong link between this occasion (and the season following) and thinking about creation.

There have historically been many suggested analogies to help us think about the Trinitarian nature of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and especially where the relation to creation is concerned. One of my very favourites is an analogy with a creative artist. Any work of creative art requires three inseparable aspects to be in place. Firstly, the *idea* behind the artwork; secondly, the *activity* involved in actually forming and producing it in practice; and thirdly, the *power* of its impact both back upon the artist and upon a public audience. To have the creative idea, for instance, is already to have a sense of the creative power of the idea, at the very least owing to the activity of formulating an expression of the idea in the artist's mind.

God is often referred to not only as Creator but also as the

Author of Life. The analogy with a creative artist has been used at various points in the Church's history to consider the creative dynamic that this involves. Particularly significant to the analogy between the Trinitarian nature of God and the mind of a creative artist is the fact that the power of impact of the artwork is two-way, both back (inward) to the artist and outward to the wider audience. This is important because the Christian faith speaks of the Trinity both inwardly in terms of the life and nature of God and outwardly in terms of His self-revelation to us as part of His creation, and especially in His taking a creaturely form upon Himself in Christ. Trinity Sunday therefore also incorporates Christian celebration of the Incarnation and points both to the origin and the climax of the Christian faith and of all things – a very great day indeed.

With all best wishes as we move into the summer months Andrew Krauss.

Services St.Giles and St. Mary's June

Sun 2nd 9.00 am E	B.C.P.	St Giles
10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles
4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Thurs 6th 9.15 am	Mid-week Communion	St.Giles
Sun 9th 10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun16th 9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 23rd10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Giles
Sun 30th10.00 am	Benefice Communion	Stewkley
10.30 am	Joint service with Methodists	
		St.Giles

July

Thurs 4th 9.15 am	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'

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

SERVICES FOR JUNE

2nd Rev Arthur Cowburn – Service of Holy Communion 9nd Mr Lafton Lee

16th Café Church - Local Arrangement

23rd Mr Arthur Sara

30th Mrs Lynda Hart - United Service

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER.

You are valued by God! While chatting with an Anglican colleague I described her as brilliant and she responded, "You are also brilliant." I found this useful in thinking that we are all valued by God. You can perhaps go to the jigsaw doctor to create replacements for missing cardboard and wooden jigsaw puzzle pieces, so that your new jigsaw piece can be snuggled to fit that gaping hole. On the contrary, you are irreplaceable for there is no one who can take your place where you are gifted and endowed with special blessings from your Creator Repeatedly, as finite beings we tend to value people from a limited and biased perspective:

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pedigree, ethnicity, stature, wealth, or credentials. Of all biblical classics, the Psalmist David experienced the limited view of humanity ferociously. He was not valued by his own family who thought he was not good enough. Allegedly, Israel needed a new King and God told the prophet Samuel to go to the house of Jesse to select a new king to replace Saul. All of the sons except David were presented and when Samuel saw the physique of the rest of Jesse's sons he said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD (1 Samuel 16:6b)." But God told the prophet Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see: they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart (v.7)." So as Jesse presented all of his seven sons who were rejected by God except David, the prophet became puzzled because he knew that the Spirit of God led him to the house of Jesse, so distraughtly, he said to David's father, "Are all your sons here (v.11a)?" He then replied, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping sheep (v.11b)." David's father thought he wasn't qualified because he was only a shepherd. This seemed menial in the sight of his father but in the sight of God David was the ideal candidate, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one (v.12b)." God overturned Jesse's parochial view and elevated David though his family devalued him. Have you ever felt rejected and not good enough by others? I am here to tell you that God values you. He sees you as important and impeccable in his sight. We get it all wrong by valuing others based on what they have or what they have achieved but God sees differently. He looks at the heart, so how important it is to guard your heart. King Solomon said it best: "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." There was a pastor who transformed himself like a homeless man outside the church and all the members ignored him. While the eager congregation waited for their pastor, this homeless man walked down the aisle. The members were astonished, they gasped for breath as the homeless man started taking off his outer garment. This homeless man was their pastor and they were shocked to the core. He said, "You know what I am going to preach about today!" Many of us fall into the subtle trap of thinking the only place to find God is at church. If we're not expecting to find God everywhere, we might just miss great opportunities for help, healing, and spiritual growth. He is Jehovah Shammah the God who is near. St Augustine said God is closer to us than our very breath. God is in the stranger we pass by each day. God is in the homeless man lying on the street; God is in the beggar asking for food; God is in that tiny baby fighting for life, because they are all valued by Him. Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's masterpiece". Who has the power to devalue what God has made? God calls you His masterpiece. The God of this universe who made this earth calls you His own. When you place your value on what others say about you, you are like a famous painter asking a person who doesn't even have the skills to paint what his painting is worth. God has a special purpose for your life. God made you because you matter to God. Before we were even born God chose us for a special purpose (Jeremiah 1:5) So remember, you are valued by God. May we not become caught up in the looks, pedigree and wealth of others, but look a lot deeper into what that person has to offer from their heart, for each person is valued by God because they are a part of that missing piece in the jigsaw puzzle.

Noreen

"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. Contact Cathy Craft email: cathy.e.craft@gmail.com for more information.

THE SINGALONG CAFE will be held on Tuesday 11 June 2.30 – 4.30 pm at the Methodist Chapel. It will be led by Karen, Cathy and Trevor who are all accomplished musicians. Do come along and join us and bring a friend or two, particularly those who might otherwise be at home alone. Refreshments will be included thanks to two willing volunteers.

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.

MEN'S GROUP meets on the first Friday of each month at 10.45 to noon, in the Church here. Contact Chris Shepheard on 661849.

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

BOOKS and JIGSAWS. We now have a collection of paperback Books, Jigsaws and DVDs 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@btinteret.com

SOCIETIES



SPIRIT YOUTH GROUP.

Tickets are selling fast for Spirit Youth Group's latest production which features Oscar winning

songs, a strong cast and a six piece orchestra playing live. With 34 talented and enthusiastic young people on stage, this show promises to be one of the best ever staged by the Group, whose previous productions include Bugsy Malone, Treasure Island and Oliver! A crew of around 20 adults will provide all the atmosphere required including

"We've got some fine acting talent and some great singers among our membership and we've pulled out all the stops with staging on this fantastic Disney show," says Colin Bryer, Director.

spectacular costumes, dramatic lighting and special effects.

"The Leaders – Ian Hale, Becky Curtis, Sally-Ann Wignall, Karen Chapman and Julie Stanley – have been working very hard behind the scenes to ensure a successful run.

We are especially excited to have a six piece orchestra playing live, rather than using pre-recorded music which is how this show is usually performed."

Beauty and the Beast Jr. tells the story of Belle, an adventurous young girl, and the Beast, her hideous captor who is actually a young prince trapped under a spell. In order to break the spell, the Beast must learn to love another and earn her love in return – before time runs out. With the help of the castle's enchanted staff, including a loving teapot, a charming candelabra, and a nervous mantel clock, Belle and the Beast find a beautiful friendship and love that neither knew was possible. Beauty and the Beast Jr. features classic songs from the Academy Award®-winning film score such as "Be Our Guest" and "Belle," as well as original songs from the 1994 Tony®-nominated Broadway musical.

Performances of Spirit's production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr. are at Cheddington Village Hall on 22nd and 23rd June. There are two shows on the Saturday – 3.00pm and 7.30pm – and a matinee on Sunday at 3.00pm. Tickets are £12 (adults) and £9 (concessions).

Box office is 01296 660872 or you can visit www.spiritdrama.uk for a booking form. Please see the advert in this newsletter for other details.

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1st Cheddington Scout Group.

Scouts 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 including several sections completing activities around the village, hiking, wide games, cycling and the Scouts had a very interesting talk & demonstration by Mid Bucks Bee Keepers Association.

Squirrels – Can you help? The Scout group are working hard to make 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 if your child may wishes 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).

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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
- \bullet Cubs (8 to 10½ years) Tuesdays 18:30 20:00 / Wednesdays 18:30 20:00
- \bullet 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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Opportunists are always on the lookout for a house or car that is an easy target. Going shopping? Popping out? In warm weather don't forget to shut your windows.

Going on holiday? Posting information on Face-book announces that you are away. Make your house look as if you are at home by using timer switches and asking a neighbour to put their car on your drive, adjust your curtains and keep an eye on the house for you.

Parcels left on doorsteps indicate that you are out or away. Please let Cheddington NHW know if you report anything to the police by sending us an email which includes the Crime Reference Number neighbourhoodwatchcheddington@gmail.com. If you are not already included in receiving NHW emails about local concerns then please get in touch.

Let's work together and keep crime low here.

Copy date for the next issue:

June 15th

SPORTS & FITNESS

CHEDDINGTON BADMINTON

CLUB. We play social badminton (with a competitive edge!) between 8pm and 10pm every Thursday in the Village Hall (except the 20th this month). New members are always made welcome. The season comes to an end this month. The 2024/25 season starts once again on Thursday 5th September. For further details give Kim a ring on 07778279109.

CHEDDINGTON 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.

BOWLS CLUB. The season is now in full swing at Cheddington Bowls Club. We were happy to welcome 7 visitors for our open day on 6th May, but unfortunately the weather might have deterred some people. If you fancy giving bowls a go, you are invited to join a taster session on Tuesday afternoons, or Friday evenings. There will be a coach available to introduce you to the sport, and you will be able to meet some of our members.

Experienced bowlers are of course also welcome.

There is more information on our website at https://cheddingtonbowls.org.uk/

Please contact admin@cheddingtonbowls.org.uk or leave a message on 01296 661381 if you are interested in coming to give it a try so that we can make sure there is a coach there for you.

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CALENDAR

JUNE

5th Parish Council Annual Meeting. 7pm. Pavilion 11th Singalong Café. Methodist Chapel. 2.30pm 12th Residents Assoc. meeting. 7.15pm. Methodist Hall 15th Newsletter copy date 22nd Repair Café. 9.30–12.30. Pitstone Pavilion

22nd Repair Café. 9.30–12.30. Pitstone Pavilion 22nd/23rd Spirit Group Production. Village Hall 30th Farmers Market. 11am-3pm. Village Hall

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