

Cheddington Village Newsletter

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Litter Pick. In order to maintain our proud status as Best Kept Village 2024 we are continuing to organise six monthly litter picks, concentrating mainly on the roads in and out of the village. If you can spare some time and would like to help us, please come to The Green at 10.30 on Sunday 3rd November. We will provide sacks, litter pickers, gloves, etc and you will earn a complimentary drink at the end.. Help us keep the village litter-free.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The November Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th 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 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 August PC meeting:

a. Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council:

24/02688/APP – Falcon House High Street Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 9AA – Householder application for detached garage and gym with loft accommodation – No objection

b. To Receive Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council:

24/02157/APP – Elstage Farm Station Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SG – Proposed demolition of existing garage. Erection of two bay garage and associated living accommodation annexe and including farm office – Refused 04.09.24

24/02087/APP – Falcon House High Street Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 9AA – Householder application for two storey detached garage/gym including first floor to be used for habitable space – Refused 09.09.24

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.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE.

A big thank you to all the residents that turned out for the presentation at The Green on Saturday 21st September.

For those of you that missed it a few words from Cllr Christine Fee, Chair of Cheddington Parish Council:

On behalf of the village of Cheddington I was delighted to accept the award for Best Kept Village and also the Sword of Excellence for the best overall winner.

These awards would not have been achieved without the hard work of certain people:

- Keith and Lucy, our village 'Handyfolk', who undertake the day-to-day upkeep of the village.
- Mary, who tends the floral display around the Memorial
- Simon Barrow, our grass cutting contractor.

I would also like to thank Cathy, our Proud of Bucks Award winner for all her work within the village and to all the other people who run the various organisations and clubs. All of which go to make this such a lovely village to live in.

Thank you again.

Christine

Chair, Cheddington Parish Council.

The Chair also thanked the BKV committee for all its time and hard work in organising the competition and welcomed them to Tea & Cake in the Chapel (provided by Cheddington WI and lots of other willing volunteers!)

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 next Residents' Association committee meeting will be on Wednesday 13th November at 7.15pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Please come along to tell us of any issues.

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 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. 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.

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.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

£1 BILLION UPLIFT TO BRITISH GDP!

Cheddington landowner, "turns the key" to "unlock" "landlocked" "major" housing development, expressly to create a gain to the British GDP of £1 Billion plus and minimise the suffering and the impoverishment of Great Britain during this recession.

We as landowners have resisted developers attempts to buy the highways access and land we

own which connects to the adjacent "landlocked" field approved for new housing development by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) for around 10 years. However as "economic needs must" it seems that land adopted by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is needed for a major new housing development in Cheddington following the Prime Minister Kier Starmer's pledge to the public and to local councils to "Take the brakes off Britain " to aid the British economy. (published in The Times 17 July 2024).

The now assenting landowners have had the privilege of living in our beautiful village of Cheddington for 30 plus years, and as such will be expressing our gratitude by "giving back" by making substantial donations by written pledge from the "proceeds of sale" for the said access and necessary land for "good works" back to the community, generously provided by the hard and dedicated work of UNICEF, Save the Children Fund, NSPCC, Children with Cancer, Shelter, and other eminently worthy causes, with particular emphasis on "not for profit" charities if this government initiative proceeds to "Take the brakes off Britain ". To this end we are currently selling 1/3rd of an acre building plot with planning permission for a building footprint of 1900 sq. ft., or on two floors 3500 sq. ft.

Harry and Sandy Hart .

BUCKS COUNCILLORS NEWS.

Buckinghamshire Council responds to Government consultation on planning proposals.

Buckinghamshire. Council has submitted its formal response to the Government's consultation on proposals to make changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), amidst significant concerns about the potential and far-reaching implications for the county should the proposals go ahead. The consultation is a complex exercise with more than 100 questions that seek views on the proposed amendments to the NPPF. This is the framework by which local planning authorities determine planning applications and form local plans. The NPPF includes setting out how local housing need should be met, and specifically how many homes should be built in a certain area.

The council's response answers all 106 questions of the consultation, which seek opinion on the various areas to the policy where changes are proposed. While the council agrees with some of the proposed amendments, its formal response records some grave and significant objections to the proposed policy changes due to the negative implications it would have for Buckinghamshire.

The main areas the council has raised concerns over in its response are:

- The proposed changes to the way in which local housing need is to be calculated, which would lead to a 42% increase in the figure for Buckinghamshire.
- The proposed changes to Green Belt policy, particularly a new definition of 'grey belt' land which has the potential to lead to large-scale sporadic developments across a wide area of the Buckinghamshire Green Belt.
- The proposed changes to the requirements relating to maintaining a five year supply of housing land which are likely to lead to more speculative planning applications being granted permission, and
- The lack of a strategic approach to funding and providing essential local infrastructure when existing facilities are already overwhelmed

Full steam ahead for the South-East Aylesbury Link Road.

Buckinghamshire Council is pleased to announce this key infrastructure project is progressing well, with a new contractor now appointed to complete the remainder of the biggest section of the scheme.

The South-East Aylesbury Link Road (SEALR) is being built in two sections with work well underway. The two sections will link to form 1.1 miles of new dual carriageway, including three new roundabout junctions and a new bridge across the railway line to London. Both sections are well on track and due to complete within the next two years.

The Lower Road and Wendover Road roundabouts, part of the longer section of new road, are progressing well with constructors Galliford Try now appointed to complete the remaining works for this phase; namely the section between Wendover Road and Lower Road including the bridge over the railway. It's anticipated that that this link should be open during the latter part of 2026. The section linking HS2's new Stoke Mandeville Relief Road to Lower Road is expected to be open sooner, during the next 12 months.

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Once complete, the South-East Aylesbury Link Road will form a crucial part of a new Orbital Link Road around Aylesbury providing a new route around the town, significantly easing congestion through the town centre and delivering new cycling and walking routes.

Calling Bucks pensioners – can we help reduce your energy bills? Buckinghamshire Council has extended the eligibility criteria of one of its key programmes to help lower heating bills, following the government’s decision to remove the Winter Fuel Payment from the majority of Buckinghamshire pensioners.

The council’s ‘Energy Doctor’ scheme involves a home visit from one of their Energy Doctors to assess ‘easy interventions’ to lower energy bills, funded by the council, such as fitting LED light bulbs and draught proofing. Now the council has extended the scheme to include all residents of State Pension age whose homes have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rated D-G.

It’s part of a range of help the council wants local pensioners to access if losing their Winter Fuel Payment leaves them struggling to meet heating costs. The Winter Fuel Payment will only be made this year to pensioners receiving Pension Credit or another related benefit. It means some 95,000 pensioners in Buckinghamshire will no longer receive this payment so Buckinghamshire Council is working hard to remind those residents about what other support is available.

The council’s Energy Doctors have visited more than 800 Buckinghamshire homes in the last 18 months, and the energy saving measures they have put into those homes are saving each household on average an estimated £129 on annual energy bills.

The Energy Doctors use low-cost ‘retrofit’ measures to reduce energy costs, such as:

- draught proofing
- installing LED lightbulbs
- installing secondary glazing
- providing heated throws
- installing aerated shower heads and shower timers

Thomas Broom is Buckinghamshire Council’s Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment. He said: “As a council we have made clear our extremely strong objections to the government removing this critical support for pensioners and have written directly to the Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to ask that this policy is reversed. We are also doing all we can to support our local pensioners as we move into the colder months and expanding our Energy Doctor scheme is one way we can help.

“Please find out from our team if you’re eligible for a visit as our Energy Doctor could make a real difference in helping to make heating the home more affordable. I also urge family and friends of local pensioners to make sure they’re aware of our Energy Doctor scheme which has already helped so many local households – please spread the word!”

Bucks History Festival returns to celebrate our history and heritage.

Buckinghamshire History Festival returns next month for its ninth annual celebration of the county’s history and cultural heritage. The festival, organised by Buckinghamshire Archives, sees the Archives team come together with partner

organisations from across the county to present a huge range of events to see and do throughout November. Buckinghamshire’s past will be brought to life and the untold stories of its people and places will be uncovered.

Council welcomes new £2.4m funding boost to support struggling households.

Buckinghamshire Council has welcomed the news that it will continue to receive Government funding until March 2025 to help support households and residents in Buckinghamshire who are struggling with cost of living pressures. The funding has been allocated through the Government’s Household Support Fund and enables local authorities to use the money to directly support low-income households and those experiencing financial hardship with energy costs, food costs, and other household essentials.

The Household Support Fund is provided by the Department for Work and Pensions and has been used in Buckinghamshire to support residents via the Council’s Helping Hand service, which processes applications for financial help. The money has also been used to support local organisations including charities and other schemes to target priority groups who are struggling the most.

Please check if you or someone you know is eligible by going to: www.gov.uk/pension-credit/eligibility

Councillor Derek Town

NOTICES

Update from Cheddington Combined School.

Last month we held our first Grand Community day. It was wonderful to welcome our retired community from the village, along with grandparents from the school, into our school. We shared lots of fun, smiles and cake! Thank you to those who came in, it was lovely to see you.

This month we will be marking Remembrance Day on 11th November with a service on The Green. The whole school will be in attendance at 10:45 and the children will be singing before we observe the minute silence at 11am. If you would like to join us to mark this special date you are most welcome. Also this month, we are running tours of the school for prospective families looking for reception places in September 2025. If you like to book to attend a tour please contact the School Office at admin@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk.

Do you have a spare hour or two a week? Would you like to support our children’s learning? We are looking for volunteer readers to regularly come in and hear our children read. If you would like to volunteer then please email the school office at: admin@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk.

Please note all volunteers will be subject to a Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) check.

***Copy date for the next issue:
November 15th***

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Bowls Club Craft Fayre.

Cheddington Bowls Club are very excited to announce that we are holding a Craft Fayre in the clubhouse in the Recreation Ground (next to the Pavilion) on Saturday 9th November, 11am-4pm.

There will be all kinds of delights, including glassware, art and paintings, jewellery, bobble hat boutique, local honey and candles, scarves, decoupage, homemade cards and much more! There will also be a 'good as new' clothes boutique for those looking for a stylish update to their wardrobe! If this isn't enough excitement, there will be a chance to buy some wonderful homemade cakes, and to try your hand at the tombola and bottle stall.

So much will be going on, and we would really love to welcome you. It's a great opportunity to get ahead with your Christmas shopping! Refreshments will be on sale and admission is free! We hope to see you there.

REPAIR CAFE – Our next Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café will be held on Saturday 23rd November 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 700 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 F Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café Or send us an email ivinghoerepaircafe@gmail.com Or give Kim a ring on 07778279109.

Resident Cheddington Artists take part in Northall Annual Art Show.

This years Northall Art Show features 6 hand picked local artists (two from our very own Village), in the picturesque Village of Northall, 16th & 17th November, 10am - 5pm. Artists will be on-hand throughout the weekend with a variety of work on display and for purchase, including Oils, Acrylics, Illustrations, Ceramics and more. The venue (Northall Village Hall, LU6 2EX) is wheelchair accessible and has ample parking. With an onsite outdoor play area and a pub for refreshments just around the corner, it is a wonderful day out whatever the weather.

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 NOVEMBER

- 3 Rev Noreen Daley-Lee – Service of Holy Communion
- 10 Remembrance Sunday – 10.40 am Service of Remembrance on The Green at The War Memorial. Tea and Coffee will be served in the Hall at the Methodist Church
- 17 Mr Ken Harris
- 24 Mrs Lynda Hart.

Where are we going? The world feels very unsettled at present. And the pertinent question to unravel is – 'Where are we going?' This question creates a whirlwind of scepticism and pessimism that prompts us to think about what kind of future we are preparing for forthcoming generations.

We wish for a better world where humanity live in peace and harmony, sharing brotherly and sisterly love like the swans that swim across the lake, symbols of grace, beauty, love and fidelity, the epitome of God's design from the very beginning. However, the unattractiveness of humanity protrudes the media through wars, divisions and violence. Clearly, we haven't learnt the lessons of the atrocities of war, which is senseless, inhumane and unnecessary.

Human intelligence knows that human perverseness has cost millions that should have been spent on lifting the living standards of others. While the swans gracefully glide across the lake peacefully enjoying God's creation, human beings are bombing individuals, communities and nations in the name of selfishness and greed. Is it going to end? Looking from a biblical perspective as time goes on life would become increasingly difficult, "And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs." (Matthew 24:6-8).

Scholars vigorously debate how the prophecies of this chapter are to be interpreted. Certain things, however, seem clear. Jesus will come at history's end. Until Jesus returns, we can expect to experience the consequences of sin in society (wars) and in nature (earthquakes, famines). While we wait, we are to concentrate on carrying out our absent Lord's instructions. Whatever our understanding of this complex and difficult passage, it is faithfulness that will count where we devote ourselves to praying for the peace of Jerusalem and the world.

Our calling and duty in these difficult times is to pray for our world so that we wouldn't be alarmed, but experience the greatness of the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon all including our children and young people, "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." (Acts 2:17)

We pray for those who suffered in silence, those who have been injured, and those who wait anxiously at home. We also ask God to bless those who work for a more peaceful world and to grant peace in the present time. We remember in our prayers, all those in our society today who lived during the second world war, many of whom would have been at that time children or young people; and who now, are in the elderly years of their lives. We pray too for the Armed forces, remembering family, friends, civilian women, children and men.

We are we going? With optimism we look forward for that day when Jesus shall reign wherever the sun and all live in peace like the swans with their flowing feathers and angel-like wings. (Noreen)

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

BOOKS and JIGSAWS. We have a collection of paperback books and jigsaws available to buy or borrow. If you are able to make a small donation that would be much appreciated. Do come and have a look to see if there is anything of interest to you. The schoolroom is usually open 9.30-11.30 an on Mondays during term time or Fridays 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 would be much appreciated and 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.

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

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St. Giles Parish Church

Journeys – Revd Dom Wright.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places... And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' John 14: 2a, 4, 5)

I'm very grateful for this opportunity to introduce myself to Cheddington. My name is Revd Dom Wright. I am the new Team Rector at St Giles's Church. I grew up in Bristol originally, but came to Birmingham at the age of 18 to study Biochemistry where I met my wife Jo who was from East Yorkshire and studying Psychology. Having lived in Birmingham and the West Midlands for the last 30 years the journey for us here has been for us, quite literally, a leap of faith. I've previously ministered only in the inner city and in the suburbs. The sense of calling here to village life was unexpected but strong and I'm feeling very excited to be with you. I first visited St Giles's the week before my interview in July. As we explored Cheddington and the other villages of the benefice in July, the week before my interview, I remember thinking how much I would enjoy coming here though also feeling that uprooting our family would be too complicated. But although it seemed impossible this is the journey that I felt God was leading me to take. I'm writing this now ten days after my installation service at All Saints Soulbury on 6th October which was a really joyful occasion.

In October and November last year I had just set off on an-

other daunting journey. In the Diocese of Birmingham vicars are offered the opportunity to take a three month sabbatical after completing seven years of service, so I decided to take a journey that I'd never otherwise have the opportunity to do. I enjoy visiting ancient sites (which was one of the attractions to coming here). I wanted to retrace a biblical era journey, so, inspired by Indian members of my congregation I decided to retrace some of the routes associated with St Thomas the apostle who is believed to have travelled from the Holy Land to India. The journey is not recorded in the Bible but the tradition is that he started over seven churches in India and he was eventually martyred in Tamil Nadu. (This is the same Thomas known as 'Doubting Thomas'). As I'm a keen cyclist I decided to do journey with a bicycle. I didn't cycle all the way but I did cover over a thousand miles through the deserts of Jordan, the region of Mesopotamia in South East Turkey along the Syrian border and South India. Travelling solo, I stayed with monasteries and ancient Christian communities along the way. Although I ran into some serious problems along I managed to keep my head and I after I returned this year I made a film about it.

As a way of getting to know you in Cheddington, whether you are churchgoers or not, I would like to invite you to a film evening where I will show the film of this journey. I would give this film somewhere between a PG and 12A certificate as there is a bit of drama along the way. The film will be shown at Cheddington Methodist Church at 7pm at Cheddington Methodist Church. Refreshments will also be provided and there is no charge. I would like this to be my opportunity to meet you. And get to know you. Please come along! I've made a trailer for the film that you can see here: <https://youtu.be/LS32XqlozY>

It is now my privilege now to start my journey in this community alongside you. I'm reminded of Jesus's answer to Thomas's question 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

Dom Wright

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SERVICES

November

Sun 3rd	9.00 am	B.C.P.	St Giles
	10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Thurs 7th	9.15am	Mid-week Communion	St.Giles
Sun 10th	10.40 am	Remembrance Sunday	Village Green
Sun 17th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 24th	10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Giles

December

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
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Clare, Rachel and Kim.

SOCIETIES



Monday 18th November The Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Our guest speaker Mike Chapman is a volunteer with the CWGC. In addition to delivering talks, Mike leads tours at CWGC locations in the local area and cares for fifty First and Second World War graves across seven sites. In this talk we will hear about the history of the CWGC, the organisation which commemorates the 1.7 million service men and women from Britain and the Commonwealth who died during the First and Second World War. Mike will talk about the scope and scale of the CWGC's operation across 23,000 locations in more than 150 countries and territories today. He will also refer to the stories of some local casualties from Cheddington and the surrounding area. We meet at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church by the Green in the village High Street. Visitors are welcome.

2025 Programme:

January 20th - Follies and Foibles

Speaker: Adam Smith

This talk looks at some of the eccentric buildings we can see around great houses and why they were built.

February 17th - History of Almshouses

Speaker: Simon Smith

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March 17th - The Story of Halton House

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April 14th - Al Capone

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Speaker: Roger Mason

May 19th - Trench Humour in the First World War

Speaker: Stephen Barker

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

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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 meeting is 21 Nov - Neil Gurney. Interested in joining? Please contact Kay Clements (Chair) on 01296 668781 for more details.



1ST CHEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP.

The nights are drawing in and not long till the clocks change, however, that doesn't deter any of the scouting sections from any activities. Rain has stopped plans on the odd occasion but there have still been hikes, camps, wide games and campfires all held outdoors. We are also looking forward to bonfire night and Remembrance Sunday which are big events in the Scouting calendar.

Beavers have been running fortnightly but look to restart properly after half term, this has led to a reduced programme, but they are definitely looking forward to the county sleepover at Conkers Discovery Centre just before half term.

Cubs Both sections have been busy with spy codes and games, a campfire session and a few games of 'Conkers'. With a bit of luck we have managed to secure a new leader for Tuesday Tigers – please watch email/this space for further updates. They are still looking for additional help though to support. If you would like to help on a regular basis, please email admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk

Scouts have had a busy few weeks with attending the District Camp where they had to buy their own lunch and prepare it, they have also had a martial arts session and are looking forward to the annual chippy hike in Tring this week.

Explorers are now the largest explorer section in the country which is amazing to hear. Activities for this group have been varied from Sumo and darts, to cookie cooking and Bingo. If you would be interested in supporting/mentoring this section any help would be appreciated, again email admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk

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.

Volunteers Required! As you can imagine, all sections are extremely popular, and we have significant waiting lists. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with running the sections (especially Cubs!) it really is true – many hands do make light work so the more people that can help the easier it is for all. 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, admin-

istration or executive leadership, please contact us at admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk. 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 membership fees for your child).

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 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

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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. For further details give Kim a ring on 07778279109.

JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB. The new junior 2024/25 season has now started, membership for the whole year is £52.50. New members are always welcome, places are secured on ability and not age. Turn up at 6pm and Ray, our Badminton England coach will determine the most appropriate group for you. *Ray can be contacted on 662148 for further details about Junior Badminton.*

DAYTIME BADMINTON. Come along on a Monday morning between 10.45 and 12.45 for social daytime badminton, no membership necessary. The cost is £4 per session. For further details contact Kim on kim.key@hotmail.co.uk or 07778279109 or just turn up!



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TENNIS CLUB.



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DAYTIME TENNIS (Mondays & Fridays, 10am – noon) If you're around during the week and fancy a social game, with a cuppa afterwards, come along and meet our friendly daytime group.

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.

Although the current season is drawing to a close we now have vacancies for more members for 2025 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 9.30am a different spot each time and walk for 4 – 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.

BOWLS CLUB. Cheddington Bowls Club is pleased to welcome new prospective members. We will be arranging taster sessions for anyone interested in giving the sport a try on Tuesday afternoons starting at 2pm. All you need is a pair of flat-soled shoes, we can loan you the 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/>

FOOTBALL

Your village football team, fresh off two wins on the bounce, boarded the colossal white Masons transportation, fans in tow, for another away adventure. This time to Wicken Sports and Social Club, Milton Keynes, to do battle against OB City. Another fantastic wellbeing club, striving to improve people's mental and physical health, through playing football.



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OB City (get it?), probably without a man over the age of 35. Were going to prove a difficult level of opposition, for Cheddington's group of over 35s...40s...45s and beyond! Lining up 4-5-1. With the Edwards brothers either side of Scott Beattie up front. OB City caught the Apples' defence cold, scoring after just five minutes. Cheddington responded straight away, following great work down the left by James 'Sunshine On' Leith. His wicked cross, turned in by an OB City defender to make it 1-1. A lovely right wing cross from Sam Edwards, found his older brother Jamie, in acres, who headed in from close range. That's a remarkable 21 veteran level goals, in 17 games for the Slapton based superstar now. Staggering.

Then, it was Sam's turn to punish the OB City defence. Nicking the ball from the full back, sprinting clear and calmly slotting home for 3-1.

Beattie, now in on the act. Grabbed a stunning 10 minute hattrick. Finishing at the near post. Then a delicious half volley. And topping it off with a sumptuous lob from just inside the opposition half. Your village team with a 6-1 lead at half time.

No sooner had the ref restarted the match. The Apples had another, when substitute Pete 'Straight Outta' Compton slotted a beautiful ball through to Sam Edwards, who rarely doesn't punish the opposition when through on goal. 7-1, dreamland for Cheddington.

The ref, who clearly had taken a liking to striker Beattie, then decided that he should spend 10 minutes on the sideline. For laughing, of all possible inflictions! The man advantage allowed OB City to grab a couple of consolation goals. But it was Beattie with the last laugh. The exceptional Leith delivering on a plate for the Scotsman to power home his FOURTH goal. Cheddington running out 8-3 winners. That's three wins in a row for your village team.

Apple of the Match - Scott Beattie. Some say that James

Leith's marvellous midfield performance warranted the award. But perhaps more apt that it was the Glaswegian quinquagenarian's quadruple, that truly broke the hearts of the opposition today!

Cheddington - Carini, Mann, Lewis W, Glover (C), Mason (O'Neill), Edwards S 2 (Braddling), James (Compton), Page (Power), Leith, Edwards J 1, Beattie 4.

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- 13th CRA meeting
- 14th Singalong café. Methodist Hall. 2.30pm
- 18th CHS. Methodist Hall. 8pm
- 20th-23rd Stewkley Players Aladdin. Stewkley Village Hall
- 23rd Repair Café 9.30 – 12.30 at the Pitstone Pavillion
- 30th Tennis Club Quiz. Village Hall. 7pm

FEBRUARY

- 21st – 23rd Panto Goup's Cinderella

Thank you. Jill, Linda and Irene would like to thank everyone involved in the bake sale they organised to raise an impressive £1276.80 for Macmillan Nursing. They would like to thank all the helpers, bakers and customers for being so generous.

Jill Nutkins, Linda Smith and Irene Johnson

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