

April 2025

Chaddleworth News

In this new edition...

- ✓ Reserve the dates for Chaddleworth Entertainments:
- ✓ VE Day Beacon: Thursday 8th May
- ✓ Fete: Saturday 21st June,
- ✓ updates Chaddleworth Cricket Club and The Ibex Inn,
- ✓ letters from local people,
- ✓ music in Great Shefford and Newbury,
- ✓ GreenFest returns,
- ✓ about the Ridgeway Council,
- ✓ plenty more information about our local schools, church, groups, charities, businesses,
- ✓ an opportunity to visit Wooley House,
- ✓ and many events in our neighbouring parishes.

Please provide your letters, suggestions and contributions for the next, June edition by 20th May 2025. Thank you and go well.

Ed.

West Downland Benefice

Join the Easter activities for all ages...

- ❖ Trevor the Donkey Sunday 13th April
- ❖ Duck Derby Saturday 19th April
- ❖ Easter Egg Hunt Sunday 20th April
- ❖ and much more (pages 12&13) ...



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Letters

Lent Lunch: We held a Lent Lunch in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th March and although it was advertised by notices around the village and on Facebook only a few attended but it was a happy few!

There was a variety of homemade soups available, tomato, chicken and vegetable, cauliflower, vegetable, and parsnip, apple and ginger and the ladies who had made the soups had a lovely time sampling what the others had made and they were all delicious. With thanks, **Sue Ridgeway**

CRELD1 Warriors: Dear Phyllis and everyone who organised and came to the Tea and Cake event in Chaddleworth Village Hall. I can't **THANK YOU** enough! We are so blown away by the generosity. It's incredible and very exciting to have raised over £550 which supports research. We loved the afternoon, and it was so great to see and meet everyone. Thank you so much!
Sophie, Oli and Angus

The Downland Volunteer Group (DVG):

We are moving closer to the summer months and village summer fetes. The DVG are considering attending some of these fetes to promote the **HandeBus** service but also to look for more volunteers. Please contact us if you are able to volunteer. Many thanks.

Joe Clerkin, Chairman – DVG



Helen Orton, To See Oneself is to Recognise Oneself: I'm a local artist from Chaddleworth and my solo exhibition was at The Base, Greenham from 18th to 30th March. Over twenty paintings were shown. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the show. If you would like to find out more about my work, have a look at my website www.helenorton.uk

Helen



Kirsty Harris, Physiotherapy: Please note, I have recently relocated home and physio clinic from Great Shefford to Welford.

Best Wishes,

Kirsty Harris

BSc (Hons), MCSP, Chartered Physiotherapist

T: 01488 440121

www.kirstyharrisphysiotherapy.co.uk



CHARITY CLAY SHOOT

In Aid of St. Mary's Fawley & The Vine and Craven Hunt

**Saturday
3rd May
2025**

250 targets per team to include 50 bird sporting and 100 bird pheasant flush
to be shot in teams of three
@ £150 per team
Prizes for the winning team and individual high gun

SHOOTING STARTS 10AM
FIBRE WAD ONLY
CARTRIDGES & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
EYE, HEAD, EAR PROTECTION MUST BE WORN

Event Location: OX12 8NH or W3W: ///driver.polka.clouds

Teams Required to pre book via:
Email: wjbraceyandsons1@gmail.com
Telephone: 07766231952

Visit to Woolley House A Village Tour

Four years ago in the Covid era we at Brightwalton organised a visit to Woolley House. By courtesy of Kirsten Loyd, the present owner, we shall do another visit on Saturday 28 June. This time, Kirsten suggested that we should open it to villagers in Fawley and Chaddleworth. It was very popular last time and places were filled very quickly, so we are giving you the chance to reserve your places early. The visit will start from Brightwalton Village Hall car park at 2 pm and travel in convoy to the parking field. We will have time to roam around the house and grounds. Kirsten Loyd, the present owner will give us a talk, and provide tea for everyone afterwards—hopefully on the terrasse. You can get a good idea of what is there if you visit



<https://www.woolleyestate.co.uk/>. The price will be £16 per person and will include tea. Get in touch to get full details on how to book at bricnews@gmail.com

All proceeds will go to charity. Mike Ananin.

Lights, Camera, Orchestra!

Conductor: Victoria Benjamin



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Schindler's List featuring soloist

Victoria Stapleton

World premiere of 'Anton Lakes Pulse' featuring

Tuba soloist Jonathan Hodgetts

Tickets including refreshments £12.50

Group (9+) £10, Under 16s £2.50, Under 5s free

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25TH ANNIVERSARY



at **St Bartholomew's School, Newbury**

A free community event celebrating action and hope for the planet! Activities include:

wormery demonstration 🌱 vegetable & wildflower seed planting 🍴 from field to plate display 🦋 local foraging advice 🍷 low-energy cooking demo's 🚲 pedal-your-own-smoothie bike 🌱 peat-free compost ♻️ low-carbon food tasters 🔥 ask a heat-pump owner 🏠 draught-proofing & insulation 📡 professional home-energy advice 🔍 thermal camera display 🔌 ask an EV-owner ☀️ solar-powered scalextric 🔌 Kerbo charge 🏠 demand-responsive bus 🚲 bicycle 'hoopla' and maintenance demos 🛍️ plastic-free, pop-up shop ♻️ council recycling 🏠 have-a-go spinning wheel 🏠 St Bart's Kintsugi club 🧵 visible mending ✂️ rock painting 🐾 animal-mask making 🦋 local wildlife corridors 🐛 ecologist-led bug hunt 🦋 book a bat-walk 🍏 apple-tree pruning 🌱 plant & seed swap 🐾 caring for wildlife 🦋 citizen science 🌸 Newbury in bloom 🌱 fuel-poverty support 🎨 art in activism 🥁 drumming workshop 🌊 flood resilience 🗣️ campaigning 🐦 bird-feeders from recycling. Visit the *West Berkshire Green Exchange* for a wealth of information:

www.wbge.org.uk/greenfest.html



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APRIL

10 WESTON-SUB-EDGE Gloucs
11 HUNGARTON Leics
12 WALGRAVE Northants

18 LINTON Derbys
19 FULFORD Staffs
20 ALL STRETTON Salop

MAY

16 GREAT SHEFFORD Berks
17 WINTERSLOW Wilts
18 MORTIMER ST JOHNS W.Berks

22 TEMPERANCE Warks
23 MOGGERHANGER Beds
24 TINGEWICK Bucks
25 BRAILES Warks



Tickets available at
GREGBRICEMUSIC.CO.UK





Chaddleworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

(Registered Charity 1190914)

After the half term break, the PTFA resumed our fundraising with the final of our house bake off competition. Throughout January and February, Anvil and Arlington houses brought tasty treats to our Friday afternoons, which the PTFA sold to raise money for school cookery equipment. Finally, it was Watermill's turn to bring in delicious bakes! We are delighted to announce our bake off totals:

- ❖ Anvil £103
- ❖ Arlington £105.50
- ❖ Watermill £139.60

The three bake sales raised a total of **£348.10**, the equivalent of funding three double induction hobs for the children to use in their cookery lessons!



All children in Watermill House received an extra-long break time as a reward for

their fundraising efforts, and they were the first to try out the school's new playground equipment. Well done to everyone, and special thanks to all the parents and carers who made and bought cakes for the PTFA to sell.



Our upcoming events for the spring term include an Easter village trail (maps available from **Monday 7th April** from the Great Shefford village shop), and a Bags2School collection on **Wednesday 30th April**. For anyone having a spring wardrobe clear out, please consider bagging up your unwanted items and saving them to drop off at the school. The PTFA will receive a donation per kilo of recycled textiles and would be grateful for any bags dropped off at the Great Shefford school bike shelter.

Thank you for your continued support!

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



Great Sheffield Under Fives

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

This half term is particularly busy for the **Pre-School** children as a whole host of activities and celebrations fall within the six weeks. On Shrove Tuesday we made and ate pancakes, then *Denise* and *Kathryn* raced each other around the room tossing pancakes from the pans! The children joined in the fun of World Book Day and dressed as their favourite story character to foster the love of reading; we are lucky to have a wonderful selection of fiction and non-fiction, seasonal and topical books plus children can borrow every day.



Rev. Mike joined us one Wednesday and played his guitar to a selection of fun songs and rhymes – I think he is their favourite visitor and a hard act to follow! We enjoyed messy fun and dancing for Red Nose Day to raise money for Comic Relief.

All the children have made a Mother's Day card and will make a small posy of flowers to give their mummy. We are now starting our Easter celebrations which will include making an Easter garden, decorations, chocolate nests, baskets and an egg hunt of course.

This week, there is mud which made for a fun and messy walk to the trees! We looked inside the church at the Nativity scenes which stay there till Candlemass and spent afternoons at the park.



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

Best wishes, **Denise Herrington**
www.greatsheffordunderfives.co.uk

Chaddleworth St Andrew's and Shefford C.E.

Federated Primary Schools

*Community, Compassion, Courage,
Trust, Perseverance, Thankfulness*

What a super couple of months! With heart-warming spring sunshine, delicate spring flowers appearing and lots of exciting learning and opportunities shared!

The Easter Story with Rev. Mike...

On Wednesday morning Reverend Mike visited Red Kites class to teach and discuss the lead up to Good Friday as part of their Big Question this term: Was the death of Jesus a worthwhile sacrifice? The class discussed The Last Supper and the acts of Judas using sections of the Bible to support their learning. *Miss Oram*



Bikeability...

The first group from Red Kites took to their bikes this week, on the playground, for Level 1 Bikeability. Thank you to *Mr Withers* and *Mrs Bell* for checking all the bikes were riding ready.



KS1 Cricket Festival...

We had the pleasure of taking more Kingfishers to The Willows in Newbury to experience the Key Stage One Cricket Festival! Putting all of our Cricket skills to the test that we have been learning every Friday Kingfishers certainly did us proud. We had great fun trying to knock a ball off some stumps, aiming at stumps and stopping our opponents from getting too many runs. We also tried really hard to see how many times we could clap our hands after throwing the ball in the air before catching it again. It was an active yet fun afternoon. Thank you, Mr Withers, for driving and supporting us.



Touch Rugby...

It was chilly, it was windy, BUT we had a great afternoon at the touch rugby tournament! The year 5 and 6 team played brilliantly as a team- following the touch rugby rules, encouraging one another and most importantly- having fun!



Ms Munday, Acting Headteacher
www.csfschools.org

The Ibex Inn

We are open every day!

01488639052



bookings@theibexinn.com

Spring is in the air, and here at The Ibex we're embracing the change of season with open arms and tasty pints! We are counting down the days to when the weather is nice enough for evenings in the pub garden. In the meantime, we have lots of events coming up to keep you busy...

APRIL 2025

QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 11th April

Quiz night returns from 8pm! Gather your brainiest buddies and compete for glory, the ultimate test of your trivia knowledge. Process from this quiz will go to West Downland Benefice and Chaddleshworth Church. Pre-order your meals before *Monday 7th April*:

- Sticky BBQ Ribs
- Burger (beef/chicken/vegan)
- Scampi
- Pie of the Day



EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday 30th April

Looking for the perfect place to celebrate Easter Sunday? Come join us at The Ibex. We have sittings at 12-3pm, 3-6pm, 6-8pm. £10 per person deposit required.

MUSSELS NIGHT – Thursday 24th April

Join us for Mussels Night from 5-9pm. We're serving up fresh, delicious mussels in a yummy white wine sauce. *Pre-order by Monday 21st April.*

MAY

ROCKAOLKE – Friday 2nd May

An incredibly fun evening with the one and only Rev Mike! Vote for your favourite act whilst raising money for the West Downland Benefice. *From 7pm.*

CURRY NIGHT – Thursday 15th May

Gavin is working hard putting together a menu (TBA) full of delicious curries for you to choose from. By booking only!



BINGO NIGHT – Sunday 18th May

Chaddleshworth loves a Bingo Night! A mixture of prize and cash rounds. Please remember to bring cash – *from 5pm.*

BOTTOMLESS BRUNCH – Saturday 24th May

Join us for a fun-filled bottomless brunch at The Ibex! Choose your 90-minute slot at 11am, 11:30am, or 12pm and enjoy unlimited prosecco, Woo Woos, or Hidden View for just £40 per person. There will be a choice of a savoury and sweet option per person to satisfy you while you sip away. The whole table must be taking part in this offer.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Scan the QR code to fill in a short, anonymous survey. Thank you!



Chaddleworth Cricket Club



As the 2025 cricket season creeps up, our team is eager to kick off another year of action! With a full schedule of fixtures ahead, we would love to see Chaddleworth out in full force cheering on the team. Your presence at the matches not only helps lift the spirits of the players but also strengthens the community that makes this club so special.

Whether you're a long-time supporter, or someone new to the village, there's many ways you can support our team! We are open to new players of all abilities to join the team, so if you have ever fancied a go at cricket, now is the perfect time! It's not just about playing – non-playing members are an essential part of our club too!

All funds raised through membership goes directly to improving the club and helps to provide the best ground in West Berkshire!



MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Non-playing member: £10

Existing player: £20

New player: £35

chaddleworthcricketclub@gmail.com

HOME FIXTURES

25th May – Sixes Competition – 9am

22nd June – Wantage & Grove – 2pm

26th June – Leg Rovers – 6pm 28th June – Seattle Cup – 1pm

29th June – Ed's XI – 1pm

13th July – Inkpen – 2pm

20th July – Gentlemen of West London – 1pm

27th July – Binfield – 1pm

3rd August – Chieveley – 1:30pm

31st August – Twyford & Ruscombe – 1pm

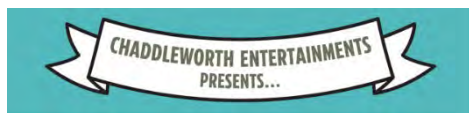
7th September – Stroke Makers – 1pm

14th September – West Isley – 1pm



CHADDLEWORTH SIXES

We're inviting local businesses, friends, and family to enter a team for the Chaddleworth Sixes! You don't need to be a cricketer to take part – this fun, friendly competition is all about having a good time and supporting the club. Grab your colleagues, friends, or family members to form a team, and join us for an unforgettable day of cricket. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a complete beginner, it's all about enjoying the game! Get in contact today!



The committee are working hard behind the scenes to bring you some fantastic events this year! We exist to bring events to the village and celebrate the community we have, and we hope to have your continued support.

VE Day Beacon: Thursday 8th May

A beacon lighting to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. If you attended the D-Day anniversary celebrations last year you will know what an incredible event this will be!

Starting at the war memorial, we invite you to join the service followed by a procession up to Heads Farm. There you can enjoy your own picnic for dinner, watch and dance away to the swing band, and enjoy some local ales from Indigenous Brewery. At dusk, we will light the beacon to mark the anniversary of VE Day. We really hope to get the full support of the village!

Schedule:

6pm – Service by Reverend Mike

6:15pm – Procession Begins

7:15pm – Swing Band

8:15pm – Lighting of the beacon

8:30pm – Swing Band



Chaddleworth Fete – Saturday 21st June

The much-anticipated Chaddleworth Village Fete is only a few months away, and the committee are working hard to make it a success! This event is a wonderful celebration of our village and community with fun activities, stalls, and entertainment for all ages.

- Rosie's Pet Care Dog Show
- Mr Muddles Magic Show
- Brass Band (no fete is complete without it!)
- PTFA Face Painting
- Plus much more...

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS...

If you would like to run a stall, lend a hand on the day, or simply bake a cake, please get in touch!

LOCAL BUSINESSES...

If you would like a stall to sell your goods or could provide us with a voucher for the silent auction/raffle, please reach out! Thank you.

RAFFLE DONATIONS...

Please start keeping things aside for the fete raffle – bottles, chocolates, bath bits, whatever you have! We will be organising a collection and/or drop-off point nearer the time.

A NOTE ABOUT THE OPEN GARDENS...

The committee have decided not to go ahead with the Open Gardens event this year, but it will be back in full force in 2026. ***You can enjoy Brightwalton Open Gardens on Sunday 8th June.***

Contact: entertainment@chaddleworth.net

St Andrew's Church, Chaddleworth – part of the West Downland Benefice



West Downland Benefice

The Church of England in Brighton & Hove
Chaddleworth, Fawley, Great Sheffield & Sheffield
Woodlands, Leckhampstead and Welford & Wickham.

Dear Friends, Last month I suggested a date for your diaries – the **10:30am Palm Sunday service in Brighton on Sunday, 13th April 2025**. This is when Lent comes to an end, and we move into Holy Week, accompanied by Trevor the Donkey (who you might have met at the Chaddleworth Christmas Market in the Ilex last year).



This Lent, we have been thinking about 'Living Hope'. Journeying together through the confusions and certainties, the fears and the joys, the imperfections and the delights of a life shared in community with one another and with God. That living hope has been difficult to cling onto at times. We have experienced great sadness within our communities this year already. But we worship a God who knows. Jesus endured the worst that humanity could imagine and yet conquered even death itself and made a

way for us to be with Him in eternity. That is our Living Hope.

We get to immerse ourselves in the Holy Week journey again this year. After the excitement of Trevor the Donkey on Palm Sunday, we will have evening services at 7pm in Shefford Woodlands on Monday, Leckhampstead on Tuesday and Chaddleworth on Wednesday (14-16th April). Maundy Thursday sees the moving evening event of the bring and share meal to mark the Last Supper, with the service of Holy Communion entwined hosted in Welford Church. Good Friday sees an All-Age Easter Extravaganza with crafts, food, games and music at 10:30am in Brighton Church and the moving traditional service of The Last Hour in Wickham at 2pm. On Easter Eve (after recovering from the Duck Derby!) the (now famous) Easter Eve service will begin with a bowl of chilli around the fire in Fawley at 7pm as it gets dark and we bring the Easter Light in to start our celebrations. Easter Day, the services are at 9am for Holy Communion in Leckhampstead and 10:30 Café Church in Great Sheffield.

Hope to see you there!!

With my love and prayers,

Rev Mike
x

There are more details about all of that follows:



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025



Palm Sunday

9am Holy Communion

Wickham
A Service in Traditional Language with blessing of Palm Crosses and the reading of The Passion.

10:30 Holy Communion

Brightwalton
Come and join Trevor the Donkey as we bless our Palm Crosses and process around the school. All Age Communion service.



Monday to Wednesday

7pm Monday

Shefford Woodlands
Candlelit Evening Prayer with reflective music.

9:30am Tuesday

Chaddleworth
A said service of Holy Communion.

7pm Tuesday
Leckhampstead
Candlelit Evening Prayer with reflective music

7pm Wednesday

Chaddleworth
Said Holy Communion by candlelight.



Maudy Thursday

7pm Bring and Share, The Last Supper and The Watch, Welford

7pm for a bring and share supper in the church.

We will remember Jesus' last meal with his friends and share in Holy Communion.

After, we will move to the front of the church as our attention switches to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Altar is stripped to prepare for The Watch.



Good Friday

10:30 am All Age Easter Celebration

Brightwalton
A fun-filled celebration of the Easter story with crafts, making hot cross buns, food, singing and designing this year's Easter Garden.

2pm The Last Hour

Wickham
A traditional service of Readings and Hymns at the Foot of The Cross. This service will end in silence at 3pm.



Easter Eve

7pm Bringing in the Light

Fawley
Gather around the fire pit and enjoy a bowl of chilli (Vegetarian and gluten free options available) as we wait for the sun to set.

Then, in the dark church, we will begin our contemporary Easter Celebrations as the Easter Candles are lit from the Fire and Light up the church with the light of Easter.



Easter Day

9am Easter Holy Communion

Leckhampstead
Our Benefice Easter Day Holy Communion Service with joyful Easter hymns and the Hallelujah Chorus!

10:30 Easter Café Church

Great Shefford
For All Ages, this joyful Easter celebration will include sharing in bread and wine and the usual Café Church cheer.

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PALM SUNDAY WITH TREVOR THE DONKEY
Sunday, 13th April at 10:30am
Brightwalton Church

GOOD FRIDAY ALL AGE FUN
Friday, 18th April at 10:30am
Brightwalton Church
The Easter Story with Crafts

EASTER EGG HUNT
Sunday, 20th April at 11:30am
Meet at the Willow Garden at Chaddleworth Church

EASTER DAY CAFÉ CHURCH
Sunday, 20th April at 10:30am
Great Shefford Church

DUCK (DERBY)
Saturday, 19th April at 3pm
East Shefford Farm

Easter ALL AGE ACTIVITIES

@WESTDOWNLAND FOR MORE INFORMATION



Chaddleworth Village Hall

The 100 Club membership is dropping and we are now at only 74 members.

We need more people to join to increase the prize amount and support Chaddleworth Village Hall. It would be nice to actually get to 100 Members!

Please consider joining...

We need as many people as we can get to join as this is a really good way of supporting YOUR Village Hall. The Hall has been around for well over 100 years and as you can imagine needs constant on-going maintenance including insurance.

The 100 Club is a vital source of income for the Village Hall. It is really worthwhile being a Member to keep the Village Hall going and we implore every villager to join.

The Village Hall Committee have a programme of improvements in the coming year that need financing, and the 100 Club supports these.

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

How do I join the 100 Club?

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

Here's what you do if you "internet bank", set up a standing order for £2 per month (one number) or £24 a year. Payable to:

Recipient: **Chaddleworth 100 Club
(Newbury Building Society)**

Sort Code: **62-28-74**

Account No: **00000000** (eight zeros)

Reference: **2856684010**

Alternatively, by cheque or cash is fine.

Contact us on **07827 309401**
or chaddleworthhall@gmail.com to get
your allocated lucky number!

PLEASE NOTE: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Cleaner Wanted: For Chaddleworth Village Hall, 2 hours every 2 weeks, £12/hour, over 18 years old only. A quiet job in a lovely location. All equipment provided. Please contact us on **07827 309401** or ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com

NAWT Trindledown

It's officially Spring! We hope you're soaking up the sunshine as much as we are, even if the temperatures are still on the chilly side. Our dogs are definitely enjoying those extra rays during their morning walks!



Trindledown farm, Wantage road, Great Shefford RG17 7DQ

As we welcome April, we're excited to share that we have an **Easter crafts and tabletop sale** happening on **Saturday, April 5th**, and **Sunday, April 6th**. There will be all sorts of fun crafts for children of every age—think colouring, painting, and even making Easter bonnets! Plus, don't miss our tabletop sale, where you can snag some fantastic bargains at discounted prices. Just like our £1 sale, we'll have a variety of clothes, bric-a-brac, and other treasures to explore, including second-hand tack for our equestrian friends. Join us from **11am to 3pm** both days. We can't wait to see you there!

Then the following weekend, we're excited to welcome the **Baphomet Brotherhood**, who will be hosting their annual '**NAWTy Old Dog Run**' on **Sunday, April 13th**. Kicking off at The Base, Thatcham, the bikes will ride through the local communities before wrapping up here at the rescue centre. If you're a motorcyclist and fancy joining in on this enjoyable ride for charity, please check out our website for more details!

March brought us another fantastic month for rehoming, and we were thrilled to say goodbye to



so many lovely faces, including Paddy, who has since been happily renamed **Zippy**. Arriving in February, Zippy was rescued from the greyhound racing life and found a fantastic foster home. He then had the joy of meeting his forever family here at the centre, and he hasn't looked back since! Now, he's absolutely loving life in his new home, where he gets to curl up by the fireplace every night.



Still waiting for a home, we have Finley and Flora, a pair of rabbits with bundles of character and love. The two are very friendly and love meeting new people so would be the perfect addition to any home. For more information, check out their profiles on our website (www.nawt.org.uk)

We're on the lookout for more wonderful volunteers to join us at the centre! Whether you're interested in helping with animals, events, or retail, we'd love to hear from you. If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please reach out to our **Volunteer Coordinator Sarah** at s.hardwick@nawt.org.uk Please note: we can only accept volunteers over 18 years of age.

Molly Hall

Chaddleworth Parish Council

Chaddleworth Parish Council meets every other month with the next regular meeting on **Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7:30pm in Chaddleworth Village Hall**, all welcome.

Please welcome our new **Councillor Isabel Bush**.

The minutes from previous meetings and the agenda for the next one can be found on the Parish website in the 'Parish Council' section. To contact the Council, please email the Clerk via Chaddleworth.PC@outlook.com

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

www.westberks.gov.uk/downlandsparishcouncilreport

Kind regards, **Councillor Clive Hooker**

Chaddleworth Monday Club

Join the Monday Club at the Ibex Inn each week for a social time with a complimentary hot drink and bowl of soup which are kindly funded by the *Chaddleworth Bakers Trust*. Note: the club is back to Mondays now.

Chaddleworth Bakers Trust

The Trustees recognise that energy bills have dramatically increased and are set to go up again in the autumn. All applications are always treated with the utmost confidentiality. If anyone is having difficulty in paying their bills and or are in 'fuel poverty' (spending 10% or more of their income on energy) they are urged to contact the Bakers Trust via the Parish Clerk on:

chaddleworth.pc@outlook.com

Saunders Wynn and Coventry Educational Foundation

The three named benefactors set up the Trust to offer financial help to further the educational needs of the children and students (up to the age of 25) of the Parish of Chaddleworth. The Trustees meet four times a year with the next meeting scheduled for **22nd May** to consider applications including any relating to the additional costs of home-schooling and remote study for students. Previous contributions have been made towards the cost of school uniforms, books for university courses, specific equipment and kit for courses, and residential courses.

If you wish to apply for funds please contact the Foundation's Clerk, **Heather Murphy**, Tower Hill Cottage, Botmoor Way, Chaddleworth RG20 7EU or email botmoorway@gmail.com for an application form.

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence. Any applications received after this scheduled meeting will still be considered for awards by the Trustees but there may be a delay before awards are made.





West Berkshire Council

Introducing **Ridgeway Council**, an ambitious proposal to create a brand-new council that delivers high-quality services, improves financial resilience and value-for-money, and ensures it is able to maintain truly local representation.

An initial proposal has been submitted on behalf of West Berkshire Council and the district councils in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse for the creation of a new unitary council that would see the three areas combined. The move is in response to a government invitation following its announcement in December 2024 to end two-tier authorities like those in Oxfordshire.

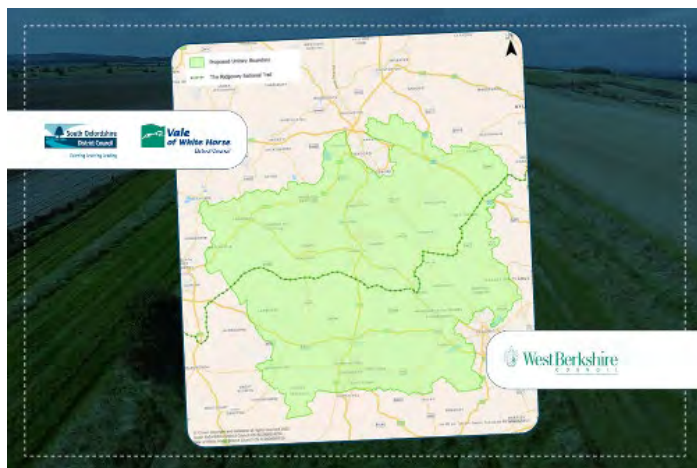
As part of the shake-up of local councils, the government has also indicated all unitary authorities will need to serve around 500,000 residents or more, which will require West Berkshire Council - which covers around 170,000 people - to merge with neighbouring councils.

Ridgeway Council forms one half of a two-unitary council proposal for Oxfordshire, with the other half made up from the district council areas of West Oxfordshire, Oxford City and Cherwell. West Oxfordshire District Council and Cherwell District Council have confirmed they will be developing the North Oxfordshire Council half of the proposal, strongly complementing the Ridgeway Council work being carried out by West

Berkshire, South Oxfordshire and the Vale, coming together to create a proposal for two unitaries covering what is currently Oxfordshire and West Berkshire.

With strong demographic and economic similarities and significant historic ties between West Berkshire, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse the three councils began discussions to explore the possibility of coming together as one single council. All three councils have now produced a detailed interim proposal document, which is available on their new website dedicated to keeping the public informed about the proposal at www.ridgewaycouncil.org.uk. The proposal is being developed under the title 'Ridgeway Council' – named after the famous 5,000-year-old trail that travels through the heart of the three council areas.

The government has set a deadline for final submissions for unitary council proposals no later than 28th November 2025. In the meantime, the councils will continue to develop the proposals along with a programme of communication and engagement to ensure local voices and community needs are reflected in the proposal and will also continue working positively and collaboratively with the other authorities in Oxfordshire. If the final proposal is accepted the government's indicative timeline sets out that the new council could go live in 2028.





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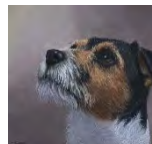
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