

October 2026

Chaddleworth News



In this new edition...

- ✓ Letters and notices from the parish,
- ✓ Macmillan Tea and Harvest Auction reports, new Chaddleworth Village Hall 100 Club winners,
- ✓ A chance to meet Lee Dillon MP,
- ✓ Under 5s and School updates, recycle your old clothes to support the PTFA by Tuesday 6th October,
- ✓ Prepare for the next Sloely Cup,
- ✓ and plenty more information from our local groups, charities, and businesses.

Please provide your letters, suggestions and contributions for the next, December edition by 20th November 2026. Thank you!

Ed.

Parish Councillor Wanted

- ✓ *Are you passionate about our parish?*
- ✓ *Do you want to help make a long-lasting change?*
- ✓ *Do you have innovative ideas for the council?*
- ✓ *Do you have concerns about specific issues and want to do something about them?*

If this is you, then Chaddleworth needs you. We welcome people from all backgrounds and experiences and who reflect our community to put yourselves forward to join as a **Councillor for Chaddleworth Parish**.

Please email the Clerk to obtain the short application form ...

David Jennings, Clerk
email Clerk@ChaddleworthParish.gov.uk
or text/call **07827 309401**



www.ChaddleworthParish.gov.uk
ChaddNews@gmail.com

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Lady Eliza Maria Mays-Smith

Eliza Mays Smith was born on 31st October 1939 in Welwyn Garden City. She went to Priorsfield School in Godalming.

She moved to Lavender Cottage in Upper Lambourn in 1960 when she married David Nugent. They managed the Lambourn gallops and ran a racing stable and arable and sheep farm in Upper Lambourn for a further 40 years.

Eliza had four children Charles, Hugo, Rose and Rory.

Eliza and David divorced in 1990 she married Martin Mays-Smith on 7th February 1992.



Eliza was president of the Newbury Show in 1999 with Diana Amesbury the first female Presidents and Chairpersons. She was also a Justice of the Peace and an active member of Samaritans.

Eliza moved to Chaddleworth House in 1960. She was a governor at Chaddleworth St Andrew's School and a warden at St. Andrew's Church for nearly thirty years.

Eliza loved Chaddleworth church and was overjoyed when her daughter was married there in 1996.

She died on the 24th July 2026 aged 86 after a long battle with Alzheimers.



Letters

Meet Your MP

Lee Dillon, MP for Newbury, will be holding an **Open Meeting** in **Chaddleworth Village Hall** on **Thursday 8th October** from **6:30pm to 8:30pm**. All welcome.



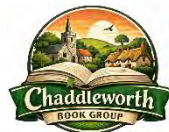
Come along to meet Lee and to raise issues directly with him.

Thank You Councillor Shane

Dear Shane, I heard officially at the Chaddleworth Parish Council meeting last night that you have stood down as a Parish Councillor after standing for in total twenty years. This is an outstanding achievement showing your devotion and commitment to both your village and the community. I have over the last twelve years as your District Councillor when attending your Parish Council meetings appreciated your sensible contributions to the business in hand and your undertaking responsibility for footpaths in your parish. I also would like to thank you for your commitment and contribution as the Parish Council representative on the Saunders Wynn and Coventry Trust where you will be missed due to your knowledge of both the history and residents of the village.

I trust should you find the time in future to reconsider standing again, I am sure your fellow Councillors would welcome you back if and when a position becomes available. Kindest regards,
Ward Member **Councillor Clive Hooker**

Chaddleworth Book Group



The next meeting will be **Tuesday 6th October** at 7:30pm at White Oriels, Main Street (Lea Naples' house). The chosen book for October was "Land" by Maggie O'Farrell. September book was "Brick Lane" by Monica Ali. Everyone who read it enjoyed the writing and gained a lot.

Even if you rarely read books/don't have time to read, you will be welcomed. We do share and talk about books but also have an equal amount of laughter, chat and some wine, tea, coffee. If you don't like walking in the dark, it may be possible to arrange some company. Contact Lea email lea.naples@motionlink.co.uk or call on 01488 638488 **Lea Naples**

The Sloely Cup

The Chaddleworth 'Sloely Cup' sloe gin competition will take place next on the traditional **last Sunday in January which is the 31st 2027** in The Ibex Inn, start time to be arranged later. of the competition will start at **4pm prompt**.

Have you got your Sloe Gin ready for the competition in January? **Shane**



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

THANK YOU everyone who made the Macmillan Afternoon Tea and Cake on Saturday 26th September in Chaddleworth Village Hall such a success. At the Hall, £604 was raised, and online there has already also been wonderful support of £236. Thank you everyone for already raising an incredible **£840** for this important cause.

A special **THANK YOU** to **Martyn** (who supplied most of the cakes), **Lea, Julliette, Walter, Bill and John** for their help setting up the Hall and running the event.

Phyllis Bibbings

Ed: What wonderful event and result!

THANK YOU Phyllis.

If anyone who couldn't make the event would still like to donate, please use this QR code and click donate.



HEROS: We are delighted to announce that HEROS has been awarded the Silver Winner and Bronze Winner in the **Charity of the Year** category at The Great British Business and Community Awards 2026!

The awards celebrate the outstanding achievements, resilience, innovation, and creativity of the UK's business and community sectors. They shine a spotlight on entrepreneurs, businesses, charities, and community leaders who are making a positive and original impact on their industries, the economy, and society as a whole. We are thrilled to achieve these two amazing awards help us to further spread our reach, ensuring our continuous work to create bright futures for former racehorses and young people.

www.heroscharity.org



Another Brilliant Harvest Auction!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's Harvest Auction at The Ibex Inn. Once again, it was a fantastic evening filled with plenty of laughs and some enthusiastic bidding! There was plenty up for grabs, from an abundance of incredible looking home-grown fruit and vegetables as well as logs ready to keep everyone warm as the colder months roll in!

And, of course, it wouldn't be the Harvest Auction without the world-famous Joe Mills Pickled Onions. Michael Pooley emerged victorious, snapping them up for the stellar price of £75! An absolute bargain based on previous years!



Most importantly, every penny raised from the evening goes towards our Seniors' Christmas Lunch in December, so your generosity really does help make something very special happen for members of our community.

A huge **THANK YOU** you to everyone who donated produce and prizes, everyone who helped organise and run the evening, to The Ibex Inn for hosting us, and of course everyone who came along and dug deep

Another brilliant Chaddleworth evening -
thank you for supporting it!
The Old Gits





National Animal Welfare Trust Berkshire Trindledown Farm



Sometimes, all it takes is one person to see what everyone else has missed.

A little while ago, we shared Will's story. The gentle boy who waited patiently on his little sofa, watching other dogs find their families while he was overlooked.

Drum Roll! Will has found his forever home, and we couldn't be happier. He's settling in beautifully, enjoying all the love, comfort, and security he waited so patiently for. This is exactly why we never give up sharing their stories.

Thank you to everyone who liked, commented, shared, and helped Will reach the people who needed to see him. Every share really can change a life.

And we have just celebrated 25 wonderful years of caring for animals at Trindledown. Thank you to everyone who has been part of our journey over the years – here's to the next 25! Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (@nawt.berkshire) and Instagram (@nawtberkshire) to stay up to date on all our latest news.

www.nawt.org.uk/our-services/our-centres/nawt-berkshire/

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Celebrating all that God has provided

Come together with family, friends, and the community to celebrate the harvest season with our services and events

HARVEST SERVICE	HARVEST SUPPER	HARVEST EVENSONG
27 th SEPTEMBER 9AM ST ANDREWS CHADDELOWORTH	9 th OCTOBER 7-30PM GREAT SHEFFORD VILLAGE HALL	11 th OCTOBER 4PM ST MARGARET'S CATMORE

With Champagne Breakfast from The Ibbex

THE GREAT CHADDELOWORTH SCARECROW HUNT

FROM 24th - 31st OCT

HELP US TRANSFORM CHADDELOWORTH INTO A VILLAGE FULL OF SPOOKY, SILLY & SPECTACULAR SCARECROWS!

BUILD & DISPLAY YOURS, THEN GRAB A MAP AND HUNT THE REST. FREE MAPS AVAILABLE FROM THE IBBEX FROM 12PM (4th - 31st OCTOBER)

PRIZES AVAILABLE FOR MOST POPULAR SCARECROWS

	1ST	2ND	3RD
PRIZE	£200	£100	£50

EMAIL ENTERTAINMENT@CHADDELOWORTH.NET TO REGISTER YOUR SCARECROW ON THE MAP

REGISTER YOUR SCARECROW BY MONDAY 19th OCTOBER. DISPLAYED BY 24th OCTOBER!

Saunders Wynn and Coventry Educational Foundation

(Registered Charity 269215)

VACANCY – CLERK

The current Clerk will be vacating this post from February 2027. A summary of the duties involved are as follows:

- Arranging four meetings a year for the Trustees to meet and consider the Applications received.
- Printing out notices of these meetings for the village notice boards.
- Submitting a notice for the Newsletter inviting parents of children from the Parish of Chaddleworth to apply for grants to help with their children's educational needs. Students up to the age of 25 may also apply. Applications for grants will be submitted to the Clerk for preparation for the Trustees to consider at their next meeting.
- Receiving and acknowledging Applications.
- Preparing paperwork for meetings including sending out an Agenda to the Trustees for the meetings. Taking notes at meetings, writing up Minutes for circulation to the Trustees and carrying out actions agreed at these meetings. These actions will include drafting and sending out letters to Applicants. Keeping a paper record of all administrative activities.

It would be useful for anyone interested in applying for this post to have a good knowledge of the village and its activities. There is a small allowance attached to this post.

Please contact Heather Murphy if you are interested in this post or need more information: botmoorway@gmail.com or phone no: **01635 817833**

The Downland Volunteer Group (DVG)

A combination of our poster campaign, press releases on our 40th Anniversary, Summer Fetes and newsletters such as Chaddleworth News have helped the DVG in recruiting a number of new volunteers in recent months.

Being in the DVG we often think we are well known to the Downland residents. Anyone who has used our service will be familiar with what we offer but there are people moving into the area and even those who have lived here for years and not needed us before that would benefit from knowing how we can help.

Therefore, our new double-sided card is included inside this edition. We are keen to establish our 'new' logo (Volunteer Health Transport DVG).

Best wishes, Joe Clerkin

www.downlandvolgroup.org



The Downland Volunteer Group (DVG) provides door-to-door volunteer transport to and from medical appointments for residents in the Downland area. We ask for a small contribution towards our costs.

Volunteer Health Transport DVG

To book a driver call 01635 578394

Office hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am – 11.30am
or leave a message on the answerphone
We appreciate at least 72 hours notice if possible



Destination	Suggested contribution
Chieveley, Compton & other local surgeries	£2
West Berks Hospital, Newbury, Thatcham, Pangbourne, Didcot, Abingdon & Wantage	£10
Reading, Oxford, Swindon & Basingstoke Hospitals	£25
Bracknell, Wokingham & Henley	£35
Windsor	£45

Further distances on application

www.downlandvolgroup.org

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Chaddleworth Cricket Club



2026 – A Season to Remember!

What a year it has been for CCC! Looking back across the season, it is fair to say this has been one of our most successful and enjoyable seasons to date.

To walk away with 9 victories out of 13 matches is a brilliant achievement and a real testament to the hard work, team spirit, and skill on display every week. Just as impressively, completing a full, hard-fought out season with zero injuries (and no rained-off games) is practically unheard of in village cricket – our warm-ups and practice sessions must finally be paying off!

A season like this doesn't happen without the tireless work of the people behind the scenes, and we owe a massive debt of gratitude to several different people:

A huge thanks goes to our grounds team – **Joe Mills, Ben & Jack Barrett**, and **Charlie Smith** for their efforts keeping the pitch together. The wickets played brilliantly, and the outfield looked pristine week in, week out. Another massive thank you to **Mr and Mrs Hambro** for another year of using the ground.

Our tea ladies – the heartbeat of every fixture. Every single week you put on the finest spread in the county, and it's no secret that it's what CCC are famous for. We receive endless compliments from visiting teams all summer long. Thank you for keeping us fed and making our club so welcoming to the opposing teams!

To every single person who came down to the boundary, braved the heatwaves, and cheered us on throughout the season – **THANK YOU**. Your support genuinely makes a difference when we're on the field.

We are all looking for a much-deserved break over winter and will schedule in some indoor net sessions to keep us on our toes so that we can come back better next year.

Up the CCC!



CAPTAIN JACK'S END OF SEASON REPORT

"As Captain, it's been a pleasure to watch this team grow stronger each week. Every player gives 100% and we've become more than just a team – we're a family that work hard for each other."

"There have been some brilliant performances this season, with big scores from Ben, Ed G, Eddie C, Steve T, Harry & Paul."

"We've also seen some fantastic bowling with Ben, Kieran, and Eddie C all taking five-wicket hauls – a huge achievement, especially in Sunday cricket! Our fielding has been strong and sharp, putting plenty of pressure on the opposition."

"Every player should be proud to be a part of CCC and what we've achieved this season. Let's come back even stronger next year!" **Jack Barrett – Captain of CCC**



West Downland Benefice

The Church of England in Brighton & Catmore
Chaddleshworth, Fawley, Great Shefford & Shefford
Woodlands, Leckhampstead and Welford & Wickham.

St Andrew's Church

part of the West Downland Benefice

Dear Friends, October is a poignant month in the life of our benefice as we move, in the space of five weeks, from gratitude to welcome to quiet remembrance.

As I write we are preparing to begin our Harvest celebrations with Harvest Communion in Chaddleshworth, followed by a Champagne breakfast kindly provided by The Ibex. It will be a joy to gather and give thanks – though this year, that thanksgiving comes with a more honest edge than usual. It has been a genuinely tough year for our farmers: a long, hot, dry summer has meant smaller harvests and harder decisions across our parishes. So, as we give thanks this October, I think we're called to a slightly different kind of gratitude – not the easy, everything's-abundant kind, but the sturdier sort that says *thank you* even when the yield is thin, because there is still enough, still God's provision, still one another. That feels like a very human, very honest way to remember the Harvest Home.

There's more still to come. On **Friday 9th October at 7:30pm**, we gather for our **Harvest Supper** in **Great Shefford Village Hall** – tickets £15, and always a warm, well-fed evening in good company. Then on **Sunday 11th October at 4pm**, we mark **Harvest Evensong** in the beautiful, quiet setting of **Catmore church**. Do come to any or all of these – you don't need to be a regular churchgoer to be welcome at a harvest table.

At each of these services, we'll be collecting tinned and dried food for **Loose Ends**, the Newbury-based charity supporting people in crisis. It seems fitting that a season about our own harvest should turn outward too – thanksgiving that doesn't stop at ourselves. If

you're coming along, do bring a tin or packet with you.

October also brings new beginnings closer to home. Across our three Church of England Primary Schools, we're welcoming a fresh intake of Year R children – four- and five-year-olds taking their first steps into school life. We'll be marking this at welcome and harvest services in our churches, and each new child will receive their own copy of the *Jesus Storybook Bible* as a gift to begin our journey together. There's something rather wonderful about handing a child a book of stories at the very start of their school life – a small sign that ours is a community that will keep telling them stories, and keep walking alongside them, for years to come.

As October turns towards November, the mood shifts again – the way it always does at this time of year. The evenings draw in, the leaves come down, and the natural world quietly does its own kind of remembering and letting go. It seems a very fitting season, then, for our **Commemoration of the Departed** service, held this year at **St James, Leckhampstead, at 4pm on Sunday 1st November**. This gentle, reflective service gives us space to remember loved ones we have lost – however long ago, however fresh the loss still feels. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory, and a quiet moment simply to hold them in our hearts again. If you would like us to remember someone by name at this service, please do get in touch with the benefice office email below.

From a harvest table that's a little leaner this year, to new children just beginning their story with us, to those we still carry with us in memory – October reminds us that gratitude, welcome, and remembrance are never really separate things. They're all just different ways of loving one another well.

With my love and prayers,

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Rev Mike



Chaddleshworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

(Registered Charity 1190914)

The new year is started with new events coming to support the whole school, especially their Christmas Panto trip.

Come along to our Winter Fayre in November and recycle your old clothes to support the PTFA.

All help and support welcomed – please get in touch with us via chair@csptfa.org.uk

C&S PTFA



BAG 2 SCHOOL

www.bag2school.com



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from our school. All the bags the reward is for the total weight collected. Remember, the more we collect the greater the benefit to our school.

**PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS
(THERE IS NO LIMIT).**

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE including men's, lady's and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. Sorry, but no uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please.

Please return your Bag2School on
Tuesday 6th October 2026 by 9am

Great Shefford

Under Fives

(Registered Charity 1033744)



We are delighted to welcome five new children to our village Pre-School. They are settling well and enjoying our wide range of activities. The children are learning the new routines of our setting, getting to know new friends and meeting the staff team.

We have only been open for six days as I write this, but we have already enjoyed imaginary play in the role play kitchen and with the farm and brio, baked bread, listened to stories, made clay hedgehogs sang with our music teacher Anouska, ridden bikes and had a wonderful time outside.

Each afternoon we explored the area; we visited the pigs across the fields, used the excellent park facilities and planted wildflower seeds next to the Bug Hotel.

We displayed the children's artwork from the summer term at the Newbury Show, it was a fantastic representation of the wonderful learning outside of the classroom, which is experienced by our children all year round, come rain or shine.

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.



Our Monday morning Baby & Toddler group welcomes a new member of staff, Carolyn, who joins Kathryn to work with the families of our youngest children. Our session is a "drop-in" session, from 9:30 to 11am, for £3 per family. We provide activities and a healthy snack plus drinks for parents and carers. If you have a new baby or toddler do come and join us.

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



Chaddleshworth St Andrew's and Shefford C.E.

Federated Primary Schools

Thank you to families who have already donated for our Harvest appeal. If you feel able to add something from the food bank shopping list to your weekly shop, please drop any donations into school and place them on our Harvest table. These will form part of our Harvest celebration service in school on Tuesday 20th October.

We are all aware that technology, and the access that we and our children have to different devices and online platforms, has been a topic of discussion and consideration over the last few years.

www.Internetmatters.org is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that launched in 2014, aiming to provide information and advice to parents and carers to help their children navigate the ever-changing digital landscape. Parental controls can help children stay safe while navigating the digital world. Different children can benefit from different controls, and what controls they need will change as children grow. Internet Matters provides advice and guidance to support here: Managing parental controls for different ages.

Ms Munday,
Headteacher

www.csfschools.org

Chair of Governors Update

We would like to share with our school community that **Mr Sam Murphy** has recently been appointed as the new Chair of Governors for our school. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Mr Jim Hazlewood** for his dedication, support and commitment during his time as Chair. We are delighted that he will remain on our Governing Board.

Make a difference – become a school governor!

This week all families have received a paper copy of our school 'Notice of election of parent Governor'. Please do let us know if you are interested in joining our Governing Board.

Would you like to help shape our wonderful school's future? We are looking for an enthusiastic parent governor to join our team!

You don't need to be an education expert. Just your unique perspective, enthusiasm to help our children 'live life in all its fullness', and a desire to contribute to our community. It is a highly rewarding way to gain new skills while giving back.



**Chaddleshworth St Andrew's & Shefford
C.E. Federated Primary Schools**
Living life in all its fullness • John 10:10

Starting school in September 2027?
*A small, nurturing school where every child is known,
valued and encouraged to thrive.*

Our Christian Values

Community	Compassion
Courage	Perseverance
Thankfulness	Trust

Come and visit us
Meet our team and explore our classrooms.
01488 648657
Office@csf-w-berks.sch.uk
www.csfschools.org

Small school, big beginnings



THE GREAT CHADDLEWORTH SCARECROW HUNT

This October, we're calling on the residents of Chaddleworth to help us transform the village... **one scarecrow at a time!**

From the spooky and spectacular to the wonderfully silly, we'd love to see scarecrows popping up all over Chaddleworth! Get the whole family involved! There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs for the most popular scarecrows...

1st Prize - £200

2nd Prize - £100

3rd Prize - £50



The Great Chaddleworth Scarecrow Hunt will take place from **Saturday 24th to Saturday 31st October**. Free trail maps will be available from The Ibex Inn from 12pm each day, and you get explore at your own leisure and vote for your favourites!

If you would like for your scarecrow to be included on the official map, and be in the running to win a prize, please register by Monday 19th October by emailing entertainment@chaddleworth.net. We ask that you have your scarecrows proudly displayed by Saturday 24th October ready for the hunt to begin!

We'd love to see as many homes as possible joining in. Whether yours is creepy, clever, or funny, we can't wait to see them!



It's back! Join us for the 5th Annual Curry & Quiz Night on **Saturday 21st November** in Chaddleworth Village Hall. An evening of delicious curries and plenty of silliness!

Doors open from 6:30pm giving you plenty of time to grab a drink and get settled before the quiz kicks off at 7:30pm.

Entry is just £10 per player which includes your quiz entry and a delicious homemade curry buffet!

Contact Tish on 07795840489 or email entertainment@chaddleworth.net to book your table! Teams of 6, limited tables available.

CHRISTMAS MARKET RETURNS!

Donkeys, music, gifts, and Santa! What more do you need!? The Christmas Market returns to The Ibex Inn this **December on Saturday 12th** from 4-6pm.

We are on the lookout for stall holders, so please get in touch if you would like one!



The Ibex Inn

We are open every day!

01488 639052

bookings@theibexinn.com



HOW TO KEEP UP TO DATE:

Facebook: **The Ibex Inn**

Instagram: **@theibexinn**

Sign up to our mailing list:

www.theibexinn.com

WHAT'S ON AT THE IBEX



OCTOBER

**Live
Music**

**3
OCT**



8TH OCTOBER

Mussels Night



**PRE-BOOK BY
MON 5TH OCT**

**BINGO
NIGHT**

18TH OCTOBER



NOVEMBER

**Bonfire Night
Jackets**

PERFECT FOR EATING IN,
OR TAKEAWAY TO GO AND
WATCH SOME FIREWORKS

**5
NOV**



10TH NOVEMBER

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

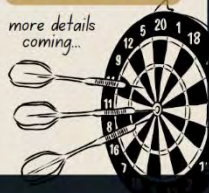


FROM 8PM

**DARTS
TORNAMENT**

28TH Nov

more details
coming...





Chaddleworth Village Hall

(Registered Charity 1055503)

www.ChaddleworthHall.org.uk

Recent activity at the Hall includes the Macmillan Tea, private parties, further dance lessons and practice – as well as supporting local and private events with tables, chairs, crockery, etc. Thank you for making good use of the Hall.



The Chaddleworth 100 Club latest lucky winners are:

For August, number 03, **John Newman** and number 86, **Rev. Mike** – each winning **£40**.

For September, number 87, **Mary Winter** and number 25, **Iain Lochhead** – each winning **£40** too.

**THANK YOU to all the
80 current members.**

Please consider joining or rejoining...

The Chaddleworth 100 Club is a really good way of supporting OUR Village Hall which has been around for well over 100 years and as you can imagine needs constant on-going maintenance.

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?

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 Village Hall**

Sort Code: **23-05-80**

Account No: **56083967**

(which is a Business Bank Account with Metro Bank)

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 BANK DETAILS
AND EMAIL ADDRESS**





The Parish Council website and email are:
www.ChaddleworthParish.gov.uk
clerk@ChaddleworthParish.gov.uk

The regular **Downlands Ward Councillor's Report** is available via West Berkshire:
www.westberks.gov.uk/downloadsparishcouncilreport
Kind regards, **Councillor Clive Hooker**

Chaddleworth Parish Council

Chaddleworth Parish Council meets every other month with the next regular meeting on **Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 7:30pm in Chaddleworth Village Hall**, all welcome.

The latest Chaddleworth Parish Council meeting covered:

- The resignation of Cllr. S. McAllister-Lovelock.
- an update from Ward Member Cllr. C. Hooker including relaying the news that the Government has announced it will review local government reorganisation (LGR) decisions across England including the recent decision given for The Ridgeway Authority.
- review of the latest statement of accounts, budget vs expenditure for the current 26/27 financial year,
- received planning applications for comment,
- policy updates and correspondence received,
- and several other items.

The meetings are public and parishioners are welcome to attend. Minutes of each meeting are published on the Chaddleworth Parish Website.

Saunders Wynn and Coventry Educational Foundation

(Registered Charity 269215)

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 **19th November 2026** 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, music lessons, specific equipment and kit for courses, and residential activities. 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.

Chaddleworth Bakers Trust

(Registered Charity 204875)

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:

Clerk@ChaddleworthParish.gov.uk

The Downland Practice

Practice Learning Time (PLT) - The next sessions are Thursday 10th December 2026 and Tuesday 9th March 2027.

For each occurrence the Downland Practice at Chieveley is closed from 1pm and all the calls are diverted to Westcall for the duration. The practice & phone lines will reopen the next working day at 8am. The Downland Pharmacy at Chieveley closes at 1pm and re-opens at 5:30pm till 6:30pm to allow people to be able to collect their medications.

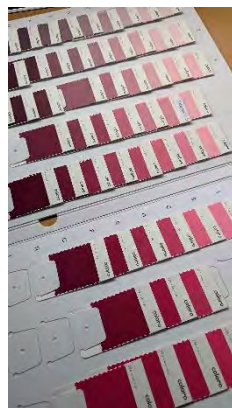


Leckhampstead WI

Colour forecasting - what is it and what influences our choices?

At September's meeting we were treated to a fascinating talk by one of our lovely members Jenny. She gave us a really good insight into her professional life as a Colour Forecaster! We were introduced to the secrets of industries' use of colour forecasting for product development in fashion, sportswear, cars and the music business.

There were lots of questions about the psychology of colour and how it is interwoven into everyday life, and Jenny kindly showed us her colour charts and shared some predictions for what's going to be 'on trend' in 2027!



After another super tea, we all voted once again for our favourite blooms brought in by members. So difficult to choose between all the spectacular autumnal flowers!



Our next meeting/talk at 2:30pm:

• 14th October - Rock of Ages. A talk.

You are most welcome to come along to a talk (£4 entry for visitors) or to join us as a member. A very warm welcome from ladies of ALL ages awaits together with a delicious homemade tea!

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Louise Weston

Leckhampstead Village Hall

Something rather unusual is being planned at Leckhampstead Village Hall next February.

And, having kept it under wraps for long enough, we can now reveal what it is...

We're putting on a live radio show.

Not a radio show that you listen to at home while making the tea. A live radio show that you can actually watch being made.

For one evening, the Village Hall will be transformed into a radio studio, complete with actors, microphones, scripts and, most importantly, a team of people whose job is to make all the noises.

And this is where things get interesting.

The sound effects will be created live in front of the audience. Footsteps, doors, crashes, bangs, weather, animals and all manner of other noises will be produced using whatever ingenious objects can be persuaded to make the right sound.

Quite how you recreate the sound of a horse walking through a village hall is still under investigation.

There will be six actors, but unlike a conventional production, they won't have to spend months learning lines. Their scripts will be in front of them, just as they would have been in the golden days of radio drama.

The production is being directed by Leckhampstead's very own Mr Muddle, aka Nick Saunders, which should give you some indication that this is unlikely to be a completely conventional evening.

The idea is to create something entertaining, different and a little bit unpredictable, with plenty of laughs along the way.

And although it is being staged at Leckhampstead Village Hall, we're hoping our neighbours will come along too. You don't need to live in Leckhampstead, have theatrical experience, or know your Foley artist from your foghorn.

Just bring yourself, sit back and watch the radio come to life. Tickets will be available from December.

So put February aside, keep an eye out for the ticket announcement, and prepare to discover what happens when a village hall attempts to become a radio studio for one night.

You may hear about it afterwards. But wouldn't it be better to see how it actually happens?

More details and ticket information will be announced in December.

Jacqui Arnold, Co-chair

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Rural families need more targeted support against rising heating oil prices

Rural families living in Berkshire need urgent targeted financial support to help mitigate the rising cost of heating oil.

The price of domestic fuel – including heating oil and liquified petroleum gas, which are essential resources for many rural families whose homes are not connected to the gas grid – have risen significantly since the beginning of the year. Households saw the price of heating oil more than double in the immediate aftermath of the US-led strikes on Iran, which caused turmoil among the global oil market. Now, as the government pledges further financial support to families ahead of the coming winter season, Connecting Communities in Berkshire (CCB) is joining calls for any new help to be extended to homes reliant on alternative fuel sources.

Ofgem announced the energy price cap would be increasing by four per cent from October, meaning the average family will likely pay around £60 more each year for their gas and electricity. However, the price of a single litre of heating oil, which is not covered by Ofgem's price cap, stood at 94p* on Wednesday 2nd September 2026, approximately 82 per cent higher than on the same day last year. It means 1,000 litres of heating oil, which is the standard delivery offered by most suppliers, would now set the average rural family back by almost £940.

Tim Parry, CCB's CEO said: "We are facing a rural cost of living crisis for energy, and it's one that is having a very real and measurable impact on many households in Berkshire. With the approach of colder weather, there is now a pressing need for the government to make

meaningful decisions and reassure rural people that they have not been forgotten.

"As a proud member of the ACRE Network, which exists to speak and act on behalf of all rural communities, we are joining the wider call for more targeted financial support to be offered to households that have no choice but to use heating oil or LPG to stay warm.

"Living off the gas grid is already a challenge – with fuel needing to be purchased in advance and in bulk, before then being physically delivered to each address – and the sustained volatility of the heating oil market since March has only added to the stress, worry and anxiety felt by all off-grid energy users."

Action with Communities in Rural England, the national umbrella organisation for the ACRE Network, has already written to ministers with several policy proposals that, if implemented, could provide families with some limited breathing room.

One suggested action is the immediate removal of the five per cent VAT currently added to all heating oil purchases. At current prices, the move would save the average rural family around £45 per 1,000 litre purchase.

Corinne Pluchino, Chief Executive, Action with Communities in Rural England, said: "We are grateful that our network of 37 member charities is backing our call to get more targeted support for those off the gas grid delivered in time for winter. We remain keen to work with the government on any initiatives that can help these rural families keep energy costs down, and hope that a positive announcement will be made very soon, and before the real cold weather sets in."

For further information on CCB visit www.ccberks.org.uk, and to find out more about the work of ACRE, visit www.acre.org.uk



Dogs Trust Newbury

launches new support for owners considering giving up their dog

Dogs Trust has launched 'Homestay', an immediate rehoming option that enables dogs to remain in their current home while the charity searches for a suitable new home. For owners who are considering giving up their dog, there are many support options available, get in touch as early as possible:

www.dogstrust.org.uk/homestay

Homestay, for those who need immediate support to rehome their dog but can still care for them until the charity finds them a new home.

Dogs Trust, the UK's largest dog welfare charity, has received over 28,000 enquiries from owners so far this year, needing help to rehome their dog. Homestay was created as kennels and foster homes are consistently full, and to help owners before they reach a crisis point in giving up their dog, such as selling their dog online, or giving them away.

Homestay allows dogs to remain in their current home until Dogs Trust matches them with a new one. Moving directly from one home to another means they don't have to spend any time in kennels, which is significantly better for their welfare. And, because dogs stay with their owners throughout the process, Dogs Trust can gain valuable insight into their personalities, routines, and individual needs, helping to find their new homes much quicker. As a result, trial periods have found that dogs find a new home on average within 14 days, compared with the current average stay of 58.5 days in Dogs Trust rehoming centres.

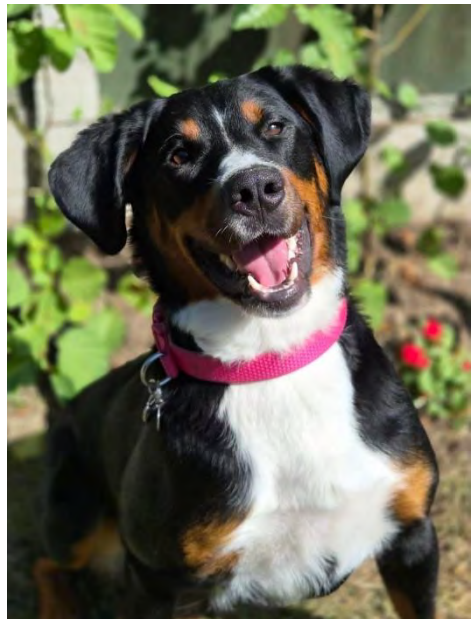
Nationally, Dogs Trust has supported more than 700 dogs via Homestay already this year, and to ensure they can help as many dogs and owners as possible, Dogs Trust is urging any

dog owners facing struggles with their dog to make the charity their first call. The earlier people get in touch, the more they can do to understand each individual situation and recommend the most suitable support.

One dog who found her new home through Homestay is Nala, a Bernese Mountain Dog-Collie cross, who was reserved within just three days.

Nala came into Dogs Trust's care after struggling to cope when left alone in her previous home. While she passed her pre-intake assessment, she showed signs of stress in the kennel environment, meaning kennels would likely be a worrying place for her. Combined with her separation-related behaviours, this led the team to suggest Homestay - giving her the chance to remain at home while waiting for the right adopter.

Following a couple of successful meets, Nala went home with her new family. Three months on, she has settled beautifully and is very content. Her family says her confidence grows day by day, and they feel incredibly lucky to have her. She has even celebrated her second birthday with a party and a special doggy cake.





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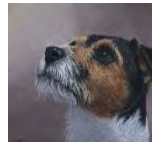
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