

# Chaddleshworth News

## In this new edition...

- ✓ Letters and notices from the parish,
- ✓ Easter message and services from Rev. Mike,
- ✓ new cooking equipment in Chaddleshworth St Andrew's School thanks to Tesco and the PTFA,
- ✓ Chaddleshworth Book Group and many more news items,
- ✓ Under 5s and School updates,
- ✓ the latest Chaddleshworth Village Hall 100 Club winners,
- ✓ and plenty more information from our local groups, charities, and businesses.

Please provide your letters, suggestions and contributions for the next, June edition by 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Thank you! **Ed.**

## See inside for Penny's great story...



## Chaddleshworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

The PTFA Easter Peg Hunt brought so much excitement and fun to the end of term. With every child taking the opportunity to say 'Hi' to the Easter Bunny and then search out their own Easter treat to carry safely in their Easter baskets kindly made by *Mrs Bell*. Thank you again to our dedicated PTFA team for all the time and effort they put into providing wonderful experiences for our children.



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## Letters

### Don Wheeler

Sad news from the Wheeler family. Dad passed away 25<sup>th</sup> March, he slipped away peacefully with mum and I by his side. It has been a 16-week rollercoaster ride after dad broke his other hip, he is now at peace. A wonderful 91 years full of life. He will be massively missed by all his family and friends. RIP **Anna Rainbow**



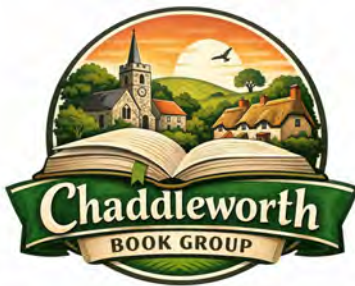
*Ed: we hope to include an obituary in the next edition.*

### Congratulations Chaddleshworth News

*"It takes another village editor to appreciate what a lot of work goes into producing the Chaddleshworth News. The February edition has twenty-eight pages of outstanding news collection and collation. Well done!"* **Mike Ananin**  
(editor(retired), Brickleton News)

### Brightwalton Youth Club

Brightwalton YC have many children who live in Chaddleshworth plus their 2 teenage Duke of Edinburgh volunteers both live in the village. Contact the Brightwalton Community Coordinator via [brightwaltoncommunity@gmail.com](mailto:brightwaltoncommunity@gmail.com) to find out more about the club.



There have been two meetings of the Chaddleshworth Book Group when around 12 people enjoyed a pleasant meeting. We talked about books we had enjoyed and made a very varied list of books we could recommend, one of which will be picked at random from the list for the following meeting. We discussed the February choice of "Wintering" by Katherine May. As expected, different opinions were voiced amicably.

It was decided that the purpose of this group is to provide an opportunity for people to meet other people, especially any newcomers to the village and for book lovers to chat about books.

No pressure on even reading the book, if life has been too busy. If you only read occasionally or never you will be welcomed. You may be inspired to become a reader.

**Come along to the next meeting at The Ibex Inn at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.** No money involved other than buying or free borrowing from the library. Book sharing was suggested.

#### **The book for April is**

**"The Rotters' Club"** by Jonathon Coe.  
*"Very funny, a compulsive and gripping read"* *The Times.*

Phone or email Lea if any information is needed on 01488 638488 or [lea.naples@motionlink.co.uk](mailto:lea.naples@motionlink.co.uk) **Lea**

## Penny's Big Crufts Adventure



Hi I'm Penny,

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Mum woke me up ridiculously early and kept saying this word "Crufts" over and over. I didn't know what a "Crufts" was, but she seemed excited, so I figured it must be important.

Me and some of my friends were bundled into the car, and off we went. When we arrived, I couldn't believe my eyes, a huge busy place with green carpets everywhere and so many people to greet. I even spotted familiar faces, my trainer *Gillian*, and my friends *Maryanne*, *Belina*, *Sue* and *Izzy*.

I still wasn't sure what was happening, but Mum kept telling me I had to be on my absolute best behaviour. I didn't really understand why, as I'm always perfect.

We went to a place called "backstage." I didn't like it much. I prefer being front stage, obviously. Mum seemed a bit nervous, though I wasn't sure why. While we waited, I played a bit and gave her my paw whenever she asked, just to keep her calm.

Then we stood in a queue, and suddenly a big man's voice boomed from the sky... and he said my name. That was it, we were off! We walked into this huge green arena, and there it was, all my favourite agility obstacles. Something I finally understood.

Mum settled me in front of the first jump, I sat patiently and quietly. Then we were away, over the jump, up the dog walk, which I took my time on as a lady of style never rushes.

Then I had a genius though, why just do the course when I could impress everyone?

So I zoomed down the ramp, around the next jump, then over another, and then I saw him... my beloved cameraman. I had to make sure he got my best angle, so I ran straight up to him and shoved my head right into his camera. A star must look after her public don't you know.

Then I zoomed back up the dog walk and waited very politely for Mum to start from where I left off. I'd had my fun, time to get serious.

"Go!" she said. Jump, jump, tunnel, jump, easy.

Then the A frame. I climbed to the top and popped over it in perfect style, hitting all my targets like the professional I am.

Back round, jump, tunnel, jump, tunnel... and I even added a little spin before the final jump, because why not? And just like that, we had finished!

Mum scooped me up and hugged me so tight. I could feel how proud she was. I felt like the best dog in the world.

When I think back to where I started, born a stray on the streets, into a rehoming centre in Cardiff as a pup, then to **NAWT Trindledown** where they called me "Snoopy" I struck gold the day mum found me, and I became 'Wish Upon A Penny'.

**Safe for life. Loved for life.**

And now, *Fabulous at Crufts* for eternity.

**Love Penny and Mum Kelly (thanks to Izzie)**

Catch Penny's playful round on the Crufts Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/share/r/1CJPBUK5EX/](https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1CJPBUK5EX/)



## Downland Volunteer Group

The Downland Volunteer Group celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary by holding a buffet lunch in the Compton Village Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Among the guests were four pupils from The Downs School and the Deputy Headmaster. This was in recognition of the social service project held in the school in 1984 which resulted in the DVG being formed in January 1986. The photo shows the four pupils along with Mrs Deb Jeffs, a co-founder and the first Chairperson of the DVG.



Over the last 40 years the DVG has enabled Downland residents to attend their medical appointments as there isn't a very regular public transport service available. In addition, the DVG operates the HandeBus service, a 12-seater all electric community transport vehicle

which enables the more senior members of the community to go shopping and visit places of interest in the area. Also, the DVG also runs a monthly Lunch Club for older residents in the Compton area.

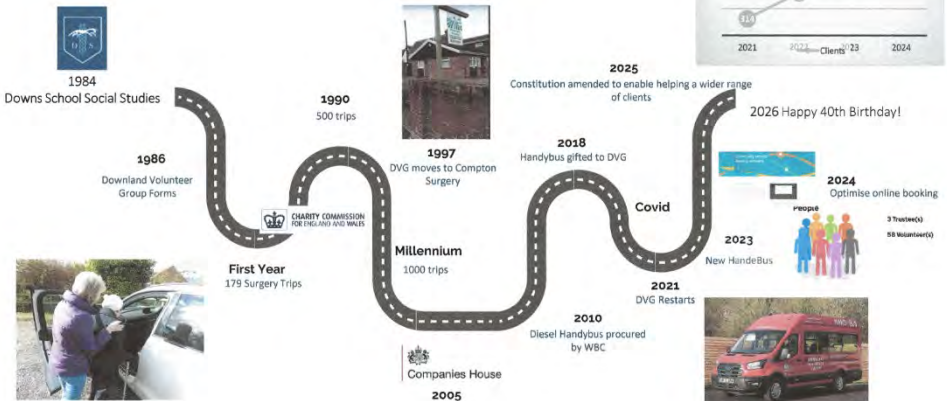
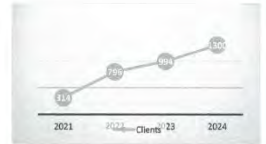
Among the guests at this buffet lunch were doctors from the Downland surgery with whom we are closely involved, District Councillors and many volunteers both from the past and the present who give their time for free to support our community over the last 40 years

The flow chart shows the various stages of development of the DVG from its inception, becoming a registered charity, a limited company and taking full responsibility for the HandeBus service. In our last financial year, we made 1337 trips for residents to attend their medical appointments. With the continued demand for our service we are always looking to recruit new volunteers who could spend a few hours a month supporting the Downland community.

To contact us, email [dvq.office@btinternet.com](mailto:dvq.office@btinternet.com) or phone **01635 578394** (Between 9.30am-11.30am Monday - Friday). Our website is [www.downlandvolgroup.org](http://www.downlandvolgroup.org) **Joe Clerkin**

Downland Volunteer Group  
The Surgery, High Street  
Compton, Newbury, RG20 6NJ

Downland Volunteer Group  
West Berkshire Community Car and  
HandyBus Scheme



**Bicycle for Sale:** with a pink helmet, suitable for a child aged 8-12 years old. £35 Contact Sarah on 07733050288



**Medieval Heritage Weekend:** This is an event my re-enactment group is going to, along with over 200 other reenactors, it will be a full great day out for all the family.

*Ian from the Ibcx*

[www.herstmonceux-castle.com/  
event/medieval-heritage-weekend](http://www.herstmonceux-castle.com/event/medieval-heritage-weekend)



### Local Boxing Champ

*Christian* fought at the Didcot football club on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. He was the 9<sup>th</sup> bout. He had the judges unanimous decision and won!

Raising over £1,000 for Suicide&Co, a charity who support families affected by suicide as we lost a close friend last year, his Just Giving page is

[www.justgiving.com/page/christian-hazle-1](http://www.justgiving.com/page/christian-hazle-1)

All the best, **David Hazle**

### Congratulations Rev. Mike Half a Century, not out!



### Congratulations to Tish and Charlie



# Duck Derby

 3pm Easter Eve 

Saturday 4th April  
East Shefford House

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Povey  
Prizes for the first 5 ducks  
over the finishing line.

**£200 £100 £50 £30 £20**

Sponsor a duck for £2.00.

Tickets - from Shefford Garage, at the race or  
contact Denise on 07867 934 387



Supporting and maintaining our beautiful, historic  
parish churches, St. Mary's & St. Stephen's.



West Downland Benefice  
St. Mary's Church, Shefford  
St. Stephen's Church, Shefford

**Coffee Morning** in support of The  
Alzheimer's Society, Tish and Markus  
Slade are making a skydive...

**COFFEE MORNING**  
for Alzheimer's Society

**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**FROM 10AM-12PM**  
**AT THE IBEX INN**

HELP US RAISE MONEY  
FOR OUR SKYDIVE

All proceeds go  
straight to our  
fundraiser for our  
charity skydive on  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Thank you! From Tish & Markus Slade



SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE  
Help us hit our goal of £1000

## Chaddleshworth Litter Picking

The kids and I collected three bags worth  
of rubbish just in the area from Ibox up to  
Spray Lane! They were very pleased with  
themselves. Well done! **Sophie**



**GREAT SHEFFORD ANNUAL**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT TRAIL**  
**£2**  
Maps available from the  
village shop  
**SATURDAY 28/3 TO**  
**SUNDAY 12/4**  
Organised by Chaddleshworth & Shefford PTFa  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1190914

## Chaddleworth Cricket Club



With the days getting longer and the weather (hopefully!!) starting to turn, it can only mean one thing – cricket season is just around the corner!

There's a real sense of excitement building as we prepare for the months ahead. From pre-season preparations on the field to the first fixtures, it's always a special time of the year when everyone comes together again – players & supporters alike!

We are looking forward to another fantastic season filled with competitive cricket, great team spirit, and plenty of memorable moments both on and off the field.



This season we have started a new Sunday league which involves 4 local clubs – Chaddleworth, Chieveley, Boxford & Peasmore. Each team will play each other once during the season. We look forward to a bit of friendly competition!

### Fixtures

Our season kicks off on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May with an away game with Chieveley (1:30pm start). Our May/June fixtures are...

- **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 2pm (A) Ramsbury**
- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – 2pm (A) Purely on Thames**
- **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – 1pm (H) Stroke Makers**
- **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 1:30pm (H) Boxford**
- **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 1:30pm (H) Peasmore**
- **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June - 1pm (H) Crazies Hill & Cockpole Green –**

We are always on the lookout for new players and non-playing members to keep our wonderful club going.

Please email

[chaddleworthcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:chaddleworthcricketclub@gmail.com)

for more information on how you can join!

This year we have lots of maintenance to do at the cricket ground with a new roof for the pavilion, and new fencing that needs replacing around the ground. Plus the general upkeep of the wicket & outfield.

**PLEASE NOTE: KEEP ALL DOGS ON LEAD NEAR THE PITCH AND DO NOT BOTHER LIVESTOCK**



## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US

Chaddleworth Entertainments is a friendly group of local residents on a mission to bring the people of the Chaddleworth Parish together and keep the community spirit alive all year round. As members of the community ourselves, we organise a wide range of events — including the Chaddleworth Fete, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Curry & Quiz Night — giving everyone a chance to get involved, have fun, and connect. We are a not-for-profit group, so every penny raised goes straight back into creating more great events for you to enjoy.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be taking place on **Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April from 12noon Meet at the Walled Garden of St. Andrews Church** and follow the signs! **Free for all to attend.** There will of course be plenty of yummy Easter Eggs up for grabs!



## CHADDLEWORTH FETE

**Put the date in your diaries – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June is the annual Chaddleworth Fete!**

As always, we are in need of:

- Cake donations
- Plant donations
- Bottle donations
- Raffle prizes
- Silent auction prizes

We will also need volunteers on the day to help run the day. If you feel like you can give up an hour (or more) of your time, please get in touch with **Tish on 07795840489**. Thank you!

## OPEN GARDENS

The open gardens are returning this year on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June... if you would like to showcase your garden please get in contact with **Martyn on 07946318101**.

**Events coming up in 2026:**

- ❖ VILLAGE BBQ
- ❖ FETE
- ❖ OPEN GARDENS
- ❖ CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
- ❖ PLUS MORE

If you have a few hours to spare, your involvement can help us plan and deliver some fantastic events. If you feel that you cannot commit to the meetings and planning but are keen to volunteer on the day of an event, please do also get in touch!

**HAVE SOME NEW IDEAS?** We are always open to new ideas for events. If you have something brewing, please let us know so we can get the wheels in motion! Please get in touch with our Chair, *Tish*, on 07795840489 to find out when our next meeting is.



## Community Plan: Draft Report Out for Review

The draft Chaddleworth Community Plan is now available for residents to read and comment on. This is your chance to check we've captured the voice of the village correctly and to tell us if we've missed anything important.

### Have We Got It Right?

The draft report sets out findings and proposed actions across six themes – Safer, Communications, Prosperous, Healthy, Greener, and Community – all based on your survey responses. Please take a few minutes to read through it and let us know your thoughts by emailing us at [chaddleworthplan@gmail.com](mailto:chaddleworthplan@gmail.com)

### What Happens Next?

We're working hard to finalise the plan ahead of formal submission. In parallel with the resident review:

- West Berkshire Council is reviewing the draft and will provide officer feedback before sign-off.
- The Parish Council (CPC) has received the draft for their review.
- We are also working with key local stakeholders to ensure a wide review is completed before the document is finalised in mid-April.

### Get Involved – We'll Need You!

Once the plan is finalised, the real work begins. Many of the actions identified in the report will need new volunteer groups to be established to drive them forward. From greener initiatives to improving community facilities, there will be something for everyone.

We will be calling on the community to get involved in implementing the plan's ideas once it is finalised. Watch this space – and if you're interested in helping, please do get in touch early

The draft report is available on the Parish Website

[www.tinyurl.com/CCPDraft](http://www.tinyurl.com/CCPDraft)



**For more information or to get involved, contact the Community Plan Steering Group via**  
[chaddleworthplan@gmail.com](mailto:chaddleworthplan@gmail.com)



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



### West Downland Benefice

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

Dear Friends,

April begins in the middle of Holy Week this year so I hope you will receive this article in time to engage in all the exciting things we have coming up!

Easter is not just a single Sunday — it's a journey, and this year across the West Downland Benefice, we're inviting everyone to walk that journey together, step by step, from the noise of Palm Sunday to the breathtaking joy of Easter morning.

It begins on Palm Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> March) with something rather special – a real, live procession from Leckhampstead Village Hall, hopefully accompanied by Trevor the Donkey! Feel what it might have been like to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem as we make our way to church together, palm crosses in hand.

As Holy Week unfolds, there are quieter, more reflective moments to treasure too – candlelit Evening Prayers at Wickham and Fawley, and the deeply moving Maundy Thursday gathering at Welford, where we'll share a bring-and-share supper together, recreating the intimacy of that Last Meal, before keeping watch as the church is stripped bare in readiness for what comes next.

Good Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> April) offers something for everyone. Families are warmly welcomed to Great Shefford at 10:30am for a hands-on celebration of the Easter

story with crafts, hot cross bun making, and singing. Later, at 2pm in Wickham, the traditional Last Hour service brings us to the foot of the cross in prayer and hymns, ending in profound silence at 3pm.

Then on Easter Eve, gather at Leckhampstead around a fire pit for chilli and community as darkness falls — before the Easter candles are lit and the church fills with light. It's a moment you won't forget.

And on Easter Day, join us at 9am in Fawley for Holy Communion or Great Shefford at 10:30am for a joyful All Age Communion including a Baptism. In and around that, don't miss the Duck Derby at East Shefford Farm (Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>, 3pm) and Easter Egg Hunt at Chaddleshworth (Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am) for family fun!

*[Ed: Please see the poster on the back page of this edition...]*

Hope to see you there!

With my love and prayers,

Rev Mike  
x



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# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026



## Palm Sunday

**9am Holy Communion**  
Shefford Woodlands

Holy Communion & lively hosannahs with the blessing of our Palm Crosses and including the reading of The Passion.

**10:30 Holy Communion**  
Leckhampstead

Starting at the Village Green and processing to the church (Hopefully with Trevor the Donkey with our Palm Crosses) for a service of Holy Communion.



## Good Friday

**10:30 am All Age Easter Celebration**  
Great Shefford

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.



## Monday to Wednesday

**7pm Monday**  
Wickham

Candlelit Evening Prayer

**9:30am Tuesday**  
Chaddleworth

Said Holy Communion.

**7pm Tuesday**  
Fawley

Candlelit Evening Prayer

**7pm Wednesday**  
Chaddleworth

Said Holy Communion by candlelight.



## Easter Eve

**7pm Celebrating the Light**  
Leckhampstead

Gather around the fire pit and enjoy a bowl of chili (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 for each parish are lit from the fire and fill the church with the light of Easter.



## Maunder Thursday

**7pm Bring and share meal, The Last Supper and The Watch**  
Welford

We will gather at 7pm for a bring and share supper, remembering Jesus' last meal with his friends, and sharing Holy Communion around the table.

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



## Easter Day

**9am Easter Holy Communion**  
Fawley

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

**10:30 Easter Holy Communion with Baptism**  
Great Shefford

Suitable for All Ages, this joyful Easter celebration will include Holy Communion

# IN THE WEST DOWNLAND BENEFICE



## Chaddleworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

(Registered Charity 1190914)

The PTFA would like to thank everyone who donated clothing to our Little Recyclers collection. We raised over £40 thanks to your generosity.

We also managed to raise our highest ever total from our Valentine's bake sale at over £170! Thanks to all our wonderful bakers and customers!

This week we've also had the pleasure of seeing the cooking equipment in action. The Tesco Stronger Starts grant we secured paid for three air fryers, three blenders, three food processors and three double hobs. It was lovely to see the pupils making good use of the equipment in their DT lessons. Thank you to Tesco for the funding and to all those of you who voted for us to secure the grant.

Over Easter, we will be running an Easter Egg Trail around Great Shefford, with maps available at the Spar. Something to do over the Easter holidays perhaps?

Happy Easter!

**C&S PTFA**



## Great Shefford Under Fives

(Registered Charity 1033744)

The second half of the Spring term is always so busy with so many events to take part in and celebrate. We talked to the children about how their mums helped them and what they would like to thank them for, then each child made a Mother's Day card and put together a small posie of flowers.

World Book Day saw Sarah Baillie dressed in a giant dinosaur outfit to celebrate her love of dinosaur stories; some of the children weren't too sure about that! We also joined in some Red Nose Day fun to support Comic Relief and hopefully help families a little less fortunate than ourselves.

Now we are learning about Easter and the joy that it brings. We have made bunting to hang in the church, put together a large Easter garden, read stories, met Revs. Mike and Matt at St. Mary's to share the good news of Easter, baked hot cross buns and Easter chocolate nests, decorated Easter baskets and will end the term with an Easter egg hunt at the park.



Our “drop in” Monday **Baby & Toddler group**, has continued this term thanks to the hard work of Kathryn and her mum, Sally. Debbie has taken time to recover from an operation but is looking forward to being back in the summer term. Many new parents, carers and their very young children have come along to enjoy the wide range of well-planned activities. The group runs on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11am for £3 including refreshments for all so please come along with your little ones.

***Denise Herrington***

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 [www.greatsheffordunderfives.co.uk](http://www.greatsheffordunderfives.co.uk)

# Chaddleworth St Andrew's and Shefford C.E. Federated Primary Schools



Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Easter service at St Andrew's Church in Chaddleworth this week. It was wonderful to hear about the children's knowledge and understanding of the Easter story and Easter traditions around us at this time of year.

It's been great to keep in touch with the 52 *Lives School of Kindness* team since our whole school workshop last academic year. They have shared an Easter kindness challenge you may want to try at home. I wonder how many acts of kindness your families can tick off over the holiday? Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter break.

**Ms Munday,  
Headteacher**

[www.csfschools.org](http://www.csfschools.org)



## Easter church service

Thank you for all the support to be able to hold our Easter Service at St Andrew's in Chaddleworth. It was a chilly spring day with much excitement around the tree work being completed in the church grounds during our visit. Reverend Mike and Reverend Matt welcomed us all into church to warm up and to share our thoughts, songs and prayers together as we move towards Easter. Red Kites had prepared scripture to recount the Easter story through words from the Bible. Robins were keen to present their Easter words, along with their colourful dafodil paintings and then the Easter gardens that

*had been carefully created to represent the Easter story. Owls shared the traditions we follow around Easter and also that Easter is a time of 'Hope, Love and New Life'. With Kingfishers then bringing our service to a close with their thoughtful teaspoon prayers.*



## KS1 football

*"On Monday after school some children from Key Stage 1 went to Park House School to play in a football tournament. They children played very well and worked hard as a team. This meant that quite a few goals were scored. As a result, we came second in our group. Well done to all the children who went for showing super team work and putting in your best efforts. Thank you also to the parents who came and supported."* **Mrs Harris**

## Red Kites cooking

*"Red Kites had a great afternoon trying out a couple of Anglo-Saxon inspired recipes on Monday, using our new cooking equipment funded by the Tesco Stronger Starts grant. We all had a go at peeling, chopping, frying or mixing and made a potage (vegetable stew with barley) and honey oat cakes, which were a bit like flapjack. We got to try our meal at the end of the day and it got lots of thumbs up! We really enjoyed making our own food!"* **Mrs Chrimes**

## The Ibex Inn

We are open every day!

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### • DATES FOR YOUR DIARY •

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Race Night with Colin Brown

From 7pm. Please see details to the left!

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Bingo

From 5pm. Lots of fun, and lots of prizes to be won. Please call or email to book your table! Drinks-only tables are also available.



#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Steak Frites Night

Sink your teeth into Steak Frites at The Ibex Inn. Perfectly cooked steaks served with crispy golden fries... the perfect Thursday night dinner!

We won't be able to accommodate walk-ins, so please make sure you are in before *Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April*.

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Ribs Night

An Ibex Fav returns! We know you love our Ribs Night. Enjoy slow-cooked sticky BBQ ribs with all the trimmings. Please pre-book before *Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May*.

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night

Quiz night returns! Usual quiz rules apply: max. 6 per team and £2 per player. If you would like to order from our Quiz Night menu, please have this sent in by *Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May*. More details to follow over on our *Facebook!*

### HOW TO KEEP UP TO DATE:



The Ibex Inn



@theibexinn



Sign up to our mailing list:  
[www.theibexinn.com](http://www.theibexinn.com)

### OUR DOORS ARE OPEN AGAIN ON A MONDAY!

After a short break, we're reopening our doors on a Monday. We can't wait to welcome you back at the start of every week!

## Charity Race Night

Supporting **BERKSHIRE TOURISM**

### Hosted by Legendary National Hunt Jockey Colin Brown.

Sat 11th April, 2026  
7.00pm  
£20 a ticket includes curry supper at  
The Ibex,  
Chaddleworth, RG20 7ER.

## Book a table 01488 639052

Individuals welcome - come along and join the fun or book a table with friends!  
Cash Bets please / £5.00 per race.

### Have an idea for an event you want to see at The Ibex?

We are always open to new ideas! If you have an idea you'd love to see on at the pub, please send them to [bookings@theibexinn.com](mailto:bookings@theibexinn.com)



## Chaddleworth Village Hall

(Registered Charity 1055503)

Recently the Hall has hosted the Lent Lunch, Berkshire Ramblers, Welford Residents Committee, Puppy Training, Chaddleworth Yogis and meeting of the Chaddleworth Parish Council and Chaddleworth Community Plan teams.



The Chaddleworth 100 Club draw was hosted by the Chaddleworth Yogis.

The lucky winners for February are number 14, **Tish Slade** and number 62, **Thea Lett** – each winning **£31**.

The lucky winners for March are number 10, **Linda Austen** and number 76, **John Bibbings** – each winning **£31** too.

***THANK YOU to all the 62 current members.***

Unfortunately, 30 members are currently lapsed. **Please would you renew your membership to continue to provide vital support to your Chaddleworth Village Hall and increase the prize amount too?**

### ***Please consider joining or rejoining...***

This 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\*\*](mailto:ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com)

### **How do I join the 100 Club?**

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## Chaddleworth Parish Council

Chaddleworth Parish Council meets every other month with the next regular meeting on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7:30pm in Chaddleworth Village Hall**, all welcome.

The latest Chaddleworth Parish Council meeting covered:

- a local planning application,
- reviewed the latest statement of accounts, and budget vs expenditure for the current 25/26 financial year,
- agreed new and updated Standing Orders,
- heard the latest news from the Chaddleworth Community Plan team,
- and checked and reported items from West Berkshire Council.

**Visit the Chaddleworth Parish website which also includes:**

- Parish Council meeting minutes,
- Over 20 Chaddleworth History articles,
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- information from local charities and organisations and links to these.

The Parish Council website and email:

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[clerk@ChaddleworthParish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ChaddleworthParish.gov.uk)

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

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Kind regards, **Councillor Clive Hooker**

## 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](mailto:Clerk@ChaddleworthParish.gov.uk)

## 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 **21<sup>st</sup> May 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 courses, 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](mailto:botmoorway@gmail.com) for an application form.

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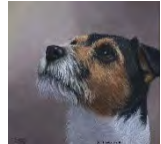
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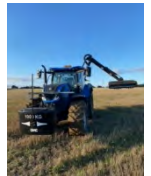
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Friday, 3rd April  
at 10:30am  
Great Shefford Church  
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# 2026 Easter ALL AGE ACTIVITIES



### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Sunday, 5th April  
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Meet at the Walled Garden  
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