

Cheddington Village Newsletter

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The July Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 7pm in The Pavilion, Cheddington Recreation Ground, High Street, Cheddington LU7 0RG. The August Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th August at 7pm also in The Pavilion. For those residents who do not know, to find 'The Pavilion' just follow the path alongside the tennis courts until you reach the white building.

The Agenda will be posted on the Cheddington Parish Council Facebook page, on the Cheddington.org website and on the Notice Board at The Green, with 3 clear days' notice before each the meeting. If you wish anything to be discussed at the meeting please advise the Clerk well in advance of the Agenda being finalised.

The Parish Council carry out the day-to-day running of the village so if you have any queries please contact the Clerk, Roz Roberts on clerk@cheddington-pc.gov.uk or on 07885 442643 and leave a short message with your name and contact number. Please note that all correspondence is emailed directly to all the Parish Councillors for comment or for their information.

PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE. Please note the aim of the Cheddington Parish Facebook page is to relay information to the residents of Cheddington. It is not a public forum page.

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

Date of announcement: Friday 13th June 2025

Commencing on: Monday 16th June 2025

And ending on: Friday 25th July 2025

Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published along with the formal notice on the Cheddington website and on the Parish noticeboard. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2025, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to the Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING. As advertised, the Annual Meeting took place on Wednesday 7th May at the Pavilion. The minutes of the Annual Meeting and the May monthly meeting are now available on the cheddington.org website.

PLANNING MATTERS as reported at the May PC meeting:-

a. Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council:

25/01463/APP – 7 Berryfield Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0ST – Householder application for construction of single storey rear/side extension – No objections.

DATE FOR THE DIARY.

Milton Keynes Play Association Summer Play Session. Milton Keynes Play Association, supported by Buckinghamshire Council, is providing this year's exciting summer play session at Cheddington Village Hall and grounds.

Wednesday 27th August 2025 1.30pm–3.30pm

Enjoy a series of play, sports and arts activities for children aged from 1 up to 11.

The event is FREE.

BUCKS BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2025 REMINDER!

Hope you are sprucing up your gardens, hanging baskets and hedges! Remember judging is taking place between 1st June and 14th July! We know the judges have already been spotted in the village, but they can come back!

For more information, please visit <https://bucksbkv.co.uk>

LITTER BINS. Can we please request again that these are not used for the disposal of dog poo bags! The waste bin at the Village Hall was full of dog poo bags. There are 2 dog bins within sight on Church Path! Not very pleasant for our *handyfolk* who empty the village waste bins. Please have some consideration. There are enough dog waste bins dotted around the village which are professionally emptied by Buckinghamshire Council.

FANCY A CHAT AND A CUPPA!

Come Along to The Methodist Church on Fridays from 12 noon – 2.30pm if you fancy a chat and a light lunch. This is a Churches Together initiative in conjunction with the Parish Council. If you can help in any way/wish to volunteer, please contact ccraft@gmail.com or 01296 661068.

Remember Open Doors is also on from 10.30am if you fancy a chat, a cuppa and a cake before lunch on a Friday!

THE PAVILION – AVAILABLE FOR HIRE! If you are looking for a lovely venue for a child's party/adult

The next Residents' Association committee meeting will be on Wednesday 9th July at 7.15pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Please come along to tell us of any issues.

party/group meetings/reading groups/wine tasting class, for a small exercise class or whatever please contact the Bookings Clerk for further information/to arrange a booking on cpcpavilionbookings@gmail.com or 07885 442643.

The cost per hour is £14.00 for residents and out of village £17.00 per hour.

Remember the Recreation Ground may also be available on request so why not use both venues for an event.

FIX MY STREET. For any issues in respect of damage to pavements, graffiti or fly tipping, please report these via <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk>.

CHEDDINGTON ALLOTMENTS. There are now several vacant plots at Cheddington Allotment Site available for rent. If you require any information, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Warden Position. If you are interested in this voluntary allotment management role, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.



There is also an active working group at the allotments so if you are an allotment holder, I am sure they would be delighted if you would like to join and assist.

The Parish Clerk, Roz Roberts can be contacted by email at clerk@cheddington-pc.gov.uk / 07885 442643.

Please note the Clerk's role is a part-time position and she may not respond immediately to your query/message.

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FARMING AND FOOD

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

Jeremy Clarkson has once again highlighted farming with his very honest almost brutal accounts of his experiences. His programmes are very widely viewed and available on Amazon Prime.

Talking recently to a group over a cup of tea I discovered that they were very surprised to hear that we grew the same arable crops and used very similar machinery. This did rather open my eyes to the fact that most people probably don't know what we do at all. So, I decided it was time to explain even if this meant repeating myself in some respects from earlier articles.

We grow three main cereals around the village of Cheddington. Wheat, barley and oats. All of which are drilled or have seed planted in the autumn and the spring. These cereals are sold through a Grain Merchant who sells them to various manufacturers which would include flour mills such as Heygates and Jordans and others like Weetabix for bread and breakfast cereals. Barley is mainly used for malting for the production of beer. A by-product is brewers grains which Jeremy Clarkson used to fatten up his beef cattle. Oats are also used for making porridge and other breakfast cereals. Feeding animals too and now used in oat milk production. Some of these crops will go on ships for export.

Harvest is approaching at a fast rate as it always does at this time of year and the prospect of extra pairs of hands living on the farm, twelve most probably.

Harvest starts in July when the wheat fields are golden and the seed heads heavy and dry. We test for moisture and wait for the crop to be ready. We use combine har-

vesters which cut and process the grain which is poured from the machine into tractors and trailers travelling alongside. They then transport the grain to the farm where it is cleaned and stored. We have three harvesting teams. Each of these comprises a combine harvester, with probably two or three tractors and trailers in attendance depending on the distance we travel to and from the farm.

The straw is left in rows behind the combine harvester for baling up using another tractor and baler. Chasers collect up the bales and make the straw stacks. All of this has to be transported by tractor and trailer to a storage area. The straw stacks are covered with tarpaulins to keep them dry and good quality. The straw is used for bedding and feed. Much of it is transported to the West Country to stock farms. It is also sent to the Power Station.

On this farm we have several permanent staff who do the drilling/seeding and look after the crops all year round. We also have an agronomist who keeps a regular eye on the progress of the plants and recommends the nutrients they require at various stages through their growth.

I noticed that Jeremy Clarkson had a noticeable amount of weed in some of his crops which could have perhaps been avoided with better husbandry and agronomy. However, every time a machine and operator cover a field it is a huge expense and therefore it is essential that a good quality and profitable crop is produced.

In July and August we have at least twelve extra pairs of hands. They are mainly British or from New Zealand at present. In the past we have had South Africans, Zimbabweans and Australians. They all have farming backgrounds or a love of farming and have been to agricultural universities or colleges. They usually have experience of operating machinery like ours. Or they have the interest and wish to learn and be involved.

Here we have accommodation for them and we supply all their meals. Harvesting is full on in good weather, no time for cooking! Breakfast is provided in their living accommodation in the farmyard. They get a packed lunch and hot meal at night. And plenty of snacks to see them through long hours working. We hire in 'Bunkabins'. Each unit sleeps two with their own ensuite shower room. They also have a large kitchen and dining area in another block.

However, the main meals are provided by a very capable local café and eaten in the farmhouse. I like to see that everyone is keeping well and happy as its such a busy time.

I hope this has given an insight to those of you curious about what we grow in the fields and I hope I haven't bored those of you who have been reading these articles for more years than I care to admit!

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12pm to 4pm

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THE REPAIR SHED AND MEN'S HEALTH WEEK.

Men's Health Week (9–15 June 2025) is the perfect time to spotlight one of Dacorum's most uplifting community initiatives – The Repair Sheds. Run by Community Action Dacorum, this project has been running for more than a decade and continues to prove that practical activity can have a powerful impact on people's wellbeing.

Often as men age, they face challenges like social isolation and a loss of purpose, particularly after retirement. **The Repair Sheds** offer a welcoming, inclusive space where men (and increasingly women) come together to make, mend, share skills, and connect with others. Whether it's crafting hedgehog houses, building bug hotels, or learning to use a sewing machine, these hands-on activities boost confidence, reduce loneliness, and provide a sense of contribution and purpose.

"There's something deeply powerful about sharing a cuppa and a project," says Tony Mackinder, Repair Shed Officer. *"It's a chance to build friendships while keeping physically and mentally active."*

Partnerships with local supporters like Tring Brewery, who named The Repair Shed their 2025 Charity of the Year, have helped amplify its impact. Their event "ToadFest" raised over £4,000 in May, directly supporting the fight against isolation among older men.

And it's not just about fixing things — it's about fixing disconnection. Members consistently say the Repair Sheds have improved their mood, mental health, and social life. As one regular noted, *"The best repair job I've done here is on myself."*

To find out more about joining or supporting the Repair Sheds, contact Tony Mackinder at tony@communityactiondacorum.org.uk or call **01442 253935**

DO YOU LIKE BOARD GAMES AND CARD GAMES?

Would you like the opportunity to play with different people?

If you are interested come and join us at the Methodist School Room on Wednesday 16th July. Cheddington WI together with the Methodist Chapel are hoping to run an event monthly on the third Wednesday of the month – EVERYONE is welcome.

NSPCC CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINES

If you are concerned about a child at risk of abuse call, free of charge, on

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or visit the website There4me.com

We have a few games already including Chess, Scrabble, Triominoes, Rummikub, Boggle, Skyjo and Five Crowns which was very popular last month. We offer these games as a starting point but please bring your own favourites.

This is a great opportunity to join something new and help to shape it. Initially we are charging £3 a session which includes refreshments. After expenses any profit will go to the WI charity of the year. This year it is 'DAFS', a Drugs & Alcohol Family Support charity operating locally.

We look forward to seeing you.

BVCL AGM. BVCL AGM to be held on Saturday, 5th July at 9.30 a.m. in the Library.

REPAIR CAFÉ. Our next Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café will be held on Saturday 26th July between 9.30 – 12.30 at the **Pitstone Pavillion** (opposite the Westfield Road turning). Bring along broken items to be fixed by volunteers! Tools & equipment, electrical goods, electronic devices, clothing, fabrics, jewellery, household items, toys & games, wooden items & bicycles & more! There is no charge for fixing but donations are welcome.

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BEACONLIT BOOK FESTIVAL. This Festival is taking place on Saturday 12th July from 9.30am to 5.20pm at Ivinghoe Town Hall and Ivinghoe Old School Hub. A variety of authors will be attending and giving talks throughout the day, and there will also be a writing workshop.

Authors presenting include Dave Sivers, Holly Gramazio, Joanna Miller, Bill Randal, Jane Casey, Abir Mukhajeer and Lisa Evans. Poets Hannah Coply and Rachel Spence will be participating in a Poetry Circle and author Julie Cohen will be running a Writing Workshop. There will also be a panel of crime writers including Donna Bedows, Abir Mukhajeer, Steph Broadribb, and Ali Lowe.

A day pass is £35 and a ½ day pass is £20. Tickets are available from beaconlit.co.uk.

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SERVICES FOR JULY

- 6th Mr David Neville
13th Mr Arthur Sara
20th Café Church – Local Arrangement
5.45 pm Singing – 6.00–7.00 pm Circuit Service – at Cheddington followed by refreshments
27th Rev Kim Shorley – Service of Holy Communion

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

- 3rd Local Arrangement
10th Mrs Frankie Fisher
17th Café Church – Local Arrangement
24th Rev Fred Ireland – Service of Holy Communion

The Superintendent Minister of the Aylesbury Vale Circuit, the Rev Richard Atkinson is in Pastoral Care of Cheddington during Noreen's sabbatical and we are most grateful to him for his contribution. His telephone number, in case of need, is 01296 339899.

Dear Friends,

When we moved to Aylesbury, we left behind signs proclaiming Gateway to the Dales to those celebrating that we now lived in the Home of the Paralympics. When communities or counties opt to label themselves, I suppose there is a great challenge to not only saying something that is significant but does not raise questions about the legitimacy of the description provided. Then I think back to my birthplace in north Manchester. I wonder how you might depict a community has seen better days and in which the grind of city living is all too obvious.

Which all brings me to my point about how you might describe the place in which you live? If someone from beyond asked you in a few words to encapsulate the reality of life in your community, what might you say? The aforementioned Gateway to the Dales is Skipton in North Yorkshire. It is, in a very real way, an accurate statement, if you venture to travel through some spectacular countryside but the word gateway gives an impression of something spectacular. Now the town centre has an undeniable charm; there are some areas that appear respectable and comfortable and, yet, there are still areas of deprivation hidden from the view of those who visit. Beyond appearance there are questions about what it's like to live in a place from other natives friendly to what goes on?

So, if you were to build a picture of your village community what positive attributes might be mentioned? One of the things that impresses me about village life is that there seems to be a higher degree of care for one's neighbours than is often found in towns. I think it is much easier to be invisible if you live in a large community compared to a small one. In villages there appears to be a greater desire to include, a focus that is much harder to attain in a place of many thousands. What is your village like?

Somewhere in the midst of this will be the parish church and the Methodist chapel, which in some places can be depicted as the beating heart of the community. This is not

because of their size, or influence, or the numbers that attend but because they are places pounded on love, seeking to share hope and with a desire to allow something of the transformative nature of the Christian gospel to reach out and touch their communities. They offer a visible encouragement to think beyond ourselves, to grapple with the big questions and to listen out for rumours of the love that can change both individual and community life. They are not heroic of some bygone age but a visible offer of God's grace in the midst of our troubled world inviting us to see the hope that faith brings contrasted with the questions that our politicians raise. Love is at the centre of your community because the people of God in your minds are longing that love will come and refresh all our lives.

Blessings,
Richard



"THE TOAST" – FOR PARENTS, CARERS and LITTLE ONES

meets each Monday, during school term time, in the Chapel schoolroom from 9.30 – 11.00 for a gentle start to the week. There are toys, activities and refreshments (including toast!) and a warm welcome. Contact Cathy Craft email: cathy.e.craft@gmail.com for more information.

THE SINGALONG CAFE will be held on **Tuesday 8 July 2.30 – 4 pm** at the Methodist Chapel. It will be led by Karen, Cathy and Trevor who are all accomplished musicians. Do come along and join us and bring a friend or two, particularly those who might otherwise be at home alone. Refreshments will be included thanks to two willing volunteers. Please note there will be no Singalong in August.

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

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

BOOKS and JIGSAWS. We have a collection of paperback books and jigsaws for buying or borrowing; if you are able to make a small donation that would be appreciated. Do come and have a look to see if there is anything of interest to you. The schoolroom is usually open 9.30 – 11 am on Monday mornings during term time or Friday mornings 10.30 – 12 noon. If you have books, in good condition, or jigsaws that you would like to pass on do bring them along.

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

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SERVICES FOR JULY

Sun 6th	9.00 am	B.C.P.	St Giles
	10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Sun 13th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 20th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 27th	10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Giles

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Sun 3rd	9.00 am	B.C.P.	St Giles
	10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Sun 10th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 17th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 24th	10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Giles
Sun 31st	10.30 am	Joint with Methodist	Methodist

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sun 7th	9.00 am	B.C.P.	St Giles
	10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's

FROM THE RECTOR.

Fear and Chaos

"In the beginning God made heaven and earth. And the earth was invisible and unformed; and darkness was upon the abyss, and the Spirit of God was rushing upon the water."

Genesis 1:1-2

The opening verses of the bible start with darkness and a watery abyss. Some translations use the word chaos. This image is meant to be slightly unsettling. In some ancient cultures expanses of water represented the frightening forces beyond our control. Later in the gospels, even seasoned fishermen were unnerved when Jesus fell asleep during a storm in a boat on the Sea of Galilee. In the ancient mind, all manner of demons and uncontrollable evil was believed to lurk in the waters, which I also think was a metaphor for wider fears in society. Fear of chaos has been a powerful motivator over the centuries for people in power, with myths and propaganda used to stoke those fears. After the end of the book of Genesis, the Egyptian fear of Hebrew immigrants was used as a justification for Hebrew enslavement and their mass murder.

The book of Genesis probably reached the final written form we know today during time of the Babylonian empire around 600 BCE. The Jewish people defeated and exiled, might have started to believe the propaganda that Babylonian dominance was for their greater good and that the other defeated nations had been part of the chaos which needed to be brutally suppressed. When those who are oppressed start to believe that they deserve that treatment this is called internalised oppression. But the opening vers-

es of Genesis reminded them that at the very beginning, the symbolic chaos of the watery abyss, far from being the sum of their worst fears, was the place where the Spirit of God was moving, even rushing, in the work of creation.

Today we too are encouraged to worry about chaos and threats that might be about to overwhelm us. Whether these are the threats of small boats, cyclists on the road, or gender identity issues, we are at risk of being manipulated by powerful voices stoking up fears. Fears as simple as these can be used to justify a lack of basic human kindness, or even the loss of our own human rights. Jesus told his disciples that perfect love casts out fear.

So let's be like the Hebrew exiles. Let's remember our foundation stories in the Bible. Let's remember the saviour Jesus whose willing death on the cross, the ultimate Roman sanction against the forces of chaos, can set us free from the ultimate fear of death. Instead of allowing ourselves to be divided by our fears, let's be encouraged that at the beginning of creation, the watery chaos was the very place where the Holy Spirit was involved in an act of creation, so incredible that it is beyond our understanding!

Revd Dominic Wright

Team Rector

SOCIETIES

CHEDDINGTON PANTO GROUP.

What time is it? It's Panto Time! Yes ladies & gentlemen and boys & girls after the roaring success of last year's Cinderella, the Cheddington Panto Group are back as promised with Dick Whittington.

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Audition details. Date: Saturday 20th September

Location: Cheddington Methodist Hall, The Green,.
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Show Dates. 18th -- 22nd February 2026

We have plenty of opportunities for all so whether you're a panto veteran or have never treaded the boards before we would love to see you.

Email cheddingtonpanto@gmail.com for an audition pack.

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August 15th

FREE TO COLLECT. The CRA are offering a facility on the back page of the Newsletter for villagers to offer free to others to 're-use' any useful items they no longer need. If anyone has items they wish to offer free to the collector please summarise the details in about 20 words (or less). There will be no charge for this.

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Join us today:

email: neighbourhoodwatchcheddington@gmail.com

Please find below some useful contact details and safety information to help you stay informed and protected:

In an Emergency:

Dial 999 for an immediate response to any incident that is happening now. It does not need to be life-threatening.

Local Police Contacts:

Wing Neighbourhood Police Officers: PC Jake Bye and PC Dionne Edwards

Email: WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk

PCSO Mike Coker:

Email: Mike.Coker@thamesvalley.police.uk

For non-emergencies, call 101 or report to Police Online: Visit: www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Use the "Tell us about something" option to report suspicious activity or incidents.

Reporting Scams:

Email scams: Forward to report@phishing.gov.uk

Text message scams: Forward to 7726

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Protect Yourself from Fraud:

Many scams—including courier fraud—rely on the same tactics. Keep these key points in mind:

Your bank or the police will never:

- Ask for your full PIN or full banking password
- Ask you to withdraw cash to hand over to them
- Ask you to transfer money out of your account

Always stop and think before sharing any personal or financial information.

Stay Safe

1st Cheddington Scout Group. 1st



Cheddington is a thriving Scout Group, offering challenge and adventure to young people of all ages, helping them learn to take responsibility for themselves and for others while having fun and taking part in a wide range of

activities.

The Scout Group continues to grow and plays an active part in village life. We have four sections, all of which are open to both boys and girls:

- Beavers (6 to 8 years) – Mondays 18:30 – 19:30 / Thursdays 18:15 – 19:15
- Cubs (8 to 10½ years) – Tuesdays 18:30 – 20:00 / Wednesdays 18.30 – 20:00
- Scouts (10½ to 14 years) – Thursdays 19:15 – 20:45 / Friday 18:30 – 20:00
- Explorers (14 to 18 years) – Mondays 20:00 – 21:30

Meetings are usually held in our headquarters on Station Road unless otherwise advertised by leaders.

Hut Hire. The Scout hut is available for hire at preferential rates for Scout Members or Cheddington Residents. We

also now have Wi-Fi available! Please check out the Cheddington Scout Group Facebook page for more details.

For further information about any of the sections, to put your name down on our waiting lists (we recommend at least a year before they are old enough so that places can be made available), to hire the hut or any other enquiries please email admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk.

FLOWER CLUB



is normally held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Hall at 7.30 pm. We hold workshops, organise demonstrators and outings throughout the year. The next meeting is 16 July – Sally Hardy. Interested in joining? Please contact Kay Clements (Chair) on 01296 668781 for more details.

SPORTS & FITNESS

BADMINTON CLUB. The badminton season has now come to an end. The 2025/26 season starts again on Thursday 4th September between 8pm and 10pm. New members are always welcome. For further details give Kim a ring on 07778279109.

CHEDDINGTON JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB. All our junior members have made significant improvement this season and are a credit to the club. The 2025/26 season starts again on Thursday 4th September. New junior members are always welcome, places are secured on ability and not age. Turn up at 6pm and Ray, our Badminton England coach will determine the most appropriate group for you. Ray can be contacted on 662148 for further details about Junior Badminton.

DAYTIME BADMINTON. Starts again on Monday 8th September between 10.45 and 12.45 for social daytime badminton, no membership necessary. The cost is £4 per session. For further details contact Kim on kim.key@hotmail.co.uk or 07778279109 or just turn up!

BOWLS CLUB. The 2025 season at Cheddington Bowls Club is underway and started, and we are very happy to be back on the green. Bowls is a great sport for all ages and all abilities, and we would welcome everyone to come and have a go and trying to get a bowl near the jack! All we ask is that you wear flat shoes or trainers. Hopefully the weather will be better than last year. We look forward to welcoming you to our little oasis at the bottom of the village, just past the Pavilion.

Please contact admin@cheddingtonbowls.org.uk or leave a message on 01296 661381 if you are interested in coming to give bowls a try. Tuesday afternoons and Friday evenings are good, but other times can also be arranged. Hoping to see you soon.

MESSAGES

VILLAGE HALL AGM. Cheddington Village Hall Management Committee will be holding its AGM in the village hall side room at 7pm Thursday 10th July 2025. Come along and hear what's going on with your village hall and how you could get involved. Refreshments provided. Everyone welcome.



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- 2nd Parish Council meeting. Rec. 7pm
 3rd WI meeting. Village Hall. 7.45
 5th BVCL AGM. Ivinghoe Library. 9.30am
 10th Village Hall AGM. Village Hall. 7pm
 12th BeaconLit. Ivinghoe Library
 Village Fete. Rec. 12pm
 Family Fun Day. Village Hall. Noon
 16th Board Games. Methodist Hall. 2pm
 Flower Club. Methodist Hall. 7.30.
 26th Repair Café. Pitstone Pavilion. 9.30am
 28th Playscheme starts

AUGUST

- 27th Play around the Parishes. Village Hall. 1.30pm
 30th Cheddfest. Three Horseshoes. 1pm

SEPTEMBER

- 4th Badminton season starts

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