Cheddington Village Newsletter

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CHEDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT AGM.

Cheddington Village Hall Management Committee will be holding it's 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.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The June Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 th June 2025 from 7pm in The Pavilion,

Cheddington Recreation Ground, High Street, Cheddington LU7 0RG. For those residents who do not know, to find 'The Pavilion' just follow the path alongside the tennis courts until you reach the white building.

The Agenda will be posted on the Cheddington Parish Council Facebook page, on the Cheddington org web site and on the Notice Board at The Green, with 3 clear days' notice before each 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 Clerk, Roz Roberts contact the 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.

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FACE-BOOK PAGE

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2025 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 will be made available on the cheddington.org website as usual, after the June meeting.



VE DAY CELEBRATIONS. A big thank you from the Parish Council to Andy & Carol Lister and Sue & Graham Day who decorated the Green, along VE DAY, with the village handyfolk, Keith & Lucy who expertly weaved the bunting around the railings.

Also, to Rachel Cousins and her father, Ray, who provided the fantastic post box topper. The Chapel was also duly decorated by Cathy Craft. So a big thank you all. The Parish Council was delighted to see an orderly queue

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forming around The Green from 3.15pm on VE Day for the buns and cakes! There were not many left! A big thank you to all the parents who donated to the Chapel. It was lovely to see a very busy playground.

PLANNING MATTERS. As reported at the May PC meeting:

a. Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council:

25/01197/APP - Church Lane Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RU – Householder application for replacement of existing single storey converted garage with two storey side and single storey rear extension (Part-Retrospective) - No Objections

b. Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council:

Ref. No: 24/02688/APP - Falcon House High Street Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 9AA -Householder application for detached garage and gym with loft accommodation – Approved 17.04.25

c. Other Planning Matters:

24/02222/AOP Appeal Ref: 25/00019/REF

Site Address: Land Adj The Duke Of Wellington Ph, Cheddington Road, Marsworth, Buckinghamshire - Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access and layout for the erection of 9 dwellings with associated parking and access - Parish Council to resubmit previous comments.

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

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

Wednesday 27 th August 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Enjoy a series of play, sports and arts activities for children aged from 1 up to 11 years. The event is FREE. Details of activities to follow.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2025 REMINDER! Hope you are sprucing up your gardens, hanging baskets and hedges! Remember judging will be taking place between 1st June and 14 th July! 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! 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!

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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.

Allotment Warden Vacancy. 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. Again, contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

There are a few available plots so if you require any information in respect of having an allotment, please contact the Parish Clerk who will direct your enquiry to one of the allotments working group members.

The Parish Clerk, Roz Roberts can be contacted by email at cheddingtonparishcouncil@gmail.com or on 07885 442643.

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

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FARMING AND FOOD

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

Livestock worrying has been brought to my attention by an email from Thames Valley Police. Regrettably this and sheep rustling seem to be on the increase. It also reminded me that our own dog ran off the other day in Devon in a field of sheep which was a shock. She came back and no harm done but it was a reminder of how diligent we need to be in the fields.

It has been reported that farmers in the UK lose up to 1.8 million pounds per year from dogs injuring or killing sheep due to the hefty vet bills they may incur, the miscarriages of unborn lambs and the general disruption to their livelihood from losing their livestock.

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recall are not immune to the natural instinct to chase. Even if the dog does not attack the sheep they can be injured simply trying to flee.

Cattle are very curious and I find they all come to have a look and see who you are! I also encountered a herd of them in Devon. Our dog was calm, so were the cows, and they enjoyed me rubbing their heads over the fence!

I would say it's much the best thing to avoid fields containing stock. Its less stressful all round.

Currently in the fields around Cheddington we have many deer and the hares are starting to appear from their hiding places. We need to be mindful of the wildlife as well. It should go without saying that fencing and field gates must be secured.

The stock worrying offence can result in hefty fines and compensation. Farmers are also legally allowed to take matters into their own hands.

It's one of the driest springs I can remember and this is tough for vegetable growers, cereal farmers like us and stock farmers. Everyone is watering their allotments and gardens. Including me! My water butts are nearly empty and I'm hoping for rain soon. The grass is not the height and quality needed for silage, baling and storage for the winter. Of course, it will have to do. But it does mean there will be a shortage this year.

Walking the footpaths you will see how short the crops are....and the straw is an important commodity for bedding and feeding here and down in the west country where we send much of ours. It also goes to the Power Station. And we all need power!

Talking of dry weather, it is important that everyone understands the risk of fire in the countryside. I would ask that everyone is made aware of the risk to our crops, to our trees, hedges, wildlife and farm animals.

Please ensure that your families and their visiting friends keep to the public footpaths and do not drop cigarette butts or light barbecues in the countryside right now.

Just now farmers are on the roads with silage trailers. Soon it will be combine harvesters being moved and grain trailers. Please give these tractors and trailers time to manoeuvre and give them a wide berth! The drivers are well trained and aware of you but can't move as fast!!

Finally, it's Open Farm Sunday on Sunday 8th June. Farms are open locally in Great Gaddesden and Wendover. Tickets can be booked online on farmsunday.org.

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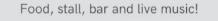
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OUR MP'S NEWS.

I am delighted to write for the latest edition of the Cheddington Village Newsletter as your Member of Parliament for Aylesbury and the villages.

I have continued to be out and about across the villages I represent over the past few months, meeting residents and attending engagements.

On 8 May, our communities came together to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. On 3 May, I was honoured to join His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, veterans, serving sea cadets and many others at the VE Day celebrations at the Discover Bucks Museum.

It was a very moving ceremony to remember those who we lost and those whose lives were changed forever by the Second World War. I spoke about how the values that they fought for – our freedom and our community – continue to shape Aylesbury today.

I met Margaret Wilkins, a remarkable veteran who served at Fort Southwick in Portsmouth, tracking submarine movements in the Channel. I also enjoyed the celebrations, including wonderful music from Ellesborough Band, singing from Wendy Bartlett and the guess the number of poppies game! Thank you to the organisers, including Aylesbury Town Council and the Aylesbury branch of the Royal British Legion.

In Parliament I have continued to champion the interests of Cheddington residents. Earlier this year, I was appointed by the Prime Minister to be a Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Steve Reed MP. In this role, I am supporting our Government to deliver on priorities close to my heart and to those of Cheddington residents: clean rivers and lakes; ambitious nature recovery; and a roadmap to a zero-waste economy.

I am pleased our Government is bringing forward action to tackle fly tipping. Last year, there were more than 4,000 incidents of fly–tipping in Buckinghamshire. I have been working with Thames Valley police, who are increasing patrols in affected areas, but it is not enough.

Ministers have now launched a rapid review to slash red tape blocking councils from seizing and crushing the vehicles of waste criminals. Councils currently have to bear the significant cost of seizing and storing vehicles but under new plans, being considered by Ministers, fly-tippers will cover this cost, saving councils and taxpayers money.

Any criminals caught transporting and dealing with waste illegally will face up to five years in prison under new legislation. The Government is making available £69 billion to council budgets across England – a 6.8% cash terms increase – and bringing forward the first multi-year funding settlement in a decade, to help fund key responsibilities like tackling fly–tipping.

Finally, I'm really proud of my Labour colleagues Harry Murgatroyd and Trish Owen, who stood in lvinghoe ward in the recent Buckinghamshire Council election. Their passion and commitment really shone through and I'm grateful to everyone who supported them. Unfortunately I won't get to work alongside them as Councillors but I know they will continue to be dedicated champions for the ward. We need change locally. From housing to SEND, from social care to potholes and pavements, Cheddington residents raise their frustrations with me regularly.

I remain committed to working with Councillors of all parties to serve residents and improve our town and villages for the better.

As always, I am here to listen and to help you. The best way to reach me is on laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk. I am also sending out a regular E-newsletter to update residents on my work. You can sign up for the mailing list via my website, www.lauraforaylesbury.org. Thank you.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Property Alert. Harry Hart who has submitted letters to earlier Newsletters about land he has for sale, that 'landlocks' an area of land that could be developed by a suitable developer, given the new National Planning Policy Framework published last December, has now made some calculations of the discount he will be able to offer villagers if it goes ahead. He estimates that any buyers or young families could benefit from a discount by a reduction in price of £51,000 to be given by the landowner, on a sale price of £450,000.

Harry Hart, Cheddington Manor

NOTICES

At the start of this month, the Chief Constable and I presented awards to community groups across Thames Valley as part of our Com-

munity Fund at an event in Milton Keynes.

As well as being an opportunity to provide over £200,000 of cash taken from criminals to worthwhile local groups, it was also an opportunity to say a huge thank you to those who do so much to support our communities.

In April, we received confirmation that my bid to fund an additional 68 neighbourhood police officers for Thames Valley had been successful. These new officers to be recruited this year are on top of the increase that we have already seen in neighbourhood policing locally. This is the keystone of my **Police and Crime Plan** and once these officers hit the streets there will be more than two and a half times as many neighbourhood police officers as when I launched my **Crimefighters strategy** in 2023.

Overall crime in Thames Valley continues to fall, and Thames Valley Police are doing a good job but there is more work to do. I urge you to report crime or concerns directly to the police, don't assume someone else will do it. Reporting on social media, turning a blind eye or assuming that crimes will be dismissed won't lead to action.

Only reporting crimes to the police will lead to more criminals being caught and, if cases can be prosecuted, victims getting the justice they deserve.

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Sun 1st	9.00 am	B.C.P.	St Giles	
	10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles	
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's	
Sun 8th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles	
Sun 15th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's	
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles	
Sun 22nd	10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Giles	
Sun 29th	10.30am	Joint Service with M	ethodists at	
		the Chapel		
SERVICES FOR JULY				
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Sun 6th9.00 amB.C.P.St Giles10.30 amFamily ServiceSt Giles4.00 pmHoly CommunionSt Mary'sPlease note Thursday Mid-week Communion postponedtemporarily until further notice.

CHEDDINGTON METHODIST CHURCH. MINISTER: REV NOREEN DALEY-LEE (01525 240083)

We welcome everyone to our Church to share in our worship and other activities. Services begin on Sundays at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated.

SERVICES FOR JUNE

- 1 Mrs Louise Atkinson Reader Service
- 8 Mr Ken Harris
- 15 Café Church Local Arrangement

22 No Service at Cheddington – Circuit Service at Aylesbury Methodist Church

29 Rev Arthur Cowburn – Service of Holy Communion – United Service with St Giles at the Methodist Church

"Gobsmacked" During the cascading eruptions of the Soufriere Hills volcano my dad lost his goats. Goat farming was predominant and most natives preferred mutton mainly in Goat Water which is the national dish of Montserrat. On the face of it, goat farming was no easy feat - the goats were wild and dwelt on the shrublands and rocky areas which made it difficult to reach them. Conversely, my

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husband was very much involved in sheep farming where he guided them into green pastures. So, innately he has this keen interest towards sheep. He is always admiring them with a beaming smile. Even taking a video of a lamb kicking Emmanuel's football and a compelling request, "Come and see the sheep."

I was hushed in amazement by one of these irresistible insistent invites gobsmacked to the point of being speechless how the sheep ran to the farmer like a toddler to their mum. Surely, sheep can recognise their shepherd's voice and follow their leader based on that recognition. They learn to associate the shepherd's voice with guidance and trust. And this is the theological point Jesus is conveying to his audience in the Gospel of John "But you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, I know them, and they follow me."

This astounding theological claim leaves us gobsmacked where it necessitates knowing Christ the Shepherd's voice to inherently become a part of the fold. Unequivocally, for the natural man this sounds hypothetical. The world categorises this as a myth, something fanatical or some phonological exercise. But for the believer it is a real experience. But how undoubtedly do we recognize the Shepherd's voice? How do we know it is not an illusion?

Perhaps, having an acquired relational contact like the shepherd and the sheep also means having a progressive relationship with Jesus. The Psalmist David knew this too well, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." By spending time in prayer which allows us to admit our failures, weaknesses, and limitations to One who responds to human vulnerability with infinite mercy; meditating and reading Scripture that develop that mysterious connection with Christ the Good Shepherd that propels us to follow him.

It may be that we also recognise the Shepherd's voice through the faith community. BBC news has been covering the election of the new Pope. The Conclave met to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and elected Pope – Leo XIV after four rounds to lead 1.4 billion Catholics around the world. We wait to see whether it was personal inclinations instead of divine guidance based on the outcome of his papal tenure.

Think for a moment: what are the ways you hear Jesus' voice today? Jesus promises that his sheep hear his voice and follow him is comforting. It tells us that being part of his flock you are never alone; his guidance and protection are always with us. As we reflect on what this reading may mean, how can we strive to be attentive to the voice of Jesus, guiding us through the Holy Spirit?

(Noreen)

"THE TOAST" – FOR PARENTS, CARERS and LITTLE ONES For all parents/carers of pre-school children and babies, join us in the Chapel schoolroom on **Monday mornings** 9.30 – 11.00 during term time 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 10 June 2.30 – 4.30 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.



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 The Methodist Schoolroom will be open on **Fridays** at 12 noon for a soup lunch for all those who would like to meet together. Donations of tins of soup or bread, tea/coffee or biscuits can be dropped off on Fridays from 10.30 am. This is a Churches Together initiative in conjunction with the Parish Council to who we are most grateful for their financial support. All enquiries to cathy.e.craft@gmail.com or 01296 661068.

BOOKS and JIGSAWS: A collection of paperback books, jigsaws and DVDs 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, jigsaws or DVDs 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.

SCHOOLROOM BOOKINGS. A projector and screen are available. For all enquiries, please contact Janet Banham email: j.banham@btinternet.com.

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 18th June at 2pm. Cheddington WI together with the Methodist Chapel are hoping to run an event monthly on the third Wednesday of the month EVERYONE is welcome.

We have a few games already including Chess, Scrabble, Triominoes, Rummikub, Boggle, Skyjo and new one since last month Five Crowns. We offer these 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.

COMEDY NIGHT 14th JUNE

Unfortunately this event has been cancelled.

Copy date for the next issue: JUNE 15th

SOCIETIES



1st Cheddington Scout

Group. The group still struggling to find anyone so far to step in as our Group Scout

Leader or Chair of the Exec Committee (who help govern the group). This leaves us in a really exposed position, putting the future of the group at risk. If we want Scouting to continue in its current state in the village, volunteers are required to take these roles on.

In addition, we are looking for assistance with Admin as the current administrator will step down at the end of the summer term.

We are also in much need of additional leader support within some of the sections due to a lack of new volunteers.

Being part of the scouting network as a volunteer offers many opportunities to learn new skills and contribute to both your local community as well as a renowned worldwide organisation.

If you can support the Scout group to secure its future in any of the positions mentioned above, please email admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk – we would love to hear from you.

Group Details. 1st Cheddington is a thriving Scout Group, offering challenge and adventure to young people of all ages, helping them learn to take responsibility for themselves and for others while having fun and taking part in a wide range of activities.

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

• Beavers (6 to 8 years) – Mondays 18:30 – 19:30 / Thursdays 18:15 – 19:15

 \bullet Cubs (8 to $10 \frac{1}{2}$ years) – Tuesdays 18:30 – 20:00 / Wednesdays 18:30 – 20:00

• Scouts (10½ to 14 years) – Thursdays 19:15 – 20:45 / Fridays 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.



Are you interested in making new friends? Learning new things? Lively discussion? Interesting outings? Engaging with forward thinking campaigns? In which case Cheddington WI could be just the thing! We meet on the first Thursday of every month in the Village Hall

and we are always keen to welcome new members.

Forthcoming Programme:

5th June, Food Glorious Food with Dr Jill Eyers



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3rd July, our annual outdoor event in the park with a BBQ For more information, please contact Liesl on 07716 778118 or Nicola on 668347 or email cheddingtonwi@gmail.com.

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 18 June – Jackie Page. Interested in joining? Please contact Kay Clements (Chair) on 01296 668781 for more details.

SPIRIT YOUTH GROUP. MORE REVOLTING BEHAVIOUR AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

which will be staged at Cheddington Village Hall on 28 and 29 June. Please see the advert in this month's issue for details.

There are 35 local children involved in the show between the ages of 7 and 16, with a host of adults supplying fabulous costumes, sound, lighting, scenery and some very special effects. This year is the group's 30th anniversary and it is hoped that some of its ex-members (there are nearly 200!) will want to come and enjoy the show and attend a special reception – more details below.

In this heartwarming tale, Matilda, a young, highly intelligent girl from an awful, disfunctional family is packed off to a school run by a tyrant called Miss Trunchbull. The schoolchildren encounter many miseries and plenty of adventures before Matilda leads a revolt and finally finds the love and companionship she deserves.

This junior version of Matilda is based on the multi-award winning West End show, written by Dennis Kelly with music and lyrics by Tim Minchin. It features all the popular songs from that musical, accompanied by a live band.

The Group is pulling out all the stops to bring this magical story alive and is hoping to top last year's very well received production of Beauty and The Beast. Previous musicals include Treasure Island, Alice in Wonderland, the Wizard of Oz, Oliver!, Bugsy Malone and Peter Pan.

The Group meets at the village hall every Wednesday evening and has six Leaders (four women, two men), all with theatre experience.

This year, as part of its 30th anniversary celebrations, Spirit (formerly Cheddington Youth Drama) is hoping to attract as many past members of the Group as possible to see their forthcoming production and attend a short reception at The Pavilion in Cheddington between the matinee and evening performances of the show on Saturday 28th June. Free drinks and snacks will be served.

If you are an ex-member, please contact Colin Bryer on 07817 847099 for details of the special reception. If you are a parent or friend of an ex-member, please let them know.

Cheddington Neighbourhood

Watch. Established in 1996, we are a dedi-

cated community group made up of 29 volunteer Co-ordinators supporting over 850 houses. We also have a working team of 11 volunteers who



manage social media, communications, street signage, recruitment, accounts and administration.

Our goal is to work collaboratively with residents and local police to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour through community awareness and engagement. If you would like to join please

email neighbourhoodwatchcheddington@gmail.com

Anti-Social Behaviour-Cheddington

Unfortunately, there have been several incidents of antisocial behaviour in Cheddington over recent months.

If you witness any such activity, please report it to the police with as much detail as possible on

www.thamesvalley.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/

We also encourage you to inform us at CNHW so we can stay aware and support community efforts.

SPORTS & FITNESS

BADMINTON CLUB. We play social badminton (with a competitive edge!) between 8pm and 10pm every Thursday evening in the Village Hall. New members are always made welcome. Membership is available or £3 per session. For further details give Kim a ring on 07778279109.

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

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.

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NIFTY FIFTIES PLUS, has been established in the Village for over 25 years. We meet at the Village Hall, each Thursday from 10.00am to 12 noon. There are exercises to suit older people of varying abilities, some seated and some standing. This is followed by a break for a cup of tea or coffee and a chance to socialise. Next, a chance to participate in indoor sports activities, including table tennis, indoor bowls and occasionally soft ball tennis or badminton. The cost is £8 per session, plus a small guarterly membership fee.

If you are over 50 years of age, you will be very welcome and your first visit will be free. For more information, please contact Chris on 01442 824350.

PETANQUE CLUB. Petangue is a friendly, open-air, pursuit which can be played by all members of the family. The Petanque pitch in the recreation ground is available to all but as a member of the Petanque Club you also get the opportunity to participate in a variety of social events organised throughout the year.

We now have vacancies for more members so for more information please contact Derek Wilkinson (668689) or Tony Johnson (661342) for further details.

BRIDGE CLUB. Would you like to join a friendly group of 10 to 20 other players who meet twice each month for a social morning of playing bridge? If so why not join us at the Bowls Club on the second and fourth Thursday in each month at 9.30am.

Cheddington Tennis Club.



winds in February, the netting posts around our third court were significantly damaged. We had to close the court briefly whilst repairs took place but thanks to the generous support of Sport England, we were able to get it back up and running before too long.

COACHING. Bex Stanley is our LTA registered coach. She runs our coaching for adults and children, on a group or individual basis.

CLUB NIGHT. Throughout the year on (most) Tuesday evenings, we hold a relaxed club night for members of all abilities, starting at 7pm. It's also a great opportunity for potential members to come down and try us out for free.

DAY TIME TENNIS. If you're around during the week (Mondays & Fridays, 10am to midday) and fancy playing some social tennis, we have a thriving day time group.

MATCHES. For those keen to play slightly more competitive tennis, we run a number of teams in the Aylesbury Vale League.

NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US. If you'd like to get fit, have fun and improve your game, please contact us at:

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CheddingtonTennisClub/ Membership/Join

New Season at Long Marston Cricket

Club. Cricket has started with some close matches in the first weekend of the league season. The 1st XI ran out comfortable winners against Silverstone, whilst the second XI lost by four runs against Westcott and the 3rd XI lost with three balls to spare against Great Brickhill - which was played at Ascott House. We are very fortunate to play a number of our fixtures at fabulous grounds like this, as well as our lovely home grounds. Sunday games are also in full swing.

Get Involved. Would you like to play cricket, umpire or score this summer? Training can be provided for umpires and Please contact Mike scorers. Lyons develop@longmarstoncc.co.uk or come along to nets (every Thursday evening at Marlins) and ask to speak to a team captain.

We are also looking to add to our commercial sponsors. If you would like to discuss supporting us, or using our facilities for a commercial event, please contact Paul Marsh at chairman@longmarstoncc.co.uk.

Diary Dates.

There are league and friendly fixtures almost every Saturday and Sunday at Marlins (Cheddington Lane, Long Marston). The 3rd XI have nine games scheduled at the bucolic Mentmore Cricket Ground (see website for dates). There are also some special games of particular local interest:

Wilstone v Buckland Friday 15th August 6pm start.

LMCC v Tring Rugby Club Friday 30th May T20 game 6pm start

Herts Ladies V Wiltshire Ladies Sunday 15th June 2 x T20's 11am start

Club 6 a-side Day Sunday 29th June 11am start

Club Day Sunday 24th August 1pm Start

Club Sundays. The Club Bar is open on Sundays between 12 and 2PM - all are welcome. Please remember that our clubhouse is available for hire for a wide range of events and includes a kitchen, large open area and licensed bar, which we can staff. Please contact Paul Marsh (info@esipower.co.uk) for more information.

Ground Security. If anyone spots anything untoward at either of our grounds at Marlins (Cheddington Lane, Long Marston) or Mentmore then please contact our Chairman Paul Marsh at chairman@longmarstoncc.co.uk. If a crime is in progress please call the police.

Village Walking Group. A group of us get

together every other Wednesday morning for a walk in our lovely countryside. We meet at the Green at 9.15 am and drive to a different spot each time and walk for 4 - 5 miles at a relaxed pace with plenty of time to chat and admire the views. Lifts can be arranged if necessary. We are usually back in the village by miday. New walkers are very welcome. For more information contact Mary Peacock on 662620, Nicola Barron on 668347 or email cheddingtonwalkers@gmail.com.

Copy date for the next issue: JUNE 15th

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 5th WI meeting. Village Hall. 7.45 18th Board Games. Methodist Hall. 2pm
- Flower Club. Methodist Hall. 7.30.
- 21st Stag. Garden Party
- 28th/29th Spirit Group's Matilda The Musical. Village Hall.

JULY

- 3rd WI meeting. Village Hall. 7.45 12th BeaconLit. Ivinghoe Library
- 28th Playscheme starts

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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June 15th

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	& Food Waste Bin	
Weds 18th June	Blue Recycling Bin	
	& Food Waste Bin	
Weds 25th June Green Refuse Bin		
	& Food Waste Bin	
Garden Waste bins		
Bancroft St, Ber	ryfield, Brownlow Lane	
Gooseacre, Hillside,	Long Marston Road, Manor	

Road, Sunnybank, and The Baulk – **11th** and 25th June Rest of Village – 4th and 18th June

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