

# Cheddington Village Newsletter

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

### NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting and May Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 from 7pm in The Pavilion at the Recreation Ground. 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 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.

**PLANNING MATTERS.** As reported and discussed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 PC meeting.

**To Consider Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council:**

**25/00828/AGN – Mentmore Park Farm Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QN** – Erection of an agricultural track – No objections.

**YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS.** On 2<sup>nd</sup> April the Clerk was advised that the Election of Councillors to Cheddington Parish Council, to be held on Thursday 1 May 2025, was uncontested.

The Returning Officer therefore reported that the below were duly elected as Parish Councillors:

**David Peter Bevan**

**Christine Janet Fee**

**Lorraine Caroline Firmin**

**Alan Hollett**

**Matthew George Kehoe**

**David Francis Charles Nabbs**

**Kirstine Mary Oastler**

**Tiffany Richards**

**HANDYFOLK.** Our handyfolk, Keith and Lucy continue to work around the village. Feel free to stop and have a chat with them and if you see anything in the village that they might be able to assist with please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

**VE DAY CELEBRATIONS.** The Parish Council will be providing refreshments and buns for the children of the village on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 3.15pm. So pop along to the Methodist Chapel at The Green and say hello. It will also be a good opportunity to go and visit the VE Day display, run by the History Society, in the Methodist school-room.

**BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2025.** Our 'handyfolk', Keith and Lucy, have already started a Spring Clean of the village amenities, so please start sprucing up your gardens and hanging pots!



Also, it would be much appreciated if you could sweep the footpath/pick out any stray weeds to the front of your property. It would be fantastic to win the Tindall Cup this year!

Remember judging normally takes place between 1st June and the 14th July.

**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 party/group meetings/reading groups/wine tasting class, for a small exercise class or whatever please contact the Bookings Clerk, Roz for further information on or call 07885 442643.

The cost per hour is £14.00 p/h for residents and for out of the village £17.00 p/h.

Remember the Recreation Ground is also available on request for large, organised events so why not use both venues.

**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.** We now have a limited number of vacant plots so if you want to get fit and enjoy some outside time, with lovely people, why not get an allotment!

### Allotment Warden Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy at the Cheddington Allotments for an Allotment Warden. If you are interested in this voluntary allotment administration role, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

There is 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.

If you require any information/be added to the waiting list 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 [clerk@cheddington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cheddington-pc.gov.uk) 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.**

**Have a search on Facebook for Cheddington Parish Council and like us!**

## BUCKS COUNCILLORS NEWS.

**General.** This will be my last report as a Buckinghamshire Councillor: I will not be standing for re-election on the 1<sup>st</sup> May. There will be 10 candidates standing for election to represent the Ivinghoe Ward and each registered voter can vote for 2 candidates, please remember you have 2 votes. Whatever your preferences, I do encourage everyone to use your vote even if you do a spoil, it will be recorded. A no vote is a lost vote.

I have had 10 years as your council representative, firstly with AVDC – Aylesbury Vale District Council and latterly with BC – Buckinghamshire Council. During that time I have been impressed by the number of people across the ward and Parishes who are committed to supporting and serving the community for zero remuneration and they are still there. I thank them all for their friendly interaction and help which included the very difficult and strange period with COVID, remember that? We had Parish Council meetings in the car park at the village hall. It became cold as darkness came.

**Litter.** Some villagers will be aware that the Cheddington Residents Association (CRA) conduct a litter pick twice per year. This is a real credit to the village and the environment looks much better for it – Thanks CRA.

Additionally, the proprietor of the Airfield operation also conducts a litter pick aimed at the usual fly tipping sites along the Long Marston Road; we all know these sites. The material is unlikely to be from the Airfield site considering that 2 of the businesses deal in waste and it would be easier to dump on site. This is contrary to a couple of anonymous letters accusing the airfield operator of littering along the Long Marston Road and fly tipping. Mr anonymous you're wrong.

Fly tipping is a widespread problem and costs the public purse an absolute fortune equivalent to a number of hospitals NOT being built each year, so if you do witness anything and it is safe to do so take photos and report, please. The worst area in the ward has been around Slapton where the enforcement team have been involved with results that hopefully will reduce the incidents.

**Traffic on Long Marston Road.** There have been several accidents around the entrance to the Airfield re-

cently. The operator has been very active reporting this to all neighbouring parish councils and Bucks Council (BC), and the police have been involved. They have also approached BC to consider additional signage or allowing the Airfield to install road side indicators/information warning traffic of the approach to the access/entrance. Another possible proposal can be a speed limit. The process to allow signage is protracted and low priority so the airfield operator has approached the PC for support to progress the requirements.

**Councillor Derek Town**

**COMMUNITY BOARD.** As of 1 April, the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board, which Cheddington Parish was part of, will be renamed to East Bucks Board, this will form one of eight of the new geographical areas for the Community Board team across Buckinghamshire.

Once the elections take place in May, a new Chair and Vice-Chair, who will be a Buckinghamshire Councillor, will be assigned from one of the wards in the East Bucks Community Board area.

Once they are in their positions, the next stage will be setting our priorities for 2025/2026 and the board would like your involvement in setting these for the local area you live, work and play. So if you have any new initiatives or ideas for improvement then please get in touch with [east-bucksbc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:east-bucksbc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) for an informal conversation with the Community Board Manager, Michelle Parker.

Find out more information about Community Boards here: [Community Boards | Buckinghamshire Council](#).

## COMMUNITY ACTION DACORUM.

I am writing to you today from **Community Action Dacorum** to share information about a new **FREE** initiative called **Future Ready**. This project is designed to empower Young Adult **Carers** aged 18 to 24 who live in the **Dacorum** area and have a caring responsibility, by supporting them to develop their personal journey to employment and become "work ready".

Future Ready offers a bespoke mentoring and training opportunity tailored to each individual's needs, which may include volunteering and work experience placements, upskilling workshops, employability skills development (such as CV writing and interview techniques), and wellbeing activities.

We believe this is a crucial service given the challenges faced by young carers. For more details about the project, please contact the Future Ready Project Officer, Paula, at [Paula@communityactiondacorum.org.uk](mailto:Paula@communityactiondacorum.org.uk) and read more on our charity website <https://www.communityactiondacorum.org/services/future-ready/>

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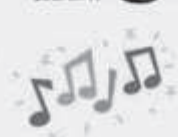
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# FARMING AND FOOD

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

## From the Farming Press.

**Tariffs** – The news is all about tariffs and how it will affect our businesses in the UK.

The United States is our second largest export market beyond the EU and while the main exports to the US include machinery, cars and pharmaceuticals, the £2.9 million worth of beef, £23 million of pork and £68 million of cheese exported from the UK to the US each year are figures not to be sniffed at.

UK manufactured cheese and Scotch whisky (£971 mill. 2024) are two products which have seen traditionally high demand from the US market, and it looks like consumers will bear the brunt of higher prices to cope with the tariffs as the US enters an era of protectionism. Future deals must not come at the expense of our high standards and food welfare. No-one wants to see hormone treated beef or chlorinated chicken on our supermarket shelves.

**Aldi** – Has met its commitment of increasing spending with British suppliers by the end of 2025, a year earlier than planned. In 2020 Aldi pledged to spend an additional £3.5 billion a year with British suppliers by the end of 2025. However, Britain's fourth-largest supermarket has already surpassed this target, spending more than £14bn with UK businesses in 2024.

Aldi says "British suppliers have always been at the heart of our business. From home grown apples to home grown beef and from crisps to cocktails – our range is full of British products sourced from suppliers right here in the UK.

By working closely with British businesses, we continue to champion local suppliers and support the UK economy."

Last year Aldi signed a 20-year agreement with family-owned fruit farm A.C.Goatham in Kent to create 81-hectare Aldi Orchard to supply the entire core range of British apples.

**Waitrose** – will become the first UK grocer to surpass the Better Chicken Commitment – all fresh chicken to meet the commitment. Waitrose is launching a transparent welfare labelling scheme which rates chicken products.

**JCB** – are planning to double capacity at its new £389m factory in San Antonio, Texas which is due to open for production next year. JCB chief executive said this would mitigate the impact of tariffs in the medium term.

**Case New Holland** – has reportedly paused shipments between Europe and North America while it assesses the impact of tariffs. Many smaller UK agricultural equipment manufacturers also expect export sales to be hit.

**Arla Foods** – Denmark based Arla works with more than 7,600 farmers across the UK and EU. This dairy cooperative plan to merge with the DMK Group and will become the largest in Europe. The company will continue to be based in Denmark and bear the Arla name.

**Trump tariffs** – It's possible farm businesses could benefit from lower red diesel prices in the short term as a result of disruption to global markets. However, fertiliser costs remain firm. Everyone is going to be happy if the predicted falls in diesel and petrol prices fall further (RAC).

**Jeremy Clarkson** – will host the farmers annual Cereal Event at Diddly Squat in 2026! His latest series will be released on Prime Video on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025. For those of you who haven't yet seen this entertaining and illuminating treat

– it's not to be missed!

**Locally** – Let's not forget local rural events in May – support Leighton Buzzard Young Farmers – Bedfordshire YFC Show & Rally on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at Manor Farm, Pertenhall LU5 6LA. A smashing day out for all the family.

Also, Hertfordshire Show – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets available online and lots to do for all the family.

Look online for these events. Enjoy!

## NOTICES



**VE DAY CELEBRATION.** To mark the special national day of the VE day 80th Anniversary celebration, the History Society will be putting on a display in the Methodist Church from 9 am to 5 pm on Thursday 8th May.

Free entry! All are welcome.

**BEACONLIT 2025.** On Saturday 12th July, The Big Little Book Festival returns. Find us in Ivinghoe, LU7 9EP, at both the Old School Community Hub and the Town Hall opposite.

BeaconLit began in 2013 as a humble stand at the Ivinghoe Summer Festival. Its purpose was, and remains, to raise much-needed funds for the vital **Beacon Villages Community Library** (<https://bvcl.org.uk/>). Over the years, the festival has flourished, and 2025 is no different. Due to last year's popularity, the Writing Workshop and Poetry Circle will both be returning. This is alongside author panels, interviews, Q&A sessions and many opportunities to peruse the **Our Bookshop of Tring** stand. And, of course, to have your book signed.

### Ticket Information:

- **Early Bird All-Day:** £25 until 1st June
- **General Admission All-Day:** £35
- **Morning/Afternoon:** £20 each

Headlining BeaconLit 2025 are two remarkable authors: **Lissa Evans**, the acclaimed romance writer and producer of the show *Father Ted*, and **Jane Casey**, the bestselling crime writer behind *The Killing Kind*, which was adapted for TV. Both will participate in exclusive conversations about their writing, careers and inspirations.

Special mention goes out to BeaconFlash, our 500-word story competition, with entries closing 31st May and final results being announced at the festival itself. May's theme for submission is 'Full Circle', so stories should centre around that. BeaconFlash costs £3 to enter or £13 with critique from published author and tutor Morgen Bailey. Eight prizes will be awarded, including cash, extended critique and online publication.

We hope to see you soon for an enjoyable day of literary celebration and fundraising for the BVCL.

For programme and ticketing details, visit [www.beaconlit.co.uk](http://www.beaconlit.co.uk).

**COMPOST AREA AT ST GILES.** This is a polite reminder that the compost bin is only for organic waste and unsuitable for plastics and wreaths which contain metal. These should be disposed of at home. All non-organic waste has to be taken home by our volunteer so your ongoing co-operation would be very much appreciated.



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## COMEDY NIGHT SAT. 14th JUNE.

Hello! We are organising a comedy fundraiser as we are participating in a Camps International expedition to Peru. Money raised ensures our involvement in a variety of community projects whilst visiting impoverished areas of this beautiful country. We are really excited to get involved in raising educational standards, developing communities and preserving vulnerable habitats when we visit Peru. Please join us for an evening of laughter and help us make a difference. Sponsorship can be collected on the evening too!

Isla Barber and Olivia Cleland

## DO YOU LIKE BOARD GAMES?

Would you like the opportunity to play with different people.

If you are interested come and join us in the Methodist School Room on Wednesday 21st May 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 cards. We offer these as a starting point but please bring along your own favourites.

This is a great opportunity to join something new and help to shape it. Initially we are charging £3 per session which includes refreshments. After expenses any profit will go to the WI charity of the year. This year it is 'DAFS' a drug and alcohol family support charity operating locally.

We look forward to seeing you.

## St. GILES PARISH CHURCH.



The journey home

*In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places... And you know the way to the place where I am going.* <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

(John 14: 2a, 4-6)

In March I received an astonishing email from a Methodist lay preacher in Swanbourne called Ken. But let me give you some background first. My journey to be here with you has been an interesting one. This time last year I had never heard of any of the eight villages where I am now the Team Rector or where I live in Wing. In July I responded to an

advert in the Church Times seeking a Team Rector for this group of churches and we arrived in September. We knew nothing about this region of the country and I remember scouring my address book to see if we might know anyone down here. Although I originally come from Bristol, my wife and I had lived in the West Midlands for the previous thirty years after we met at the University of Birmingham. She is from East Yorkshire so Birmingham was halfway between our two families. We're still finding our feet but this is starting to feel like home for us now after six months of living with you.

When I opened the email from Ken on 3<sup>rd</sup> March I read a long list of names. In the year 1798 a shepherd called William Wells married a woman called Eleanor Harris at All Saints Church in Wing. The new family moved to Ivinghoe where their eldest son Henry is on the baptism records there. Henry had a son called George who became a successful builder and married a woman called Elizabeth. They had a daughter called Maria who married a carpenter called Jesse. They had a daughter called Elsie, who had a daughter called Erica. Erica had a son called Dominic!

I didn't know where I was going when I came here. But I feel that Christ has led me to a dwelling place here. It turns out that the village where I live and one of the churches where I am now Team Rector is where my great (x5) grandmother and my great (x5) grandfather lived and got married. I found out that Ken is my mother's second cousin.

We feel at home in the places where we experience love, particularly of friends and family. My home is here amongst you for a while but I believe there is a place for all of us that will be more like home than anywhere we've known. It will be our eternal home with our heavenly Father. We can put our faith in his son Jesus 'the way the truth and the life' to lead us there.

Revd Dom Wright

## SERVICES.

### MAY

Thurs 1st	9.15am	Mid-week Communion	St.Giles
Sun 4th	9.00 am	B.C.P.	St Giles
	10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Sun 11th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 18th	09.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 25th	10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Giles

### JUNE

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
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### SERVICES FOR MAY

4th 3pm Rev Richard Atkinson  
11th Mr Ken Harris  
18th No Service at Cheddington – Joint Service at Wingrave Methodist Church – Rev Noreen Daley-Lee 3.30 pm at Cheddington – Messy Church  
25th Rev Hayford Ofori-Attah – Service of Holy Communion

### A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

**The Day of Pentecost.** I will be on sabbatical from June to August, so I thought of reflecting on one of my favourite liturgical seasons, the day of Pentecost where the last day of Easter is like the last piece put into the jigsaw. The coming of the promised Holy Spirit upon the Christian community signifies the completion of the paschal mystery. Christ has died, has been raised and has ascended and now the Father has sent the Spirit.

Luke gives a pictorial view of the coming of the Holy Spirit: *When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Act 2:1-14)*

The remarkable thing about this phenomenon is that people from all over the world heard them and understood them, Peter spoke powerfully and many came to faith. Though the Acts story is the principal story about the coming of the Holy Spirit each year, John 20:19-23 advocates that the Holy Spirit was already at work some weeks before Pentecost.

Therefore, it is noteworthy that we exercise care when we speak of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. This was the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Christian community, but it was not the first experience of the Holy Spirit as if there had been no Holy Spirit before. Genesis speaks of the Spirit hovering over the waters when the world was created (Genesis 1.2). The Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary at the annunciation (Luke 1:35) and inspired Elizabeth when Mary visited her (Luke 1:41). God's Spirit is at work in the world; however, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the faith community and for this reason it is known as 'the birthday of the Church'. I yearn for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit on the Church and on the world.

So may the Spirit of God, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into us the life it gives.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin Mary when God the Son came among us, make us joyful in the service of the Lord.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire on the day of Pentecost, set me on fire for my sabbatical and bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. Amen.

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](mailto:cathy.e.craft@gmail.com) for more information.

**THE SINGALONG CAFÉ.** Please note there will be no Singalong during May. It will resume on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2.30 – 4.30 pm.

**OPEN DOORS.** Friday morning 10.30 am – noon at the Methodist Chapel. This is an opportunity for all to meet/socialise each Friday morning and have a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit/cake. Contact Stuart Minall email: [stuartpminall@gmail.com](mailto:stuartpminall@gmail.com) for more information.

**WARM SPACES.** The Methodist Schoolroom will be open on **Fridays 12 noon to 2.00pm** 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 at the Chapel on Fridays from 10.30 am. This is a Churches Together initiative in conjunction with the Parish Council to whom we are most grateful for their financial support. All enquiries to [Cathy.e.craft@gmail.com](mailto: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, or jigsaws or DVDs that you would like to pass on do bring them along.

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### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Trench Humour in the First World War.

Our guest speaker is Stephen Barker. In this talk, we take a light-hearted look at trench humour in slang, through tunes, cartoons, satirical journals & concert parties. Soldiers often turned to humour to alleviate the stress of life in the trenches. Jokes, puns, and satirical songs were a part of the soldiers' oral culture. Much of the humour was lost on those outside the soldiers' group but it allowed them to cope with the strain of service and combat. The presentation is fully illustrated, includes film clips and the odd musical recording. We meet at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church by the Green in the village High Street. Visitors are welcome.

**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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### **Forthcoming Programme:**

*1<sup>st</sup> May, craft evening with Liesl Maddock*

*5<sup>th</sup> June, Food Glorious Food with Dr Jill Eyers*

*3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:cheddingtonwi@gmail.com).



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

Almost half the tickets have already been sold for Spirit Youth Group's forthcoming production in late June – Roald Dahl's *Matilda The Musical Jr* – and readers are advised to get booking to avoid disappointment.

Meanwhile Spirit is well into rehearsing for the show, which will be staged at Cheddington Village Hall on 28 and 29 June. Please see the advert in this and next 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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, dysfunctional family is packed off to a school run by a tyrant called Miss Trunchbull. The schoolchildren encounter many miseries and plenty of ad-

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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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**BOWLS CLUB.** The 2025 season at Cheddington Bowls Club started on 19th April, and we are very happy to be back on the green.

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- 7th Parish Council Meeting. Pavilion. 7pm
- 8th VE Day Celebrations
- 9th Bowls Open Day
- 18th Beds YFC show. Manor Farm, Pertenhall
- 19th History Society. Methodist Hall. 8pm
- 24th Repair Café. Pitstone Pavilion
- 24th/25th Herts Show

## JUNE

- 5th WI meeting. Village Hall. 7.45
- 14th Comedy Night. Village Hall. 7pm
- 21st Stag. Garden Party  
Flower Club. Methodist Hall. 7.30.  
Board Games. Methodist Hall. 2pm
- 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

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