

Cheddington Village Newsletter

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE.

9th November starting at 10.45 at the village green. Scouting groups parading, Choir leading the singing, refreshments in the Methodist chapel.

Everyone welcome.



CRA NEWS

Village Newsletter Publication.

Please note that from the first issue in 2026 (February) the Newsletter will reduce to 6 issues a year, This means the copy dates for 2026 be the 15th January, 15th March, 15th May, 15th July, 15th September and 15th November. Contributors, especially Societies listing their upcoming meetings, will need to list 2 months activities.

SPEED MONITORING. The Parish Council / CRA used the new speed monitors at three locations over two 15-day periods in August and September. We experienced a few teething problems but all seems to be working fine now and the machines were back in operation in October at the Recreation Ground, Mentmore Road and on Station Road. Once we are 100% happy with using these new machines we will change their positioning within the village.

At the Recreation Ground and on Station Road we have monitored speeds for a number of years. Here is what we now know.

At the Recreation Ground we monitored vehicles as they entered the village. Daily traffic is now on average **1,800 vehicles per day**, slightly down on the 2,092 recorded in February this year, but still higher than in previous years.

Whilst the average speed recorded (at the 85th percentile) was **30.9 mph**, only **3.5%** of vehicles were recorded at over 35 mph, the best we have seen in five years

On Mentmore Road we monitored vehicles as they crossed the zebra crossing on the way out of the village. The average daily traffic was **1,675 vehicles** at an average speed of **31.1 mph** with just **2.7%** being driven at speeds of over 35 mph. We don't have any comparative data for previous years at this location.

On Station Road we monitored vehicles as they passed Church Path on the way to the Scout hut. Traffic is heavier, **2,098 per day** on average, and it travels quicker, at an average speed of **36.2 mph**. **18%** of vehicles were being driven at more than 35 mph. Although this is much worse than at the other locations it is in fact a big improvement on previous years (35% in 2024!).

So in summary, we are experiencing a heavier volume

and faster traffic in Station Road than elsewhere, however the introduction of the new speed monitoring machines does appear to have reduced the number driving at over 35mph at both Station Road and at the Recreation Ground. We will continue to monitor traffic and let you know what we find.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The November Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 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 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 correspondence received by the Clerk is emailed directly to all the Parish Councillors for comment or for their information.

CHEDDINGTON 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 at the October meeting:

Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council:

No applications received at time of publication.

Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council:

No determinations received at time of publication.

Other Planning Matters.

Buckinghamshire Council Draft Local Plan Consultation – It was agreed that the Parish Council would respond to the consultation. **Deadline date 29th October 2025.**

The next Residents' Association committee meeting will be on Wednesday 12th November at 7.15pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Please come along to tell us of any issues.

For your information the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire will set out the strategy for meeting Buckinghamshire's future housing and employment requirements through to the year 2045. It will set out what infrastructure is needed to support growth, whilst also protecting our most valued environments.

This consultation focuses on the approaches to the spatial strategy for meeting the housing and employment requirements along with development management policies on topics such as the natural environment, infrastructure, housing and employment.

For more information, please see the below link:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-planning/buckinghamshire-local-plan/>

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2025.

Just a thank you to all who came along to The Green on Saturday 20 September to watch the presentation of the Tindall Cup. A big thank you also to the BBKV Chairman, Carol Hayward for her kind words and Countess Elizabeth Howe who presented the cup to CPC's Chair, Cllr Christine Fee. Also in attendance were members of the BBKV judging committee, the Chair of Buckinghamshire Council, Councillor Sarfaraz Khan Raja and our Ivinghoe Ward Councillors, Cllr Chris Poll and Cllr Peter Brazier.

Please see below a few words from our PC Chair, Christine Fee:

On behalf of the village of Cheddington I am delighted to accept the Tindall Cup, something that we have not won before.

This award would not have been achieved without the hard work done by our Handyfolk, Keith and Lucy who undertake the day-to-day upkeep of the village.

I would also like to thank Mary, who tends the floral display around the Memorial and Simon our grass cutting contractor.

Thank you also to the judges for the time spent going round all the participating villages and towns.

Christine

Chair, Cheddington Parish Council

The Chair then invited everyone to tea & cake at the village hall.

A great afternoon was had by all!

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 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.

STREET LIGHTING. Remember any faults with streetlights should also be reported to the Clerk, **not** Buckinghamshire Council!

The PC notifies its private contractor of any broken lights that need to be replaced.

Please note the PC does not have responsibility for Partridge Close (Hastoe) or Barkham Garage light (Fairhive), Orchard Manor (private contractor) or at the Blenheim area (Buckinghamshire Council).

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 – PLOTS AVAILABLE! There are now several vacant plots at Cheddington Allotment Site available for rent. If you require any information, please contact the Warden, Kathryn Doubleday on cheddington-warden@gmail.com or on 07512 824799.

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.

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

DENS. 'Helping Rebuild Lives' – has a key fundraising event this month, their 'Sponsored Sleep-out'.

This is taking place on Friday 21st November at the Hammond Academy in Hemel Hempstead.

The sleep-out is a vital event that raises awareness of the homelessness locally and helps fund the essential services DENS provides for people facing crisis.

www.DENS.org.uk gives more information on their activities and this event.

FARMING AND FOOD

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

As I write on October 15th fun for the children with half-term, Halloween and Guy Fawkes are all fast approaching. Meanwhile I'm noticing the days getting shorter with it getting darker earlier in the evenings and the clock change around the corner.

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As farmers we are drilling our winter crops with the easiest autumn weather for many years, what a relief it has been following years of wet and extreme dry conditions. This year's harvest was our worst in 50 years. The long, hot summer was not good for growing cereals such as wheat affecting the quality. As a Country, we are importing to cover any quality shortage so while English farmers are losing out, the consumer will still find bread, biscuits and cakes on the shelves. Those farmers irrigating vegetables have done well. The fruit harvest was fantastic and many of you will have found your garden fruit trees and the hedgerows loaded with fruit.

Looking ahead, local farm shops and butchers will be pleased to receive your orders for Christmas fare in good time and it's always enjoyable to pop in and see their seasonal displays. Meads Farm Shop at Wilstone will have all their delicious food and gifts on show at their special opening for Christmas which is on Friday 15th November see <https://pemeadandsons.co.uk/>. Pecks Farm Shop are selling special Christmas hampers and can be found <https://www.pecksfarmshop.co.uk/> or visited in Eggington.

Local butchers have broadened their offering and added a variety of other products including fruit, vegetables and bread. Grooms <https://groomsfarm.co.uk/> is our nearest to Cheddington and they are taking orders for Christmas, I see hams, turkeys, homemade puddings and fresh eggs are on their website. Slightly further afield, Kings Farm Shop at Wendover is also taking orders for Christmas <https://kingsfarmshop.co.uk/>

Turkeys are available to order direct from the farm <https://www.potashfarmfoods.com/> at Gubblecote. We are very lucky to have such a good choice available locally with Masons offering anything else which is needed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor, I am currently raising money for Children in Need which takes place this year on 14th November.

First a big thank you to all your readers who have already donated – cheddington residents both past and present.

My challenge is to complete 100 hula hoops a day for 100 days. I'm over half way.

The day before Children in Need is my 86th birthday and I want to raise as much money as possible while still able to do so!

The aim of this amazing charity is to raise money for disadvantaged children and young people across the UK ensuring they have a safe, happy and secure childhood by funding projects that make a positive and lasting change on their lives.

In anticipation to your readers' help, I would like to thank you on their behalf.

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Yours sincerely,

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Amazing refreshments available, also for a donation!

Since our first café in February 2023 we have successfully repaired over 1250 items!

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Friday 5th 6.00 – 9.00 p.m. ('Opening Night' for all)

Saturday 6th 10.30 – 5.00 p.m.

Sunday 7th 10.30 – 5.00 p.m.

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This year we're hosted by the village Community Centre, warm and welcoming for all. From the moment we open our doors on Friday evening, every corner of the space will be filled with captivating work. The Centre will be decked out for Christmas and the Bar will be open throughout the weekend.

Meet talented Artists and discover a wide range of work including Ceramics; Photography; Paper Sculpture; Print Making; Textiles and Felt; Glass Art; Jewellery; Watercolour, Geometric Abstracts and Mixed Media Paintings; Furniture Design; Hand-turned Wood and the striking metal sculptures of 'Riveting Welds'.

Explore the Artwork, soak up the festive atmosphere, enjoy refreshments and find that illusive gift – **Art At Wingrave** with something for everyone! So mark the dates, bring a friend, head down Church Street and pay us a visit, we look forward to welcoming you.

(Free entry; Refreshments in aid of Cancer Research UK)

(Additional parking: MacIntyre School, Leighton Road, HP22 4PA (Please display a note stating that you are attending *Art at Wingrave*).

Andrew and Margaret Liversidge, Field View Studio

ST GILES PARISH CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sun 2nd	9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles
	6.00 pm	BCP Evensong	St Giles
Sun 9th	9.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.40 am	Remembrance	The Green
Thurs 13th	9.30 am	BCP Communion	St.Giles
Sun 16th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Giles
Sun 23rd	9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 30th	10.30 am	Joint Service with Methodist Chapel	

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Sun 7th	10.30 am	Family Service	St Giles
	4.00pm	Christingle Service	St Mary's
Thurs 11th	9.30am	BCP Communion	St.Giles

Hello from Rev Will Lyon Tupman. I am the new Team Vicar of the Cottesloe Benefice.

I am really excited to be starting the next chapter of my life here working alongside Dom who will continue as our Team Rector.

I originally come from North Yorkshire, where I grew up and attended school before studying Theology at Cambridge University and King's College London. During this time, I did some work experience as a sports photojournalist for a few local and student-produced newspapers. I also have roots in Brighton and Hove, where I lived for a few years and found my love of football; I am a keen supporter of Brighton & Hove Albion football club!

I have always been a Christian, and was Baptised at my local Church where I sang in the choir. At my Confirmation, I can remember the Bishop asking me to "Pray very hard,

as I will be for you". That's the first time I remember praying with such concentration.

But my faith became much deeper and developed during my teenage years. My parents both died very young; by the time I was thirteen years old, I had been orphaned. It was then that I came to realise my absolute dependence on God. My faith continued to grow in strength – for which I give thanks to God, because I realise it could have easily gone the other way – and very thankfully, it did not.

It was during my time at university that I first experienced my sense of vocation, or calling to ordained ministry – but a priest had first recognised my calling many years earlier, when I was just fifteen years old. At the time, I thought "surely not!" - but he was right! After spending much time in prayer, completing various assignments and attending formal interviews, I trained for ordination at Westcott House Cambridge. I was ordained in 2021, and served my curacy in Cambridgeshire in the Diocese of Ely – during which time I ministered in a variety of parish and healthcare chaplaincy contexts. As I approached the end of my curacy, I spent some time contemplating where God would lead me to next. I give thanks to God that He has brought me to the Cottesloe Benefice – a new place to explore, with lovely villages, stunning Churches, new opportunities, and the

beautiful countryside of Buckinghamshire!

Ministry takes many different forms, and being your Team Vicar will involve doing all sorts of things. Especially for someone like me, who really likes to throw themselves into life and to make the most of my opportunities – both in the Church and in the wider community. But crucially, ministry involves praying and listening – two very important things, as I journey with the people of the Cottesloe Benefice, as we discover more about what God has in store for us and our future.

I am married to Laura, and I love spending time with my family and friends. I have many hobbies and interests; I am a keen runner, photographer and artist. I love a game of chess, and I am a transport enthusiast; you will often find me enjoying a car show on a day off!

In the Bible, in the Gospels Jesus Christ commissioned His disciples to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, and with all your strength – and to love your neighbours as yourselves. These are often known as the two great commandments, but I think there are actually three elements to them: Loving God, loving other people, and loving yourself. This is what I always do my best to practise – and I commend this to you.

Thank you for reading my article. I look forward to meeting you soon!

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16 Rev Noreen Daley-Lee – Service of Holy Communion

3.30 pm Messy Church

23 Mr David Neville

30 Mr Arthur Sara – United Service with St Giles at the Methodist Church.

FROM THE MINISTER. Remembering through prayer. November is known as the month of remembering and we remember the two individuals who were killed, and three others who were seriously injured following a car ramming and stabbing incident outside a synagogue in Manchester. The incident took place during a service at the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation synagogue on Yom Kippur.

Undoubtedly, we are living in dangerous times. News coverage frequently focuses on conflicts; however, we acknowledge the initial progress made toward ending the war in Gaza. We remain committed to prayer for a peace process that upholds justice, security, self-determination, and respect for human rights for all parties involved. During such periods, it is important to remember our armed forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth, the emergency services, and civilians who have died in conflict and acts of terrorism – those who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom we enjoy today. Remembrance should go beyond reflection; it should inspire us to take meaningful action within our local communities, across Great Britain and the world.

Subsequently, we honour the armed forces not only on Remembrance Day but throughout the year by committing ourselves to keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. Lately, I felt compelled to pray for the world, which is in urgent need of support. It is important for everyone, including Christians, to seek God's intervention in these troubled and despairing times. Paul advised his protégé Timothy to remain committed to prayer, urging that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people. (1 Timothy 2:1).

The Methodist Conference president and vice president welcomed news of Hamas and Israel agreeing to release all hostages and withdraw Israeli troops as part of an initial deal; many have prayed for the release of captives on both sides and for an end to the violence. We thank God that these prayers are beginning to be answered.

Each day, as we begin anew, we acknowledge those who risk their well-being to safeguard our collective prosperity. Furthermore, we extend our prayers for global peace, especially for countries affected by war where children seek shelter rather than education and where people are deprived of fundamental necessities. While we may sometimes feel powerless, one significant contribution we can make is to pray for peace and for greater compassion

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).

among all people.

Armed forces are recognized not only through support for service members but also for their families, including spouses, children, and other relatives. Military service carries significant risks, and there is no certainty of safe return from conflict. Also, attention is given to those responsible for delivering news to families affected by casualties. War can have a major impact on individuals and their lives. Many veterans experience lingering effects from their service, including psychological, emotional, and physical challenges. Some may face depression or difficulty adjusting to civilian life, which can also impact their families.

On Remembrance Day and all through the year we honour those who have lost their lives, including members of the Jewish community, veterans and armed forces. We pray for them, their families, and for world peace, recognising that achieving it is challenging and ongoing.

(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 CAFÉ meets in the hall Tuesday 11 November 2.30 – 4.30 pm. It will be led by Karen, Cathy and Trevor who are all accomplished musicians. Do come along and bring a friend or two - all are welcome. Refreshments will be included thanks to two **willing volunteers**.

OPEN DOORS – Friday morning 10.30 a.m – noon at the Methodist Chapel. All are welcome to meet and socialise each Friday morning and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee and biscuits.

Contact Stuart Minall email: stuartpminall@gmail.com for more information.

A collection of paperback books and jigsaws are available to buy or borrow. A small donation would be much appreciated. Do come and have a look to see if there is anything of interest to you. If you have paperback books, in good condition, or jigsaws that you would like to pass on do bring them along..

WARM SPACES: The Methodist Chapel will be open on Fridays 12 noon to 2.00 pm for All those who would like to meet together from 12 noon – 2.00 pm for a soup lunch and a dessert. 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 ccraft@gmail.com or 01296 661068.

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

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BOARD and CARD GAMES AFTER-NOON.

On WEDNESDAY 19th November at 2pm at the School Room in the Chapel there is another opportunity to get together.

If you are interested come and join us. This event is monthly, on the third Wednesday of the month – EVERYONE is welcome.

We have a few games already including Chess, Scrabble, Triominos, Rummikub, Boggle, Skyjo and Five Crowns. We offer these games as a starting point but please bring your own favourites.

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.

UPDATE FROM CHEDDINGTON COMBINED SCHOOL

Top marks after Ofsted Inspection.

Cheddington Combined School have been celebrating after receiving glowing praise from Ofsted inspectors, who judged the school Outstanding in two categories.

The Outstanding rating relates to Personal Development, Leadership and Management with the school also being handed a Good rating in Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, and Early Years.

The school, which was previously rated "Requires Improvement", was commended for the 'rapid and sustained improvements made under its strong and ambitious leadership'.

Inspectors described Cheddington as "a happy school, full of joy and laughter", where pupils arrive each morning eager to learn, following its inspection in July. They highlighted the school's values – honesty, excellence, appreciation, respect and teamwork as central to daily life, with pupils demonstrating excellent behaviour, curiosity, and a strong sense of responsibility.

Gilly Brown, Headteacher of Cheddington Combined School, said: "I am so incredibly proud. Our Ofsted result is all down to our brilliant staff, our phenomenal pupils, our supportive families, and our committed governors. The inspectors saw what we already knew - that this is a very special school. But we won't stand still. We'll keep building, keep improving, and keep making sure every child here has the very best start in life."

To celebrate, the school hosted a community event featuring a giant inflatable helter-skelter, cake, and a special assembly attended by families and governors. Parents queued through the corridors to join the celebration, reflecting the strong community spirit that Ofsted said underpins the school's success.

Co-Chairs of Governors, Corinne Wallington and Vicki Jeffery, added: "We are immensely proud of this outcome. It reflects the hard work, dedication and belief of the entire school community. This success belongs to everyone, our staff, our pupils, our families, and the wider village community."

The full Ofsted report is available here: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/110215>.

Looking to join our school?

Is your child starting school in September 2026? If so, Cheddington Combined School warmly invites you to

come and see our wonderful school!

We are holding tours on Wednesday 5th November at 2pm, Friday 7th November at 10am and Monday 10th November at 2pm.

Please email admin@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk to book a place.

We also have a few limited spaces in other year groups so if you are looking for an in year transfer or junior transfer please call the School Office on 01296 668324 to find out more.

Join our Governing Board.

We currently have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor position on our friendly and hard working Governing Board. We are looking for someone from our wider community (non parent), ideally with financial / accountancy experience.

Governors play a vital role for the school. The role of the Governing Board is a strategic one; working with the school to provide strategic leadership and support to the headteacher and staff.

If you'd like to find out more about becoming a governor & what the role entails, please contact our Co-Chair of Governors, Corinne Wallington, by emailing gboard@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk

SOCIETIES



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:

4th December Christmas Meal and Music

8th January Charity evening (note, 1 week later than normal!)

5th February A talk by the Poet Laureate of Milton Keynes, Mark Niel

For more information, please contact Nicola on 668347 or email cheddingtonwi@gmail.com

CHEDDINGTON PANTO GROUP

Rehearsals have got off to a flying start and we are privileged to have such a talented and passionate cast, throwing everything at it. Dick Whittington will be full of fun for all with songs, dances, goodies, baddies, lots of jokes and of course innuendos with a bit of slapstick thrown in for good measure. All that's missing is you, the audience to join in with booing the baddies and cheering the goodies.

This year we are adding into our schedule a relaxed performance for those who might find the usual theatre setting overwhelming. The lights and sounds will be adjusted and the atmosphere will be more easy going with audience members being able to move around or take a break if they need to, and not having to sit in silence.

Why are we doing this you might wonder... well here at CPG we think that the magic of panto should be experienced by all. By making these small changes we are giving everyone the opportunity to get involved in all the fun and joy that panto offers and making everyone feel welcome.

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1st Cheddington Scout Group

It's been a busy and exciting Autumn for our Scouting sections! Everyone has been getting into the seasonal spirit with spooky Halloween activities and at the time of writing all sections are looking forward to celebrating Bonfire Night with their families. The groups have been learning new skills, working towards badges and enjoying plenty of outdoor activities despite the colder weather. As we head towards winter our young people will be excited for festive events, winter hikes and will be preparing for the upcoming Remembrance Day parade. A huge thank you to all our volunteers and parents for their continued support.

We are **ALWAYS** looking for more people to help us either as leaders within the sections or as part of the Exec committee who are responsible for governing the group. If you would like to be involved in any capacity, please email admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk.

Beavers have been enjoying usual fun activities and games at the hut and are still looking for additional leadership support for their Thursday group. If you feel that you would be able to help, please drop us an email.

Cubs have had a creative few weeks with apple crumble baking, science experiments, smores and an exciting trip to Hazard Alley.

Scouts enjoyed their Autumn Camp and have had some practical lessons in first aid whilst also embracing the spooky season with some Halloween games. They will be looking forward to activities including a night hike in November.

Explorers have had another busy month of hydroponics, archery, toffee making, stove testing and games.

Hut Hire

Our refurbished hut is available for hire at preferential rates for Scout Members or Cheddington Residents. Please check out the Cheddington Scout Group Facebook page for more details or email admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk

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
- Cubs (8 to 10½ years) – Tuesdays 18:30 – 20:00 / Wednesdays 18:30 – 20:00



Monday 17th November

Grim's Ditch and Historic Routes through the Chilterns

We welcome back guest speaker Dr Wendy Morrison, Heritage & Archaeology Manager at the Chilterns Heritage & Archaeology Partnership. Grim's Ditch (also known as Grim's Dyke) is a collective term for a series of disconnected ancient linear earthworks, primarily in the Chilterns, consisting of banks and ditches. Sections are scheduled as ancient monuments. Likely built during the Iron Age, the purpose of these earthworks remains a mystery. The full extent of the ditch is equally unknown but separate sections exist over a 19-mile span between Bradenham (Bucks), Berkhamsted (Herts) and as far as Pitstone and Ivinghoe. Grim's Ditch may in fact be segments of a single, very long line across the Chilterns and North Wessex Downs. In this talk, Wendy will provide insight into why these earthworks were built. We meet at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church by the Green in the village High Street. Visitors are welcome.

2026 Programme:

January 19th Life and Curious Wartime Death of the Duke of Kent's

February 16th The Royal National Lifeboat Institution

March 16th Aviation pioneer Claude Grahame-White and the London Aerodrome

April 20th Women in the Middle Ages

May 18th The History of Hatfield House

CHEDDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Neighbourhood Watch Message – Halloween & Vehicle Security. As Halloween approaches, many in our community will be enjoying the fun of trick-or-treating. We'd like to remind everyone to be mindful of those who may not wish to take part.

A simple guide is: only knock on doors where a pumpkin or Halloween decoration is displayed. This helps ensure everyone enjoys the evening in a safe and considerate way.

We'd also like to highlight recent reports of thefts from vans and vehicles in nearby villages, where valuable work tools have been stolen. To help reduce the risk: Avoid leaving tools or valuables in vehicles overnight.



If you must, park in a secure, well-lit location. Stay alert for suspicious behaviour in the area. If you see a crime in progress or feel threatened, call 999 immediately.



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

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.

SPORTS & FITNESS

BADMINTON CLUB.

The 2025/26 badminton season has started again. We are a friendly group that play non-league badminton with a competitive edge between 8pm and 10pm every Thursday (except the 20th this month) in the Village Hall. Membership has been fixed at £65 for the year, or £3 per session. New members are always welcome. For further details give Kim a ring on 07778279109 or just turn up.

JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO JUNIOR BADMINTON ON THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER. The 2025/26 junior season has started again. Membership has been reduced to £50 this year. 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 and join us 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. Cheddington Bowls Club is pleased to welcome new prospective members. We will be arranging taster sessions for anyone interested in giving the sport a try on Tuesday afternoons starting at 2pm. All you need is a pair of flat-soled shoes, we can loan you the bowls. We can also arrange sessions on Fridays at 6pm if Tuesday afternoons do not suit you. Please contact our membership secretary Diane on admin@cheddingtonbowls.org.uk or leave a message on 01296 661381 if you are interested in coming along.

You are also welcome to come along to watch our matches. There is a lot more information about the club on our website at <https://cheddingtonbowls.org.uk/>.

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