

Cheddington Village Newsletter

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The October Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st October 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 website and on the Notice Board at The Green, with 3 clear days' notice before each the meeting. If you wish anything to be discussed at the meeting please advise the Clerk well in advance of the Agenda being finalised.

The Parish Council carry out the day-to-day running of the village so if you have any queries please contact the Clerk, Roz Roberts on clerk@cheddington-pc.gov.uk or on 07885 442643 and leave a short message with your name and contact number.

Please note that correspondence received by the Clerk 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

IMPORTANT - DATE FOR THE DIARY!

PUBLIC CONSULTATION - VISTRY GROUP

Friday 24th October 2025, Cheddington Village Hall

Planning Proposal for Land West of High Street Cheddington

The Parish Council has in their minutes and in the newsletter kept you briefed about this potential planning application. It has now been advised by the Vistry Group that a public consultation will be held. The Parish Council will keep you updated with any further developments between now and the public consultation.

As reported at the September meeting: -

Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council:

No applications received at time of publication.

Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council: -

25/02136/APP – Falcon House High Street, Cheddington, Buckinghamshire LU7 9AA – Householder application for outbuilding – Withdrawn 01.08.25.

LIMITED ASSURANCE REVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR).

The Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the Year 24–25 has been approved by the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn, and is available for viewing on the Cheddington website with a paper copy also available on the notice board at The Green.

VANDALISM AND THEFT. Unfortunately, the Parish Council must inform residents that there have been several incidents of vandalism recently. Two of the benches at the old allotments site, opposite the Recreation Ground, have been forcibly pushed out of the concrete and are unrepairable so will be removed. If there are enough funds, when the PC is doing the budget for Yr 25–26, it will try to replace at least one of the benches. The pagoda at the Recreation Ground has been graffitied – an extra job for our handyfolk – but to top it all the portaloos, used by the various sports clubs using the Recreation Ground, was stolen around midday on Tuesday 2nd September. CCTV footage has been passed on to the police. If you saw this incident happening and have any information, please contact the Clerk.

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

The next Residents' Association committee meeting will be on Wednesday 8th October at 7.15pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Please come along to tell us of any issues.



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 cheddingtonwarden@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!

FARMING AND FOOD

We regret there will be no report from Julie Gaymer this month due to personal difficulties for her.

NOTICES

A TREE FOR IRENE. Many thanks to those who have already made a donation towards planting a tree on the village Green in memory of Irene Johnson. If anyone would like to contribute towards the collection for the tree, donations can be brought to 12 Church Lane or contact Linda at lindamsmith@btinternet.com.

Any surplus funds will be donated to Rennie Grove Hospice at Home.

Irene lived in the village for over 40 years and added much to village life. She was a member of the WI, serving as president on two occasions, she worked on the village hall committee, was one of the organisers for the annual Macmillan cancer appeal, sang with the St Giles Festival Choir and was also a member of CADS.

She is greatly missed by her friends and family.

NEW HOMES?

Vistry Group is preparing an outline planning application comprising a mix of new high-quality homes designed to meet a range of needs including homes for rent and shared ownership together with open space and green infrastructure in the south of Cheddington, to the west of High Street.

Vistry Group are the UK's leading provider of affordable mixed tenure homes and has a strong reputation for design-led housebuilding with associated uses which stand the test of time. Our purpose as a responsible developer is to work in partnership to deliver sustainable homes, communities and social value, leaving a legacy of places where people love to live.

You will be able to find out more about the emerging proposals at our public consultation event planned for 24th October at Cheddington Village Hall between 3pm and

6:30pm where the project team will be on hand to explain the proposal and answer questions. We will also be running a dedicated website where you can view the consultation material and comment online.

We are currently busy preparing the consultation material. More information on our plans, invitations to the consultation event and details of the website address is to follow."

METHODIST CHURCH LISTED.

Bucks Council has added the Methodist Church to its Local Heritage List.

Local Heritage List Background. Since 2021 locally important sites and those reflecting local character have been assessed and added to the new countywide Local Heritage List. This is not the same as statutory listings (such as Grade I and II buildings), which are designated by Historic England. As a local authority Bucks Council are working to ensure that Buckinghamshire's historic environment is protected at a local level as well as nationally. You can find out more about the Local List project on: <https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/buckinghamshire>

What does this mean for the building? Adding a site or building to the Local List should not adversely affect the church. It is one tool used by the local planning authority to identify locally important heritage assets, which can also be identified during the course of a planning application or as part of a Conservation Area Review. This means that, in the event that a planning application is submitted that affects the property, its heritage significance will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications that affect the fabric, character or setting of the asset. Local listing does not alter existing Permitted Development Rights. Where a building is locally listed, Listed Building Consent (LBC) will not be required for works to the property. Its heritage significance will be a material consideration in the determination of such planning applications.

The benefit of Local Listing to owners is that if/when the church do consider applying for planning permission, their agent will be able to identify that there is recognised heritage value early in the design process and can consider this in their proposed scheme. This can save money revising proposals and helps to avoid the 'shock' that can occur when we identify heritage value during the course of an application.

Copy date for the next issue:

October 15th

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Amazing refreshments available, also for a donation!

We have recently donated £3,000 to six local, well served charities! These charities were, The Hygiene Bank (Milton Keynes), CHUMS, Workaid (Chesham), Ivinghoe & Pitstone Foodbank (BCC Helping Hands), Aylesbury Foodbank and The Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout Group.

Would your local charity like to be considered for our next round of donations? If so, drop us an email at the address below, telling us why and a little bit about how you would spend the donation.

Since our first café in February 2023 we have successfully repaired over 1200 items!

We are now able to recycle Contact Lenses & Packaging, Empty Medicine Blister Packs & Oral Care Waste & Packaging, drop them off at one of our cafes!

For further information or enquiries have a look at our Facebook page - Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café or send us an email on ivinghoerepaircafe@gmail.com or give Kim a ring on 07778279109.

BEACON VILLAGE LIBRARY. Many people will already know that the library is undergoing a period of change. In the middle of August our long time manager, Michelle West, left us for pastures new. She has posted a farewell letter on our website with our AGM papers, at www.bvcl.org.uk. We are sure all our library users will join us in wishing her the very best for her future. At our AGM in July we also lost our chair, Avril Davies, another long time supporter of the library. We wish her the very best for her new venture and thank her for her many years of support.

This means the library committee is without a chair, and we also need some new committee members. It isn't an onerous task, but a very important one, as we steer the library through the transition stage and into what we hope will be a bright future.

We are now a solely volunteer run library and owing to a current shortage of volunteers we have had to temporarily reduce our opening times. We are no longer open on Wednesday mornings, and are closing at 5pm on Fridays.

The current volunteers have pulled together to ensure we can offer the best possible service but we would like to welcome more people to join the team.

If you think you can help by volunteering in the library, and/or being on the committee, get in touch with Janet Page, secretary@bvcl.org.uk, speak to one of the current committee members, or call into the library.

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

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

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

- 5 **3.30 pm** Mr Arthur Sara
12 Mr John Shaw
19 Rev Noreen Daley-Lee – Service of Holy Communion
 3.30 pm Messy Church

No Service at Cheddington – Joint Service at
Wingrave Methodist Church – Mr Peter Baker

From the Minister

I am so grateful.

The Vale of Aylesbury Circuit granted me a sabbatical from June to August 2025, with Richard, the Superintendent, covering my duties in my absence. The concept of the sabbatical is present in the New Testament; for example, Hebrews 4:9–11 references a spiritual rest designated for God's people. They help prevent burnout, support mental health, and encourage personal reflection. It is comparable to a valuable resource or treasure that we should manage judiciously with a grateful heart.

I am grateful for my sabbatical, during which I focused on the role of women in Acts as models for the church and society. My study examined whether Acts portrays men and women as equally qualified for ministry and leadership, and whether any ministries are restricted to women by principle. This period deepened my faith through scripture, reflection, and reading, allowing for meaningful and unhurried time with God—an experience I cherish deeply.

I am deeply appreciative of my family, and the sabbatical provided an invaluable opportunity to strengthen familial bonds. We participated in activities previously unattainable due to other commitments, including shared worship and nightly readings of the Psalms. During our time in Montserrat, we stayed with my sister and her family. We enjoyed the abundance of local fruits each morning and basked in the region's bright sunshine. The island's verdant landscape provided a restorative environment. Emmanuel drank natural spring water from Runaway Ghaut, which is believed to ensure a return visit to the island. Overall, this sabbatical has greatly enriched my faith and practice, and I remain profoundly grateful to God, the circuit, and my family for their support.

Below is a reflective entry from my journal:

"Eternal Being, we express our gratitude for your consistent guidance. Your timing remains precise, placing us in situations that foster spiritual growth and deepen our reliance on you. We seek fulfilment and direction, aspiring to be receptive to your presence and maintain a spirit of gratitude.

Faithful God, we are also thankful for the Vale of Aylesbury Circuit and recognise the dedication and abilities of its parishioners. We request continued support in fulfilling our responsibilities with integrity and commitment, striving to represent our faith with authenticity. We invite your Spirit to strengthen our resolve further and cultivate gratefulness within us.

Additionally, Lord we acknowledge the value of family as a source of encouragement and connection. We ask for harmony and perseverance among families, hoping they will embody unity, compassion, forgiveness, foresight, longevity, and well-being. May each experience your presence and develop a grateful heart.

Finally, Lord, we reflect on your profound influence in all aspects of life—acknowledging the remarkable nature of your works and our ongoing readiness to engage with you in gratitude." Amen.

Noreen

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The SINGALONG CAFE, will be held on **Tuesday 14 October 2.30 – 4.30 pm** at the Methodist Chapel. It will be led by Karen, Cathy and Trevor 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.

GAMES AFTERNOON Wednesday 15 October 2–4 pm. There is a variety of games plus tea and cake! All are welcome.

OPEN DOORS – Friday morning 10.30 a.m – 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 for more information.

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

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

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

ST GILES PARISH CHURCH

SERVICE PATTERN

OCTOBER

Sun 5th	9.00 am Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am Family Harvest Service	St Giles
	6.00 pm BCP Evensong	St Giles
Thurs 9th	9.30am BCP Communion	St.Giles
Sun 12th	9.00am Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 19th	9.00 am Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am Morning Worship	St Giles
Sun 26th	9.00am Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am Holy Communion	St Giles

NOVEMBER

Sun 2nd	9.00 am Holy Communion	St Mary's
All Souls Day	10.30 am Family Service	St Giles
	6.00 pm Benefice In Memoriam Service ,	Cublington

No BCP Evensong in November

If there is anyone you would like remembered by Rector Dom Wright at the In Memoriam service please contact him by phone 07732 554611 and via email teamrector-dom@gmail.com.

ST GILES FLOWER GUILD. Would you like to sponsor a Christmas flower to remember or celebrate the

life of a loved one? We are planning to fill St Giles with beautiful displays to celebrate the Christmas period. We are asking for donations and messages written on tags that will be hung on the Christmas Tree at St Giles. You can either write your own tag or give us your wording and we will provide and write the tag for you. All donations and wordings can be dropped off at 6 Hillside. Any questions give Kim a ring on 07778279109. Thank you.

Clare, Rachel and Kim

SOCIETIES



History Society

Monday 20th October

**Talk by Paul Barwick:
The Life and Crimes of
Double Agent Zigzag.**

This is the remarkable story of Eddie Chapman. He hated authority as far back as he could remember. Authority detested him back and from an early age he was always in trouble with the law. On the run from Scotland Yard, he was imprisoned for a burglary in Jersey just before the German forces invaded in June 1940. Rather than spend the whole war in prison he offered the Third Reich his services as a German secret agent. Highly trained in spy-craft and sabotage, he was sent back to Britain on a deadly mission to derail British aircraft manufacturing. However, Eddie had other ideas, turning himself in to MI5 and becoming a double agent for the Allies, working to help defeat the Nazis. The only British service personnel ever to receive an Iron Cross, his true story is an amazing episode in British espionage history. We meet at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church by the Green in the village High Street. Visitors are welcome.

Forthcoming Programme:

Monday 17th Nov: Grims Ditch and Historic Routes through the Chilterns. Speaker: Dr Wendy Morrison

Grim's Ditch is a collective term for a series disconnected ancient earthworks in southern England, primarily in the Chilterns, consisting of banks and ditches. These features would have taken a great deal of hard work and organisation to construct and maintain. In this talk, Wendy will provide insight into why they were built.

Book online at www.cheddingtonpanto.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Security at Cheddington Station.

SABA, the company that manages the carpark, have informed NHW that footage captured by its cameras is retained for a period of 30 days. In the event of damage/theft to/from a motor vehicle, access to these records can be obtained either from British Transport Police or an individual's insurance company. BT Police can be contacted on 0800 40 50 40, by text on 61016 or, if urgent assistance is required, on 999.

Scams. NHW have been informed that a new form of scam is being used with the advent of artificial intelligence (AI). The victim receives a phone call or voice message that sounds like a family member and who gives a sob story and asks for money from the intended victim.

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1st Cheddington Scout Group.

This month has been another busy one for all the Scouting sections. We had a very successful Bonfire night which was well attended by our scouting families and was expertly managed by all the leaders. This was quickly followed with the village Remembrance parade on the Sunday where we had a fantastic (and very smartly dressed) turnout from all of our sections – again a proud moment to see the scout group so well supported.

Happily, all sections have found leaders again, but we are ALWAYS looking for more people to help us either with the sections or as part of the Exec committee that are responsible for governing the group. The Exec is currently very low on people, so if you would like to be involved in this capacity, please email admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk.

Beavers are looking forward to going back to Monday and Thursday evenings with a full programme lined up, including their Christmas end-of-term trip to a climbing wall and the District Beaver Christmas Party to enjoy too.



Cubs have been very lucky with a new leader who has stepped forward to take on Tuesday Tigers so will be back up to full force and have a village treasure hunt and some camp cooking lined up over the next few weeks.

Scouts always have a great programme lined up and are looking forward to making movies, playing some board games and will be running wild at Laser Quest for their Christmas outing.

Explorers will have a spooktacular time at the 'Scarefest' Halloween camp to be held at Gilwell park. They will be learning some Bushcraft skills and how to play blackjack over the next few weeks rounding up their term with a big Christmas party at the hut. With this group being so large we are still looking for people interested in supporting/mentoring this section please email admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk.

Squirrels – Still trying to get off the ground. The Scout group are still working hard to set up a new Squirrels Drey which is a scout section that would sit before Beavers aimed at children aged 4 to 6.

A lot of interest has been expressed and a plan has been developed but we are still short on offers of leadership to establish this section. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in establishing and helping to run the Squirrels section OR your child may wish to attend then please let us know at admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk.

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Hut Hire. Our refurbished hut is now available for hire at preferential rates for Scout Members or Cheddington Residents. We also now have Wi-Fi available at the hut! Please check out the Cheddington Scout Group Facebook page for more details.

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
- 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.

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.

CHEDDINGTON BELLRINGERS.

Bell ringing is an activity which has taken place for centuries. Our current style of ringing, practised in English speaking countries, was started in Cheddington in the late 1500s when a number of new bells were added to the tower.

We have a small sociable team of ringers who ring for Sunday services, weddings and sometimes funerals. We also practice ringing on Thursday evenings and sometimes ring for special occasions.

The team of ringers is always looking for new recruits, either people who have previously rung, or complete novices. We have resident instructors and more instructors in the local area who are always happy to progress beginners to a competent level of ringing.

If you would like to know more, please see <http://cmm bells.org.uk/StGilesBells> or contact Alan Masters on 07702 139 295. We look forward to welcoming you into our team.

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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 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. 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!

VILLAGE WALKING GROUP. A group of us get together every other Wednesday morning for a walk in our lovely countryside. We generally meet at 9.15am at the Green and drive to a different spot each time and walk for 4 to 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 midday. New walkers are very welcome. For more information contact Mary Peacock on 662620, Nicola Barron on 668347 or email cheddingtonwalkers@gmail.com.

TENNIS CLUB.

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.

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

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



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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>.

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/>.

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 quarterly 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. Petanque 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.

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Editor's Note. The following report came in too late for me to include in the normal place but I found space at the end!

BUCKS COUNCILLORS' NEWS.

Local Plan. The latest proposals for the new plan for Buckinghamshire future housing, employment and green space have now gone out to consultation. Figures for what are being proposed are set out below. It should be noted that the total numbers required have increased from the old plan due to the government's desire to build 1.5 million homes during this parliament. The old plan proposed 65,000 homes with 22,000 having already been either built or started construction and this is for up to the year 2045.

The proposed headline numbers are set out below.

Brownfield sites within existing towns and villages 1,500–2,500

Growth on the edges of existing main towns 23,000–28,000

New towns 11,000–13,000

Development at transport hubs 16,000–19,000

Expansion near key employment areas 5,000–6,000

Limited expansion of villages 13,000–15,000

Expanding urban areas on the edge of Buckinghamshire 6,000–7,000

Total 75,000–91,000

Windfall 7,400

Total housing supply + commitments 82,000–99,000

Housing requirement 91,000

with 5% buffer 95,550

What this means for us within Ivinghoe ward, with only villages and hamlets, is that the proposed increase would equate to 60 dwellings per parish. Obviously, for some smaller parishes an additional 60 dwellings would significantly increase their population. Therefore, my colleague Peter Brazier and I will put forward a proposal to place a ceiling on any increase to 10% maximum.

On top of this there is a proposal for the creation of new towns. These would be of at least 10,000 dwellings and would be additional to the numbers stated above.

Buckinghamshire Council are required to progress this new plan with a deadline of December 2026 to remain under the remit of the old system. Government have introduced a new way of calculating need and if we do not meet that deadline we will be working under the new scheme which will undoubtedly increase numbers which need to be provided.

Buckinghamshire Council have published their draft documents in 2 parts (parts A and B). These can be found on the web-site <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-planning>. They are very comprehensive documents.

Have your say on the draft Local Plan for Buckinghamshire on <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/planning/local-plan/>.

We would encourage everyone to complete the consultation.

Buckinghamshire Archive. In March 2025, Buckinghamshire Archives Service was awarded provisional

Accredited Status for two years by the National Archives, to be reviewed a year after the relocation to High Wycombe has taken place. The assessors congratulated the service on its strong community engagement offer and noted positive developments around digital preservation. The Archives Service has also been confirmed as an ongoing Place of Deposit, which means it can continue to hold specific records under Section 4 (1) of the Public Records Act (1958). The Accreditation Assessment is a rigorous process and achieving this award confirms the Service is performing well in all aspects of delivery. The Archives Service has introduced a Virtual Classroom offer, in addition to the Virtual Searchroom and 'Ask the Archivist' online offers. This will enable schools across the county to incorporate archives into their learning.

Fair Funding settlement. Whilst this may sound a bit of a dry topic it is in fact vitally important. Buckinghamshire Council receives its revenue, approx. £1.2bn, from council tax and business rates. The days of general grants from government ended some years ago and since then we have been wary of what is called Negative Revenue Support Grant. This would mean that we would give some of the revenue we had raised in this county back to government for them to in turn give to another local authority elsewhere in the country. The latest proposal from government is that this will indeed happen and is due to be announced sometime toward the end of the year. The figure being suggested by the County Councils Network (CCN) is £40m which will bring pressure to our budget on an unprecedented scale. Central government are still to confirm the actual figures but on the CCN figures we would be in the highest 2 or 3 councils negatively affected. Since inception, Buckinghamshire Council has made savings of £120m in its first 4 year term and has budgeted for a further £120m of savings in this term. An additional demand of 33% on top of these savings will bring difficulty in deciding what to cut from our non-core services. We really hope our MPs will lobby hard on this subject as it is unfair to expect Bucks residents and businesses to subsidise other parts of the country.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

1st Parish Council meeting. Rec. 7pm

2nd WI meeting. Village Hall. 7.45

14th Singalong Café. Methodist Hall. 2.30pm

15th Board Games. Methodist Chapel. 2pm

20th History Society AGM. 8pm. Methodist Church.

24th Vistry public consultation. Village Hall.

25th Repair Café. Pitstone Pavilion. 9.30am

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