

# Cheddington Village Newsletter

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The September Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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 all correspondence 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 July & August PC meetings:  
a. Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council:  
25/02136/APP Falcon House High Street, Cheddington, Buckinghamshire LU7 9AA - Householder application for outbuilding – Withdrawn/Not Proceeded

B. Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council:  
25/01197/APP 1 Church Lane Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RU – Householder application for replacement of existing single storey converted garage with two storey side and single storey rear extension (Part- Retrospective) – Approved

25/01463/APP 7 Berryfield Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0ST – Householder application for construction of single storey rear/side extension – Approved

### C. Other Planning Matters

21/04688/AOP Church Hill Farmhouse Station Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SG – Outline application (all matters reserved except means of access) for residential development of up to 91 dwellings including the creation of new vehicular access, public open space, landscape planting, surface water attenuation and associated infrastructure following demolition of the existing property Church Hill Farm - Application Withdrawn/not proceeded with

## BUCKS BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2025 – WINNERS!

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that this year Cheddington has won the Tindall Cup. To enter this category, you had to be a cup winner in the 2024 competition! So Cheddington is the best of the cup winners!

The presentation will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, at 3pm at The Green.

A big thank you to Keith and Lucy, our 'handyfolk' who keep the village looking great on a weekly basis, to Simon Barrow, our grass contractor and finally to all residents who spruced up their gardens and hanging baskets!

### INSTALLATION OF KISSING GATE

The Parish Council is delighted to advise that a kissing gate has been reinstated at the public right of way, just off Station Road. This replaces the old rotten kissing gate that had disintegrated and was removed. The installation was approved by Buckinghamshire Council and carried out by North Bucks rRIPPLE (ramblers Repairing & Improving Public Paths for Leisure and Exercise). It is hoped that this will mean an improvement in the surface of the public footpath especially during the winter months.

### SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

So, residents must have noticed the 3 new Speed Indicator Devices on Station Road, Opposite Orchard Manor and at the entry to the village, at the Recreation Ground.

### To Clarify:

1. Unfortunately, the Parish Council currently cannot do anything about parking on Station Road and as Cllr Chris Poll, our Ivinghoe member, has advised 'that since it became a 30mph limit, parking there is legal.'

This issue has been discussed numerous times at the monthly PC meetings, plus the PC has discussed it with the Buckinghamshire Local Area Technician.

2. Speed Indicator Devices simply cannot be installed 'anywhere' as there are rules and regulations – they must be approved by Buckinghamshire Highways (which ours have been).

There are in fact 4 ground sockets installed which we can use, plus we can pop on the Parish Council streetlight poles if appropriate.

**Station Road at Scout Hut** – Primarily to encourage drivers to slow down on the approach to the Scout Hut where children are there daily and in the evenings.

It will be interesting to compare the results here with previous surveys because regardless of having a speedometer, drivers still speed along here, towards the roundabout, once they get past Church Path.

**Opposite Orchard Manor** – To hopefully slow traffic on the approach to the zebra crossing on exiting the village.

**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.**

Our handyfolk will keep the hedge cut back to ensure the unit is visible.

**The Old Allotments site, opposite the Recreation Ground** – To slow traffic down as it enters the village.

Obviously, these units can and will be moved/turned around around but they have been placed at the above locations this time as a 'tester', primarily to compare past results. We appreciate that these units will not stop people speeding but they will make drivers aware of the speed limit and the speed that they are doing!

***Remember, if residents want to know what is going on in the village you are very welcome to attend a Parish Council meeting to find out what the Parish Council is doing, or you can read the minutes which are readily available on the Cheddington Village website.***

***Also, please come along to a Parish Council monthly meeting if you have any suggestions to help further improve our lovely village.***

### **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](mailto:ccraft@gmail.com) or 01296 661068. Remember Open Doors is also on from 10.30am if you fancy a chat, a cuppa and a cake before lunch on a Friday!

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The cost per hour is £14.00 for residents and out of village £17.00 per hour. Remember the Recreation Ground may also be available on request so why not use both venues for an event.

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

### **CHEDDINGTON ALLOTMENTS – 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](mailto:cheddington-warden@gmail.com) or on 07512 824799.

**The Parish Clerk, Roz Roberts can be contacted by email at [clerk@cheddington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cheddington-pc.gov.uk)/ 07885 442643.**

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

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## **OUR MP'S NEWS.**

I'm delighted to write for the latest issue of Cheddington's Village Newsletter. This July marks one year since I was elected to serve as your Member of Parliament.

You may or may not have voted for me, but I aim to represent you all. I promised to be an accessible and active MP, and I've been out and about across the villages that are part of the constituency, meeting residents and supporting local organisations. Most recently, I spent the morning with the Cheddington Open Doors group with my team at Cheddington Methodist Church. The group provides an opportunity for residents to meet and socialise while enjoying a cuppa. The group raised various issues with me around the roads, pavements, parking and other local issues, and I am following up with Buckinghamshire Council. We also discussed wider issues like accessing healthcare, social care and anti-social behaviour.

It was also lovely to hear such kind words about my colleague Harry Murgatroyd, who stood as a Councillor for the Ivinghoe ward in May.

The issues raised by Cheddington residents help inform my work in Parliament, where I've spoken more than 100 times in the last year to raise the issues that matter to you. For example, at the Cheddington "Meet and Greet" I held at the end of last year, members of the Cheddington Women's Institute met with me to raise their concerns regarding gambling. I have since met with the Minister for Gambling Baroness Fiona Twycross. I am pleased to see the Government is taking this issue seriously.

We covered the Government's work on the school curriculum, the research funding that will be made available by the Gambling Levy, ongoing work to reduce gambling related harm through reforming regulation, as well as the Government's introduction of online slot stake limits – £5 for over 25s and £2 for under 25s.

I will be keeping in touch with the Cheddington WI on this important issue and thank them for raising it with me.

Bus provision is another issue I have heard from residents and acted on. Earlier this year I launched my Aylesbury constituency bus survey. I wanted to understand your experiences of local bus services, so I could push as your MP for better, more accessible public transport for everyone in our community.

It's clear that people are tired of unreliable, overcrowded and infrequent bus services holding them back from opportunity. I am supporting the Government's Buses Bill, which would grant local authorities greater control over the routes, fares and service levels of bus services, with private operators bidding for contracts to operate franchises. The measures would also reverse the ban on publicly owned bus companies, giving local authorities more flexibility on how to approach fixing local services. Bucks Council has a real opportunity to utilise new powers contained within the Buses Bill to deliver for residents across Buckinghamshire. I have written to Bucks Council's Leader on this and I look forward to his response.

Alongside being out and about in the constituency and in Parliament, the bread-and-butter work of an MP is answering correspondence from residents and helping them solve issues they're having. Since being elected, I have set up my small and dedicated team from scratch. They help me to reply to the large volume of letters and emails that come my way.

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2. We have processed over 7000 enquiries since the election, and I have corresponded with constituents on a wide range of subjects from animal welfare to potholes, HS2 to fly tipping. We have also held five village "Meet and Greet" events so far in Ivinghoe, Edlesborough, Cheddington, Wing and Birtton, and a "Meet Your MP" village hall event in Slapton, which provide an informal opportunity to meet with me and discuss issues both local and national.

These are just some of the things I've prioritised in year one. I am always open to feedback and ideas. Let me know what you'd like me to focus on in year two.

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Office of Laura Kyrke-Smith MP

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **Alleged rat sightings and excessive bird feeding.**

I am writing to inform you that I have recently been contacted regarding rat sightings in the area. It has been reported that excessive bird feeding may be attracting rats, and that this behaviour is also attracting a higher number of the larger wild birds such as pigeons, doves and red kites. When large numbers of these types of bird are attracted to an area, residents may be adversely affected by large amounts of bird excrement or noise.

In order for rodents, such as rats and mice, to thrive they need both food and somewhere to live.

If you are currently feeding the wild birds, please do not put out excessive amounts of bird food or scatter the bird food on the ground. If necessary, clear the bird food off the ground if it is dropped. Please do not leave out food waste such as meat carcasses for the red kites as this behaviour encourages them to become urban scavengers which may lead to them becoming reliant on human handouts. Red kites have been successfully reintroduced to Buckinghamshire and these beautiful birds rarely have problems in finding dead animals etc to feed on.

Rodents are excellent climbers, and it is possible that they may be able to gain access to bird feeders even if they are hung in trees. If there is any evidence to suggest that rodents are active in your garden or in the vicinity of your property, please stop feeding the birds until the infestation has been brought under control.

If you keep animals in your garden (chickens, dogs etc.) please ensure good housekeeping, clear up after them and keep the area clear of dropped food. Please do not leave food out overnight. Store dry food (seed, pellets, animal biscuits etc.) in an appropriate sealed container and if possible, store them off the floor.

I would also recommend that you check for rodent activity in your garden, e.g., burrows, damage from gnawing and droppings. To help prevent harbourage excessive overgrowth should be cut back and obsolete items or rotting vegetation removed. If rodents have entered buildings, it is a good idea to cut back and remove any shrubs and plants which are growing up the walls of the building as rodents are very good at climbing up vegetation to gain access.

It is also recommended that all rubbish bags are placed into a green wheelie bin and put out for collection on your particular collection day so that any rats or mice in the area are not encouraged.

Please be aware that if there is evidence of rat activity on your land, you have a responsibility under the Prevention of

Damage by Pests Act 1949 to ensure the problem is under control. If you are found to be encouraging rats and not taking the necessary steps to resolve the situation, then enforcement action will be taken.

The Council currently works with SDK Environmental Ltd (trading as Dial-A-Pest) and, if required, can provide free rat treatments for householders who are in receipt of certain means-tested benefits. If you think that this may apply to you, please contact SDK by telephoning them on 03444 828350 or by sending them an email via [support@sdkenvironmental.com](mailto:support@sdkenvironmental.com). You will be asked to provide proof of benefits as part of the booking process.

Alternatively, you can book your own rat treatment (minimum 2 visits) with SDK at a cost of £84.00, use a different contractor or carry out your own pest treatment. If you decide to carry out your own rodent treatment, you must ensure that the bait is placed in a bait box or suitable container which will prevent the bait from being taken by other wildlife or pets. Further information about rat infestations and how to book your own pest control treatment with SDK can be found on our website at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/search/?query=pest+control>.

Paul Hazeltine <[paul.hazeltine@ymail.com](mailto:paul.hazeltine@ymail.com)>

## FARMING AND FOOD

by Julie Gaymer ([julie@mentmoreparkfarms.co.uk](mailto:julie@mentmoreparkfarms.co.uk))

Our combine harvesting was completed on Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup> August) and straw baling and movement continues, also cultivation work, in very difficult conditions. As you gardeners will know the soil is solid. With metal parts in the equipment these parts break and get worn on a daily basis. Down time is expensive and so are the parts!

I think it's the case that farming and gardening is always challenging as we are unable to predict the conditions of our work due to the changes in our weather. I think the only other occupation comparable to farming is the fishing industry. I would not want to be on a trawler in all weathers.

We have had a wonderfully committed and cheerful team working on the farm this harvest. I talked about them in my last article and so some of you will have been aware of them and their visits to the local pubs in their very limited free moments! I know they enjoy meeting the locals and feeling a part of our community. After all farming produces essential food on which we all rely and it's good to welcome these workers to our village.

It is a great help to us that Tracy at Cheddington Airfield Café cooks and delivers meals to us for up to 17 people almost every day! She deserves a mention! Our guys enjoy dropping in there for breakfast now and again and they get a good welcome.

Also we have our workers lunches delivered by Sandwich Plus in Dolphin Square, Tring. This is a traditional bakery. Their sandwiches and cakes are so good. Freshly baked every day. If you haven't been there for a cheese tasting you have missed out! I can tell you they know their cheeses!

I like to read articles and letters in various papers and periodicals. That way I can get an inkling into other peoples lives and their experiences, opinions and concerns. Just in the last two days I have read of an oat grower who was paid £200 a ton for his oats last summer. This summer he was paid £138. The inputs are higher. Just consider wages for example. A 1kg bag of porridge oats is around £2.65.

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Multiply that up to 1000kgs (1 ton) and you come to £2692.52. What can I say? Supermarkets? Tax? How do you feel about this?

I think it is very important for the public to take an interest in the cost of their food. Where it comes from. Where they would like it grown. What they accept as good quality. And therefore, the producers and if they get a fair deal?

Currently there is a lot of discussion about the pilfering of food in the supermarkets. How it is our responsibility to challenge people seen to be stealing. I wonder how you feel about that? I like to see the security in the supermarkets and would not hesitate to challenge anyone inside the shop. Outside it would take me more guts! But I have asked people to pick up their litter in the street.... It worked.

I haven't had time to pick blackberries this summer but they were ripe in July. Very early. Now I notice they are drying up. The fruit yields have been very good I understand. Our plum tree yielded well but also split right down the centre of the trunk. No more plums for us next year.

This has been the earliest conclusion to harvest that Michael and I can remember. All due to the hot and dry weather. Let's hope we have some steady rain soon. The trees are looking very sad indeed and losing their leaves already. I wonder how all the young trees planted recently are faring. Is anyone looking after them? We need the rain for planting the next crop of winter cereals. Fingers crossed for a return to more normal weather conditions in our area. I think the centre of the country has had the least rain. After all I'm told Stoke Mandeville is the village furthest away from the sea! So, according to weather articles in the farming press, we've been the unlucky ones this summer. It's been a lovely time for all the children off school and for the summer holidays.

## NOTICES

### Macmillan Cake Sale.

Following the success of previous years we will be holding a cake sale in aid of the Macmillan Cancer charity on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September** on The Green starting at 11am. There will be activities for children and adults as well as our popular Hamper Raffle.

Contributions for the hampers would be gratefully received and any baked cakes donations would be very welcome after 10am on the day.

We are keeping finger crossed for good weather and hope people will be able to support this very worthwhile charity.  
Jill Nutkins 661480 Linda Smith 668582

**A TREE FOR IRENE.** The Parish Council have given us permission to plant 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](mailto: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 and was also a member of CADS. She is greatly missed by her friends and family

**REPAIR CAFE** – Our next Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September between 9.30 – 12pm at the **Pitstone Pavillion** (opposite the Westfield Road turning). Bring along broken items to be fixed by volunteers! Tools & equipment, electrical goods, electronic devices, clothing, fabrics, furniture, jewellery, household items, books, toys & games, wooden items & bicycles & more! There is no charge for fixing but we do ask for a donation.

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## TOWNLANDS TRUST.

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The educational establishment providing said course;

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**Special Projects:** The trustees will consider help with funding for special projects undertaken voluntarily by Cheddington residents.

Those requiring grants should submit personal applications to Pat Banister, 2 Church Lane, Cheddington by **30<sup>th</sup> September**, at the latest, so that at their meeting in October the trustees can assess the level of grants in the light of the number of applications and the funds available. Student grants are normally payable in October and heating grants in January.

**Transport:** The trustees are able to arrange transport for those in need to visit hospitals or clinic as well as visits to the doctor or dentist for medical or associated needs. Anyone who requires transport should in the first place contact Pat Banister, 2 Church Lane. (Tel 668443) items!

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Call us on 01442 247209. Email us at:

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You can also pop in to see us in the Roundhouse – the round building outside Boots in Hemel town centre. We are open Monday-Friday 10am-3pm.

For further details specifically on our Community Transport services, you can also contact Community Transport Lead Officer, Misty Fletcher, directly at 01442 212888 or **[misty@communityactiondacorum.org.uk](mailto:misty@communityactiondacorum.org.uk)** If you're not based in Hemel, we also have outreach sessions in Berkhamsted, Kings Langley, and Tring – get in touch to find out more! <https://www.communityactiondacorum.org/>

## Gear up for one of the biggest cycling events in the South East.

A legendary cycling event returns on Sunday 21st September at Hemel Hempstead's Gadebridge Park. The DENS Hillbuster features a new 150k route, plus 120k, 100k and 60k options through the stunning Chiltern Hills and countryside across Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, and Buckinghamshire.

Partnering with British Cycling, this popular sportive attracts riders from the Home Counties, London and beyond, raising funds for DENS, a local charity supporting people facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.



Cyclists can look forward to chip timing, well-stocked feed stations, and a buzzing event village to celebrate post-ride.

Charlie Cadogan, a Kings Langley resident riding the new

150k route for the sixth time, said: "I love the challenge, it's very social and it's very well organised. It's lovely to see the better side of humanity as the cyclists and marshals look out for each other."

Book at [www.dens.org.uk/cycle](http://www.dens.org.uk/cycle).

**Alex Copley**

## DO YOU LIKE BOARD and CARD GAMES.

On 17th September at 2pm there is another opportunity to get together and play. If you are interested come and join us at the Methodist Chapel. This event is 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 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.

## ST GILES PARISH CHURCH

### SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sun 7th	9.00 am B.C.P.	St Giles
	10.30 am Family Service	St Giles
	4.00 pm Holy Communion	St Mary's
Sun 14th	10.30 am Holy Communion	St Giles
Mon 15th	7.30 pm Rev. Will Lyon-Tupman	
	St. Peter & St. Paul Licensing service Wingrave	
Sun 21st	09.00 am Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.30 am Holy Communion	St Giles
Sun 28th	10.30 am Morning Worship	St Giles

### SERVICES OCTOBER

Sun 5th	9.00 am B.C.P.	St Giles
	10.30 am Family Service	St Giles
	4.00 pm Holy Communion	St Mary's

## FROM THE RECTOR

### God's Calling

Petertide is the weekend just before the summer holidays when most ordinations take place in the Church of England. I was ordained a deacon 12 years ago at Birmingham Cathedral in and then as a priest the following year at the same place. To be a priest shouldn't be seen as a higher or lower type of Christian. The ordination service describes that "priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation".

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this I remember one particularly intense conversation where the vocations adviser asked, "Describe to me the vocation of..." (I was very ready for a question about the vocation of priesthood. I had been rehearsing the answer for weeks.) "Describe to me the vocation of baptism?" That wasn't the question I was expecting. But it is a centrally important question. Baptism, when a priest pours water over a candidate that could be an adult or could be a baby, is the starting point of the Christian journey and forever shapes our identity. And this is as full a vocation as any other vocation we may also have such as a profession or commitments you have made as a husband or wife. At the beginning of the baptism service I sometimes use these words...

"Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.

Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life.

As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life."

Four people from my churches came together recently to meet the Bishop of Buckingham, Bishop Dave, at St Edmunds in Maids Morton for a Confirmation Service to publicly confirm their baptism vows. All of them were adults. Some of them had been baptised recently, some decades ago. It was a truly joyful occasion. It was joyful for those publicly declaring their vocation. It was joyful for me as servant and shepherd seeing God's work in and through people's lives. Using words from the prophet Isaiah in the Old Testament these words were spoken, in God's name, over our four newest members...

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine."

Rev Domnic Wright

Team Rector

## **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 SEPTEMBER**

7<sup>th</sup> Café Church

14<sup>th</sup> Rev Noreen Daley-Lee

21<sup>st</sup> Rev Richard Atkinson - Service of Holy Communion  
3.30 pm Messy Church

28<sup>th</sup> Mr Ken Harris

The Rev Noreen Daley-Lee is currently on Sabbatical so, once again, we are most grateful to our Superintendent Minister, the Rev Richard Atkinson, for his contribution.

Dear Friends,  
Happy New Year!

This may seem a strange greeting but in schools, in the Methodist Church and in some other places as well we are transitioning from the old year into the new. Our church treasurers will be beginning the process of comparing their end of year again, various administrative delights will be coming across clergy desks and after the relative quiet of the summer months the pace of clergy life will begin to

pick up.

Change is an interesting phenomenon. One way to exercise some clergy is to ask them to reflect on the merits and demerits of the different systems when it comes to clergy moving appointments. In methodism, unlike most other denominations, all our clergy move at the same time. We're ready to take up our new appointment at the beginning of September. In the meantime the matching process for clergy moving in 2026 has already begun to kick in. In other denominations the search for someone new cannot begin until the old one has disappeared which means that an interregnum has to occur whereas in our Methodist system at any given point each church has a named minister. Change is an interesting thing to manage. Within the school system there will be those taking their first tentative steps into formal education while others look to the joys of GCSE and A Level courses and begin to have to contemplate the question of what might come next. In September classes and new teachers will encounter each other and a whole new relationship begins. Change covers whether we like it or not.

This is seen in the reality of life; the lives of the people of Gaza have changed beyond recognition since the Israelis began their invasion. When loved ones pass away everything becomes different. At times change can be brutal but we do seem to have an adaptability that enables us to cope. So this is not to forget the impact of experience but to indicate something of the resilience that people have. We just need to look at the example of the generation that went to war in which those are returned to civilian law and participated in the rebuilding of our country and laying the foundations of our modern society.

Some theories suggest that change is good for us, it encourages adaptability, allows new experiences and assists our development as human beings. This of course can be difficult when change is not what we want. Often though something new, a change can bring a new excitement to life. This week my one-year-old granddaughter had her first experience of eating a cherry, eating as many as her mother was prepared to put in front of her. The joy of the new experience, a change was joyfully evident.

Blessings

Richard



### **"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 beginning **8 September** 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 CAFE**, will be held on **Tuesday 9 September 2.30 – 4.30 pm** at the Methodist Chapel. It will be led by Karen, Cathy and Trevor who are all accomplished musicians. Do come along and join us and bring a friend or two particularly those who might otherwise be at home alone. Refreshments will be included thanks to two willing volunteers.

**GAMES AFTERNOON** Wednesday 17 September 2-4 pm. There is a variety of games plus tea and cake! All are welcome.

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## SOCIETIES



### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – AGM

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maybe it's an object with a history or special meaning, perhaps a letter from a serving member of the forces during a war, a legal document linked with your family, a description of an interesting house or a family who used to live there. It could be a significant photograph that is precious and important to you. If you are reluctant to speak to our group, you could come along to us, explain what it is and we could give your report. In any case, our society will bring some material along to contribute if there is time. The evening is free and we would look forward to seeing you! We meet at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church by the Green in the village High Street. Visitors are welcome. Discover what you can find on your doorstep at 'Cheddington History' on Facebook.

### Forthcoming Speaker Programme:

#### 2025

Oct.20<sup>th</sup> The Life and Crimes of Double Agent Zigzag (Paul Barwick)

Nov.17<sup>th</sup> Grims Ditch & Historic Routes through the Chilterns. (Dr Wendy Morrison)

#### 2026

Jan.19<sup>th</sup> The Life and Curious Wartime Death of the Duke of Kent (Tony Eaton)

Feb.16<sup>th</sup> The RNLI (Paul Gillions)

Mar.16<sup>th</sup> Grahame-White and the London Aerodrome (David Keen)

Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> Women in the Middle Ages (Gemma Hollman)

May 18<sup>th</sup> The History of Hatfield House (Gary Fisher)

## CHEDDINGTON PANTO GROUP.

With the auditions for the CPG's 2026 panto only a few weeks away we're all getting very excited to see those of you who have requested audition packs. The deadline has

passed but if you missed it and want to come along then email [cheddingtonpanto@gmail.com](mailto:cheddingtonpanto@gmail.com) ASAP and we can get an audition pack sent out to you for Dick Whittington. If treading the boards isn't your thing then we would love to hear from you if you want to help out with any of the many jobs off stage that contribute to putting on a great show.



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:

4<sup>th</sup> September, The KGB remembered. Keith Murray

2<sup>nd</sup> October, Annual Harvest Meal

6<sup>th</sup> November, AGM

For more information, please contact Liesl on 07716 778118 or Nicola on 668347 or email [cheddingtonwi@gmail.com](mailto:cheddingtonwi@gmail.com)



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- 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.

**Hut Hire.** The Scout hut is available for hire at preferential rates for Scout Members or Cheddington Residents. We also now have Wi-Fi available! Please check out the Cheddington Scout Group Facebook page for more details. For further information about any of the sections, to put your name down on our waiting lists (we recommend at least a year before they are old enough so that places can be made available), to hire the hut or any other enquiries please email [admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:admin@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk).



**FLOWER CLUB** is normally held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Hall at 7.30 pm. We hold workshops, organise demonstrators and outings throughout the year. The next meeting is 17 September – Jazzy Rose. Interested in joining? Please contact Kay Clements (Chair) on 01296 668781 for more details.

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**BADMINTON CLUB.** The 2025/26 badminton season starts again on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September between 8pm and 10pm. We are a friendly group that play non-league badminton with a competitive edge! New members are always welcome. For further details give Kim a ring on 07778279109 or just turn up.

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

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

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## **CALENDAR**

### **SEPTEMBER.**

3rd Parish Council meeting. Rec. 7pm

4th WI meeting. Village Hall. 7.45

15th History Society AGM. 8pm. Methodist Church.

17th Board Games. Methodist Chapel. 2pm

17th Flower Club. Methodist Hall. 7.30.

27th Repair Café. Pitstone Pavilion. 9.30am

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There will not be a collection in September

-If you have items you would like me to take please give me a call.

If you are struggling and short of supplies, please call Babs on **07860 780127**. Carol on **07931 344020**

Next **Collection Date**

**Dec:** Thurs/Fri/Sat – 11/12/13

Bins will be located outside the Methodist Church. .No fresh food and please place all items in plastic bags.

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**Weds 24th Sept    Blue Recycling Bin & Food Waste Bin**

### ***Garden Waste bins***

Bancroft St, Berryfield, Brownlow Lane, Gooseacre, Hillside, Long Marston Road, Manor Road, Sunnybank, and The Baulk – **3rd, 17th, Sept.** Rest of Village – **10th, 24th Sept.**

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