

**CHEDDINGTON  
VILLAGE  
GUIDE**

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**Front cover — Pooh Cottage. Drawn by Robert Connolley and first used for the 1991 Village Guide.**

**Back Cover — Reproductions of the certificate for winning the De-Fraine cup (for villages of 1500-3000 population) in the 2010 Buckinghamshire Best Kept village competition and the certificate of merit awarded in the Tindall cup (the category for previous winners) in 2011.**

## **Preface to the Fifteenth Edition**

Welcome to the fifteenth issue of the Cheddington Village Guide. We hope you will find it useful, whether you have just moved to the village or have already lived here for a number of years. We have included as much information as possible, from local government, health services to leisure activities, both within and outside the village. There is also an interesting history of the village at the back of the Guide.

We publish the Guide every two years and it is distributed throughout the village free of charge. If you have any suggestions for future editions we will be happy to hear from you.

Cheddington Residents' Association  
January 2012

## **Disclaimer**

Whilst every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this Guide, Cheddington Residents' Association cannot fully guarantee the accuracy. Inclusion merely indicates the best information we have at time of going to press.

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# CHEDDINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Cheddington Residents' Association was set up in 1968 to represent the interests of the residents of Cheddington and to foster good public relations and encourage social activities in conjunction with other organisations in the area.

The Residents' Association is for the whole village, not just the committee members, and we welcome any input you may have. If there are any issues that you would like to raise, please feel free to contact any of the committee members (addresses, emails and telephone numbers are listed overleaf). Alternatively, you will be welcome at one of our monthly meetings. These are held every second Wednesday of the month, except August and December, at 8pm in the Methodist Schoolroom unless otherwise advised.

The Residents' Association's main role has become that of communication, providing a Newsletter (published monthly except for January and August) and delivered to every house free of charge. We are proud of our Newsletter and rightfully so as it provides a focus to life in Cheddington that is lacking in many similar villages. The Newsletter is mainly funded by advertising, backed up with profits from the now well-established Craft Fair and occasional Quiz Night.

The Craft Fair is held each Autumn in the Village Hall. It continues to increase in popularity, both with visitors and the stallholders, who appreciate the warm welcome they always receive in Cheddington. Our Quiz Night is held most years and the sub-committee work hard to ensure that it is both challenging and fun – a good night out.

We do on occasion find ourselves with a surplus of funds and these have been put to good use in recent years on various initiatives that are of benefit to the village as a whole. These include our twice-yearly litter picks – we buy all helpers a well-deserved drink at the end of the morning courtesy of The Three Horseshoes, and planting of bulbs at various village locations. We have also been able to make small donations of cash or kind to various causes that we feel benefit the Village as a whole; such as the Village Website maintenance and to groups to help them with causes that have a wide benefit.

The Residents' Association can be a useful pressure group for issues that may affect some or all the residents of Cheddington. There are times when

official local government organisations such as the Parish, District and County Councils need the extra input that a formal residents' committee can provide. The Residents' Association can also act as a point of liaison for these organisations and a conduit for information via the Newsletter and this Guide.

Our AGM is held in May of each year. If you are considering joining the committee, or just want to come along and hear about what we've done throughout the year, you will be most welcome to attend. The elected committee for 2012/2013 is as follows:

Chair:	Rotating each meeting	
Vice-chair:	Peter Jay, 21 Station Road	Tel: 668281 peterjay21@waitrose.com
Secretary and Advertising Manager:	Christine Fee, 14 Church Lane	Tel: 661759 c.j.fee@btinternet.com
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Craft Fair Organiser:	Lesley Shephard, 12 Brownlow Lane	Tel: 661849 lesley.shephard@gmail.com
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	Meg Grant, 26 Brownlow Lane	Tel: 661845 rgrant@nildram.co.uk
	Robert Grant, 26 Brownlow Lane	Tel: 661845 rgrant@nildram.co.uk
	Stewart Miles, 16 Lammas Road	Tel: 660427 stewart.miles@btinternet.com
	Janice Nicholas, 38 Hillside	Tel: 662398 mark.nicholas4@virgin.net
	Johanna Wheeler, 4 Station Cottages	Tel: 662954 wheelerjo765@yahoo.co.uk

Please feel free to contact any committee member on matters of concern or simply to inform us of events happening.

To contribute an article in the Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Editor on 661342, or email [chedd.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:chedd.newsletter@gmail.com); to place an advertisement, contact the Advertising Manager on 661759 or email [c.j.fee@btinternet.com](mailto:c.j.fee@btinternet.com).

# NEWSLETTER

## ADVERTISING RATES

(current in January 2012)

### *Boxed display rates*

#### **Commercial**

Full page (26.3 x 19cm portrait) - £44 per month

1/2 page (13 x 19cm landscape) - £23 per month

1/4 page (13 x 9.4cm portrait) - £12 per month

1/8 page (6.4 x 9.4cm landscape) - £7 per month

*20% discount is given on all commercial advertisements which run for a year (10 issues)*

#### **Non-commercial**

Full page (26.3 x 19cm portrait) - £24 per month

1/2 page (13 x 19cm landscape) - £12 per month

1/4 page (13 x 9.4cm portrait) - £7 per month

1/8 page (6.4 x 9.4cm landscape) - £4 per month

### *Line by line advertising rates*

£1 per line for a single issue

(The average number of words per line is 7)

**To place an advertisement please contact**

*Christine Fee, 14 Church Lane*

*(Phone: 01296 661759 or e-mail*

*c.j.fee@btinternet.com)*

# EMERGENCY SERVICES

## IN ALL MAJOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 999

### **Anglian Water Authority**

Tel: 0845 7145145. Open 24 hours for emergency calls.

### **EDF (electricity supplies)**

Tel: 0800 7838 838 or 0800 0568 090 for emergency calls or in the event of a supply failure. Open 24 hours.

### **National Gas Emergency Service Helpline**

Tel: 0800 111 999 if you smell gas or think you have a leak. Open 24 hours.

### **Hospitals with 24 hour Accident and Emergency services**

Luton and Dunstable General Hospital, Luton. Tel: 0845 1270127.

Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury. Tel: 315000.

### **Police**

Wendover Road, Aylesbury, HP21 7LA.

Phone: Police Call Centre 08458 505505. Open 24 hours.

### **Samaritans**

Free and confidential help for the lonely, distressed and despairing.

Anyone needing help can ring Amersham (01494) 432000 or Milton Keynes (01908) 667777, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Alternatively, write to or call at the Chilterns' branch, 149 Station Road, Amersham, or 161 Fishermead Boulevard, Fishermead, Milton Keynes, from 10am - 10pm any day.

**NSPCC Child Protection Helpline** Tel: 0808 800 500.



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT

There are three levels of elected local government serving Cheddington: Cheddington Parish Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council. Contact details and some of the responsibilities of these councils are listed below.

## CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall if available, or else in either the Methodist Schoolroom or the Pavilion. Each meeting starts at 7.45pm. Electors are permitted to speak during the first 15 minutes of the meeting only. For further information see the statutory notices on the Village Notice-board by the Green, or [www.cheddington.org.uk](http://www.cheddington.org.uk)

### Clerk to the Parish Council

Stefanie Purnell, 67 Lammas Road Cheddington, LU7 0RY

Tel: 668197

E-mail: [parishcouncil@cheddington.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@cheddington.org.uk)

**Parish Councillors** (elected or co-opted in May 2011, all with terms of office until May 2015)

Rob Grant	26 Brownlow Lane (Chair)	Tel: 661845
Simon Ayling	46 Gooseacre	Tel: 668507
Dave Bevan	1 Lammas Road	Tel: 660286
Christine Fee	14 Church Lane	Tel: 661759
Deborah Hale	Chiltern House, 12 High Street	Tel: 668114
Trevor Jenkins	38 Mentmore Road	Tel: 668587
Christopher Poll	43 Gooseacre (Vice Chair)	Tel: 663737
Tiffany Richards	2 Blenheim Cottages	Tel: 662661

**Cheddington Parish Council** - village services including allotments, Jubilee Clock, certain open spaces, footway lighting, off-street parking places, recreation ground, play equipment and bus shelters.

## AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Tel: 01296 585858 Mon-Thur 8.45-5.15 Fri 8.45-4.45 (All departments).

[www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk) (website has contact numbers for individual departments).

**District Councillor:** Mr Corry Cashman (Liberal Democrat), Upper Flat, The Bothy, Mentmore. LU7 0QG Tel:01296 668565. Email [c.cashman@zen.co.uk](mailto:c.cashman@zen.co.uk)

**Aylesbury Vale District Council** - responsibilities include housing, garages, local plans, (including planning applications), Council Tax collection, economic development, building control, electoral registration, refuse collection, street cleaning, pest control (conditions apply), leisure facilities, bus passes and environmental health.

## **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA.

[www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) - has contact number for individual departments.

Tel: 0845 3708090 Mon-Fri 9.00-5.30 (All departments). E-mail [customer-services@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:customer-services@buckscc.gov.uk)

Transport (incl highways); to report a fault contact 0845 230 2882. Or online at [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) follow link under Transport and Roads. Out of hours dangerous faults contact 0845 230 2882.

**County Councillor:** Avril Davies (Liberal Democrat). The Old Bakehouse, Chequers Lane, Pitstone, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. LU7 9AG Tel: 01296 668152. Email [acdavies@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:acdavies@buckscc.gov.uk)

**Bucks County Council** - responsibilities include social services, education, highways and footways and rural footpaths, libraries, certain environmental services, consumer advice, fire services and waste disposal.

## **MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE BUCKINGHAM CONSTITUENCY**

**Rt. Hon John Bercow MP** (Speaker of the House of Commons), Mr Bercow, Speaker's House, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Tel: 020 7219 5300. Constituency Office 020 7219 6346. e-mail [bercowj@parliament.uk](mailto:bercowj@parliament.uk).

## **MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT FOR THE SOUTH EAST CONSTITUENCY**

**James Elles** Disraeli House, 12 Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield, Bucks, HP9 1LW. Tel: 01494 673745. [www.jameselles.com](http://www.jameselles.com) e-mail [james.elles@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:james.elles@europarl.europa.eu).

There are ten MEPs for our region. Details can be found at [www.europarl.org.uk](http://www.europarl.org.uk) (click on Your MEPS, then request South East). This gives full contact details and responsibilities of each member.

European Parliament, UK Office; European Parliament, Europe House, 32 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3EU. Tel 020 7227 4300. [www.europarl.org.uk](http://www.europarl.org.uk).

An index to some local government responsibilities within Cheddington is given below:

KEY	AVDC	Aylesbury Vale District Council
	BCC	Buckinghamshire County Council
	PC	Parish Council
	VHMC	Village Hall Management Committee (The Hall has charitable status)
	PCC	Parochial Church Council

Allotments .....	PC
Planning applications and building regulations.....	AVDC
Bus shelter .....	PC
Cemetery maintenance.....	PCC
Child care .....	BCC
Council Tax collection.....	AVDC
Education .....	BCC
Grass cutting (see Open spaces)	
The Green.....	PC
Footway lighting.....	PC
Open spaces.....	*
Barkham Close .....	AVDC
The Green.....	PC
Lammas Road.....	AVDC
New Street verges .....	BCC
Behind Goose Acre/Brownlow Lane .....	PC
The Recreation Ground.....	PC
Sunnybank.....	AVDC
Public footpaths .....	BCC
Public footways (alongside highways) .....	BCC
Public notice-board.....	PC
Public roads.....	BCC
Public seats.....	PC
Public transport financial support.....	BCC
Recreation ground.....	PC
Refuse collection .....	AVDC
Sewerage and clean water .....	Anglia and Thames water companies
Social Services .....	BCC
Village Hall .....	VHMC
Village Hall grounds.....	PC

\* Some land in the village that appears to be public land is in fact privately owned. This includes the land adjacent to the southern borders of the old High Street allotments (owned by the Society of Merchant Venturers), the land opposite 70-76 Goose Acre and on the south western radius of Leeches Way where it joins Goose Acre (owned by Wards of Gillingham, the estate developer).

# LOCAL INFORMATION

## SHOPPING

### Village Shop

Masons Stores (Top Shop) 2 Barkham Close, Tel: 668245  
Sells groceries, newspapers, National Lottery tickets & is a Payzone (electronic top-ups).

### Post Office

Ivinghoe Post Office 2 High Street, Ivinghoe, Tel: 668358  
Open Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, 2-5.30pm (closed Weds pm); Sat 9-12.30

### Shopping centres

Aylesbury, Luton and Milton Keynes are the nearest large shopping centres. Milton Keynes has facilities for the disabled, including parking spaces, toilets, and free wheelchair hire with ID (tel: 01908 695060 – Shop Mobility). For more information visit [www.thecentremk.com](http://www.thecentremk.com). There are also Mother and baby rooms in John Lewis and Mothercare. Smaller shopping centres are Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard and Tring. Early closing: Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard – Thursday; Tring – Wednesday.

### Market Days

Aylesbury Market Square Tuesday (collectables), Wednesday, Friday & Saturday  
(a farmers market is held from 9-2 on the fourth Tuesday of each month)  
Leighton Buzzard High Street Tuesday & Saturday  
(a farmers market is held on the third Saturday of each month)  
Milton Keynes Open Air Market Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
Tring Market - Car Park Friday

## LIBRARIES

(websites for the following are found on the appropriate County Council websites)

**Aylesbury**, Walton Street Enquiries - Tel: 0845 2303232  
email: [library@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:library@buckscc.gov.uk)

Open Mon, Wed, Fri (9.30-5.30) Tues, Thurs (9.30-7.30), Sat (9.30-5)

**Cheddington**, Mobile library visits the village alternate Tuesdays stopping at the Village Green (12-15-1.15). Enquiries - Tel: 0845 2303232

**Ivinghoe**, Town Hall Tel: 0845 2303232  
Open Tues (2-5), Thurs (2-5), Fri (2- 7), Sat (10-1)

**Leighton Buzzard**, Lake Street Library - Tel: 01525 371788  
Open Mon - Thurs (9-6) Fri (2-6) Sat (9-5)

**(Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre:** Box office - Tel: 0300 300 8125  
Theatre office - Tel: 0300 300 8130)

**Tring**, High Street

Tel: 0300 123 4049

Open Mon (9-6) Tues (2-6) Wed (2-6) Fri (9-6) Sat (9-4)

**Wing**, Village Hall

Enquiries - Tel: 0845 2303232

Open Tues (2-5) Wed (10-1) Fri (2-7) Sat (10-1)

## CHURCHES

### St. Giles, Cheddington

Priest-in-charge: Derek Witchell (day off Wednesday)

Tel: 07538 840063

The Vicarage, 27b Aylesbury Road, Wing LU7 0PD, [witchell@psaconnect.net](mailto:witchell@psaconnect.net)

Associate Priest: Revd. Robert Wright, The Rectory, Mentmore Road Tel: 661358

Churchwardens: Lin Knappitt, 3 Blenheim Close Tel: 668568

Chris Shephard, 12 Brownlow Lane Tel: 661849

Sunday Club: Kim Key Tel: 660535

Bellringers: Alan Masters, 11 Manor Pound Road Tel: 668024

Church Newsletter, Sarah Miles, 16 Lammas Road Tel: 660427

Holy Communion services are generally held each Sunday and Thursday and all-age services on the third Sunday of the month at 10am. Church Mice (formerly 'pram service') is held each Thursday at 10am. Please check the Cheddington Village Newsletter or the website for timings and details of other services.

### Cheddington Methodist Church, The Green

Minister: (from 1 Sept 2012) Mrs Irena Byron

Tel: 01525 240251

Secretary to the Church Council: Cathy Craft Tel: 661068

Stewards: Cathy Craft (details as above), Janet Banham, 10 The Slipe, Tel: 660205

Stuart Minall, 10 Hillside Tel: 661987

Special services are notified in the Cheddington Village Newsletter.

**Churches of other denominations are to be found in Aylesbury, Leighton Buzzard and Tring.**

**The Toast:** for all parents/carers of pre-school children and babies. Monday mornings 9.15-11 during term time in the Methodist Schoolroom. Contact: Nicola Chang. Tel: 662010

**Open Doors:** Friday mornings, 10.30-12 at the Methodist Chapel. Contact: Jeanne Knight. Tel: 662876

**Men's Group:** first Friday of each month, 10.45-12noon at the Rectory, 29 Mentmore Road. Contact: Robert Wright. Tel: 661358

## HALLS FOR HIRE

**Cheddington Village Hall**

Trefor Hamer, Tel: 07766 747945

[hallhire@cheddington.org.uk](mailto:hallhire@cheddington.org.uk)**Methodist Schoolroom**

Stuart/Davida Minall, 10 Hillside, Tel: 661987

**Mentmore Village Hall**

Linda Spriggs, Tel: 07707 218719

**Cheddington School Premises**School office, Tel: 668324  
office@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk**Scout Hut**Ian Hale, Tel: 660872  
ian@cheddingtonscouts.co.uk**NEWSPAPERS****Leighton Buzzard Observer/Citizen**Media House, 39 Upper George Street, Luton, LU1 2RD Tel: 01582 798512  
www.leightonbuzzardonline.co.uk

Village Link Correspondent Jose Cockrem, 25 Church Lane Tel: 661147

**The Bucks Herald**Ground Floor, The Gatehouse, Gatehouse Way, Aylesbury, HP19 8DB  
Tel: 619700  
www.bucksherald.co.uk**Berkhamsted & Tring Gazette**The Gazette, 39 Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP1 1LH Tel: 01442 898400  
www.berkhamstedtoday.co.uk**LOCAL RADIO****BBC Three Counties Radio (Beds, Herts & Bucks)****103.8 (Herts); 95.5 (Beds); 104.5 (Bucks) FM**

www.bbc.co.uk/radio/stations/threecounties

**Heart Four Counties: 97.6 FM**Chiltern Road, Dunstable LU6 1HQ Tel: 01582 676200  
www.heart.co.uk/fourcounties**MIX 96 (Aylesbury Vale): 96.2 FM**Friars Square Studios, 11 Bourbon Street, Aylesbury HP20 2PZ Tel: 393396  
www.mix96.co.uk**WEBSITES****Cheddington****www.cheddington.org.uk**

Village news, information about village organisations, events and businesses, an interactive forum, small ads and e-postcards. For further details or to add news and information about village organisations or events contact the webmaster@cheddington.org.uk. Village groups and organisations can be given access to the website content management system allowing their representative to create or update their own website pages.

**Aylesbury Vale District Council**

www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

**Bucks County Council**

www.buckscc.gov.uk

**Local Events.**Information can be found at [www.visitbuckinghamshire.org](http://www.visitbuckinghamshire.org)

# HEALTH SERVICES

## DOCTORS

Information about General Practitioners in Buckinghamshire is available from Bucks County Council, Tel: 310000. Unless indicated all consultations are by appointment only. If the surgery has a lady doctor this is indicated by (F).

NHS Direct

Tel: 0845 4647

If a doctor is not available at weekend or night, and for prescription emergencies

Tel: Bucks Urgent Care Services 03001 303035

**Transport:** The Townlands Trust are able to arrange transport for those in need for visits to hospital or clinic as well as for 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).

### CHEDDINGTON

**Dr MJ Gibby, Dr GP Dunford, Dr A Silverman**

Surgery at Cheddington Methodist Schoolroom (Tuesday 9am)

Appointments

Tel: 688201

### EDLESBOROUGH

**Edlesborough Surgery (F)**

Surgery and dispensary at 11 Cow Lane, Edlesborough

Appointments

Tel: 01525 221630

### LEIGHTON BUZZARD

**Bassett Road Surgery (F)**

Surgery and dispensary at 29 Bassett Road, Leighton Buzzard

Appointments

Tel: 01525 378387

Emergencies

Tel: 01525 373111

**Lake House Surgery**

Surgery at 20-22 Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard

Appointments

Tel: 01525 851995

**Dr Sivakumar and Partners (F)**

Surgery and dispensary at Europa House, West Street and Bassett Road,

Leighton Buzzard

Appointments

Tel: 01525 851888

**Salisbury House Surgery (F)**

Surgery and dispensary at Salisbury House, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard

Appointments

Tel: 0844 499 6971

## LINSLADE

### Leighton Road Surgery (F)

Surgery and dispensary at 1 Leighton Road, Linslade

Appointments

Tel: 01525 372571

## PITSTONE

### Dr M Jones and Partners (F)

Surgery and dispensary at Yardley Avenue, Pitstone

Appointments

Tel: 668800

### Dr DJ Ogden and Partners (F)

Surgery at Little Rothschild House, 71 Marsworth Road, Pitstone

Tel: 662800

## TRING

### Dr A Hall-Jones

Surgery at St. Peters House, Churchyard, Tring

Appointments

Tel: 01442 890661

### Dr DJ Ogden and Partners (F)

Surgery at Rothschild House, Chapel Street, Tring

Appointments

Tel: 01442 822468

## WING

### Dr MJ Gibby, Dr GP Dunford

Surgery and dispensary at Ashcroft Surgery, Stewkley Road, Wing

Appointments

Tel: 688201

Appointments before 9.15am

Tel: 689119

### Dr M Jones (F), Dr JA Lilly, Dr E Peel (F)

Surgery at 46 Stewkley Road, Wing.

Appointments

Tel: 681814

Enquiries

Tel: 688949

## FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS

### Brookside Clinic, Station Way, Aylesbury

Appointments

Tel: 0844 225 2408

### Bassett Road Health Centre, Leighton Buzzard

Appointments

Tel: 01525 751100

## CHILDREN'S CLINIC

**Health Visitor**, Pitstone Surgery, Yardley Avenue, Pitstone Tel: 662704

**Baby & Toddler Clinics** are held at various surgeries in the area.



## DENTISTS

### AYLESBURY

- Ashton Court Dental Practice**, 1 Oxford Road Tel: 482381  
**Aston Clinton Dental Clinic**, 1A Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton  
 Tel: 0844 375 6336  
**Aylesbury Dental Care**, 170 Tring Road Tel: 421111  
**Cambridge St. Dental Practice**, 27 Cambridge Street Tel: 337373  
**Eastgate Dental Centre**, 46 Wedgewood Road Tel: 433222  
**Fielder Dental Practice**, 49 Buckingham Road Tel: 424037  
**McAleavey & Padget**, 14 Temple Square Tel: 434848  
**Oasis Dental Care Ltd**, 39 Buckingham Road Tel: 482950  
**Quality Dental Care**, 24 Parton Road Tel: 482465  
**M D Rom**, 45 Buckingham Road Tel: 415234  
**Rycote House Dental Practice**, 6 Temple Square Tel: 485929  
**Tavistock House Dental Practice**, 77 Tring Road Tel: 481615  
**A P Walker**, 34 Buckingham Street Tel: 425112  
**Watermead Dental Centre**, Unit 6-7, The Piazza, Lakeside Tel: 330700

### LEIGHTON BUZZARD

- G Antoniades**, Premier Smile Studio, 34 Hockliffe Street  
 Tel: 01525 372089  
**AV & MV Badiani**, 17A Bridge Street Tel: 01525 376675  
**Bassett Road Dental Clinic**, 25 Bassett Road Tel: 01525 374451  
**Leighton Buzzard N.H.S. Centre**, 8 North Street Tel: 01525 850058  
**Orthadontic Practice**, 1 Bell Alley Tel: 01525 383065  
**Old Bank House Dental Surgery**, 16-18 Lake Street  
 Tel: 01525 381391  
**West Street Dental Practice**, 14 West Street Tel: 01525 373205  
**Cherry Trees Dental Surgery**, 56 Soulbury Road Tel: 01525 384894  
**Pear Tree Dental Practice**, 28 Hockliffe Street Tel: 01525 372732  
**Premier Clinic Enterprise**, 10 Vandyke Road Tel: 01525 371000  
**Whole Tooth Dental Practice**, 1 Enterprise Court, Grovebury Road  
 Tel: 01525 374100

### TRING

- Bow House Dental Care**, 75 Western Road Tel: 01442 890384  
**J P Norris**, 93 High Street Tel: 01442 826565

**A Rumbak, Orthodontic Surgery, 60a Western Road**

Tel: 01442 890116

**Tring Dental Centre (NHS), Dolphin Square**

Tel: 01442 823109

## CHIROPODISTS

### AYLESBURY

**A Crompton, Bierton House, Aylesbury Road**

Tel: 482159

**R Guy, 18 Manor Road**

Tel: 424043

**C Oliver, 16 Thorp Close**

Tel: 486696

### LEIGHTON BUZZARD

**Mrs S G Dell, Heath Lodge, Heath Road**

Tel: 01525 377101

**Leighton Chiropody Practice, Old Bank House, 16-18 Lake Street**

Tel: 01525 382900

**AM Walker, 23 Shenley Hill Road (Home visits)**

Tel: 01525 385151

**Susan Wiffen, 135 Bideford Green, Linslade**

Tel: 01525 375591  
07815 711806

### TRING

**Bettafeet, 110 High Street**

Tel: 01442 822990

**I Robertson, Rothschild House, Chapel Street**

Tel: 01442 822468

## OSTEOPATHY, NATUROPATHY, ACUPUNCTURE

**J Ducklin, 18 Christchurch Road, Tring**

Tel 01442 890073

**Osteo Works Clinic, 5 Market Court, Leighton Buzzard**

Tel: 01525 853127

**Rosebery Remedies, The Old Haybarn, Rosebery Mews, Mentmore**

Tel 01296 661081

**Woodside Clinic, 25 High St, Leighton Buzzard**

Tel: 01525 372447

## PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

**AB Physio & Sports Industries, 7 Sylvester St, Heath & Reach**

Tel 01525 234120

**M D'Arcy, 26 Lake St, Leighton Buzzard**

Tel: 01525 377751

**Linslade Physio & Sports Injury Clinic, 47a Coniston Rd.**

Tel: 01525 853462

**D Gatherer, 225 Wendover Road, Aylesbury**

Tel: 395969

<b>M Hayter</b> , Dunsham Farm, Aylesbury Rd, Bierton	Tel: 428503
<b>A Livesey</b> (Sports Therapist), 57 Rushendon Furlong, Pitstone	Tel: 07712 896095
<b>I. Padget</b> , Hulcot End, 204 Aylesbury Rd, Bierton	Tel: 436638
<b>The Physio Clinic</b> , 115 Wendover Rd, Aylesbury	Tel: 336755
<b>J. Rutherford</b> , Cheddington	Tel: 662448

## HOSPITALS

<b>Amersham Hospital</b> , Whielden Street	Tel: 01494 526161
<b>High Wycombe Hospital</b>	Tel: 01494 526161
(Note: Both the above hospitals are contacted on the same phone number)	
<b>Luton and Dunstable Hospital</b> , Lewsey Road, Luton	Tel: 0845 1270127
<b>Milton Keynes Hospital (General)</b> , Standing Way, Eaglestone	Tel: 01908 660033
<b>Tindal &amp; Manor House Hospital (Psychiatric)</b> , Bierton Road, Aylesbury	Tel: 01296 393363
<b>Stoke Mandeville Hospital (General &amp; Maternity)</b> , Aylesbury	Tel: 01296 315000

## VETERINARY SURGEONS

### ASTON CLINTON

<b>Aston Clinton Veterinary Centre</b> , Aylesbury Road	Tel: 01296 630600
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### AYLESBURY

<b>Hampden Veterinary Hospital</b> , 49 Cambridge Street	Tel: 01296 423666
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### LEIGHTON BUZZARD

<b>Ark House Veterinary Surgery</b> , 22 Hockcliffe Street	Tel: 01525 373329
<b>PW Harding &amp; Ng Michael</b> , 83 Hockcliffe Road	Tel: 01525 377105
<b>Heath &amp; Reach Veterinary Surgery</b> , Brickhill Road, Heath & Reach	Tel: 01525 237444

### TRING

<b>Springwell Veterinary Clinic</b> , 98 Western Road	Tel: 01442 822151 (Small animals)
	Tel: 01442 891910 (Equine)

# SOCIAL AND WELFARE SERVICES/ORGANISATIONS

## COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL SERVICES

**Bucks County Council Social Services** provides help and advice in matters relating to disability, serious illness, old age, community care, child welfare and adoption. Main contact: County Hall, Aylesbury.

Tel: 0845 3708090 Mon. - Fri. 8am - 6.30pm.

[www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk)

To report the mistreatment of vulnerable adults and children call Careline on 0800 137915. In the event of a serious out of hours emergency contact the Emergency Duty Team on 01494 675802.

**Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)** provides help and advice in matters relating to general housing, sheltered housing and homelessness. Main contact: Customer Service Centre, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 1SD.

Tel: 01296 585858

[www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk)

## CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

Free, confidential and impartial help and advice on matters including benefits, employment, debt, housing, legal problems and personal issues is available from three local bureaux. For further info visit [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk).

**Aylesbury** - 2 Pebble Lane

Tel: 0844 499 4714

Drop in advice times: Mon., Tues. & Thurs: 10 am – 1.30 pm; Wed. & Fri. 10am - 3pm by appointment only. Telephone advice Mon., Tues. & Wed. 10am - 2pm, Fri. 10am – 12.30pm.

**Leighton Buzzard** - Bossard House, West Street

Tel: 01525 373878

Drop in advice times: Mon. – Fri. 10 am – 1 pm (Thurs by appointment only). Telephone advice Mon. - Fri. 10am - 1pm and Mon. 4-6pm.

**Tring** - 10 High Street

Tel: 01442 825775

Drop in advice by appointment only: Mon., Wed. & Fri 10am - 1pm . Telephone advice Mon., Wed. & Fri. 10am - 1pm.

## SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION

Sheltered accommodation is available in Church Lane and Irving Crescent, under mobile care management (contact AVDC) and in Barkham Close and New Street, under resident care management (contact the scheme manager, Autumn Lounge, 46 Barkham Close. Tel: 668128).

## TOWNLANDS TRUST

The trustees consider applications for student grants and other financial assistance, e.g. to help with transport for medical visits. The secretary is Nigel Whittome, 225a Aylesbury Road, Bierton, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 5DS, tel: 489723.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In case of crime or suspected crime contact Aylesbury Police Station on 08458 505505. The non-emergency telephone number for reporting minor incidents, or making enquiries, is 101.

For local information contact Chris Lovesay, Tel: 668724 or Steve Greenstreet, Tel: 661412.

## VALE VOLUNTEERS

This local organisation would like to hear from anyone who has a few hours spare to help local charities and welfare organisations in a variety of ways. If you feel you would like to help, please contact Vale Volunteers at Vale Volunteers 8a Temple Square, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 2QH. Tel: 01296 337456. E-mail: [volunteering@valevolunteers.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@valevolunteers.org.uk) or visit [www.valevolunteers.org.uk](http://www.valevolunteers.org.uk).

## NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST

The NCT offers information and support in pregnancy, childbirth and early parenthood, including antenatal classes and social events. There are local groups in Tring (Tel: 0844 243 6301) and Leighton Buzzard (Tel: 0844 243 6186). [www.nct.org.uk](http://www.nct.org.uk).

## MOTHER & BABY GROUPS

**Cheddington Baby & Toddler Group** - see page 29

**Pitstone Baby Café** - Tuesdays 10.15am – 11.45am at Pitstone Memorial Hall, Vicarage Road. LU7 9EY 01296 663784. [www.informationforfamilies.dcsf.gov.uk](http://www.informationforfamilies.dcsf.gov.uk)  
An opportunity for new mums to meet up.

**Bumps to Crawling** – 10.00am-11.30 (and various other age groups) Tuesdays at Orchard Children's Centre, Dundale School, Silk Mill Way, Tring, HP23 5DJ. [www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/orchard](http://www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/orchard) Tel Andrea Kelly 01442 426922.

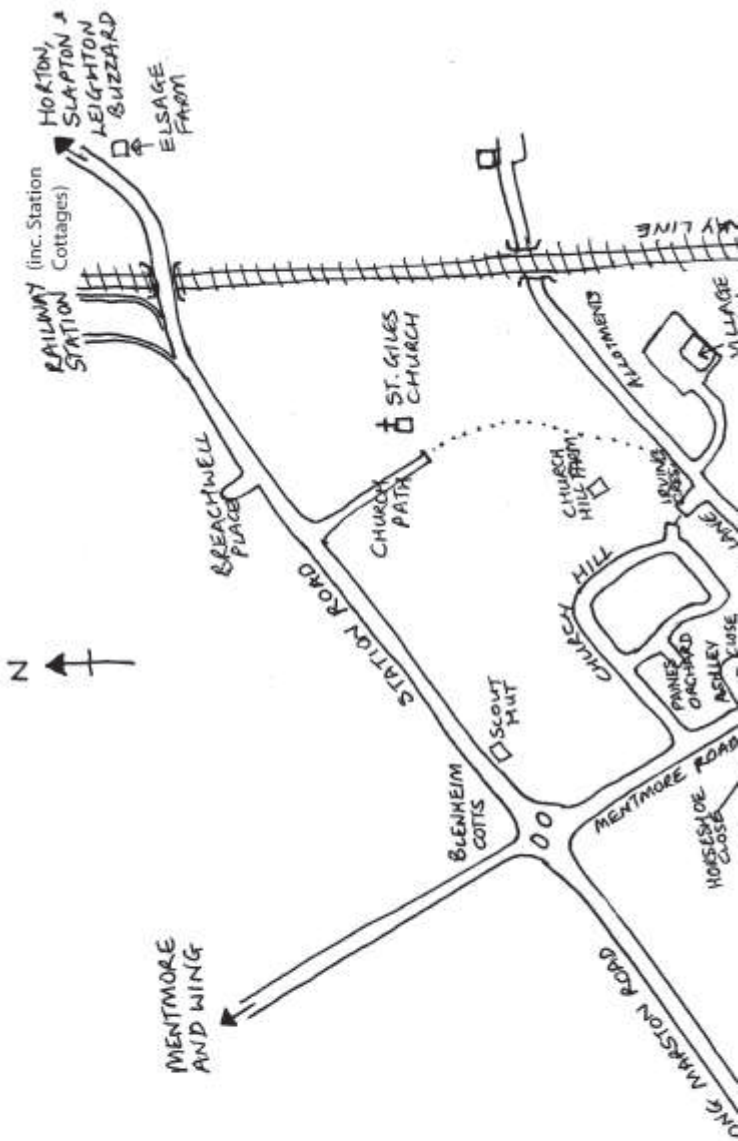
There are other groups in nearby villages. Look on [www.netmums.com](http://www.netmums.com).

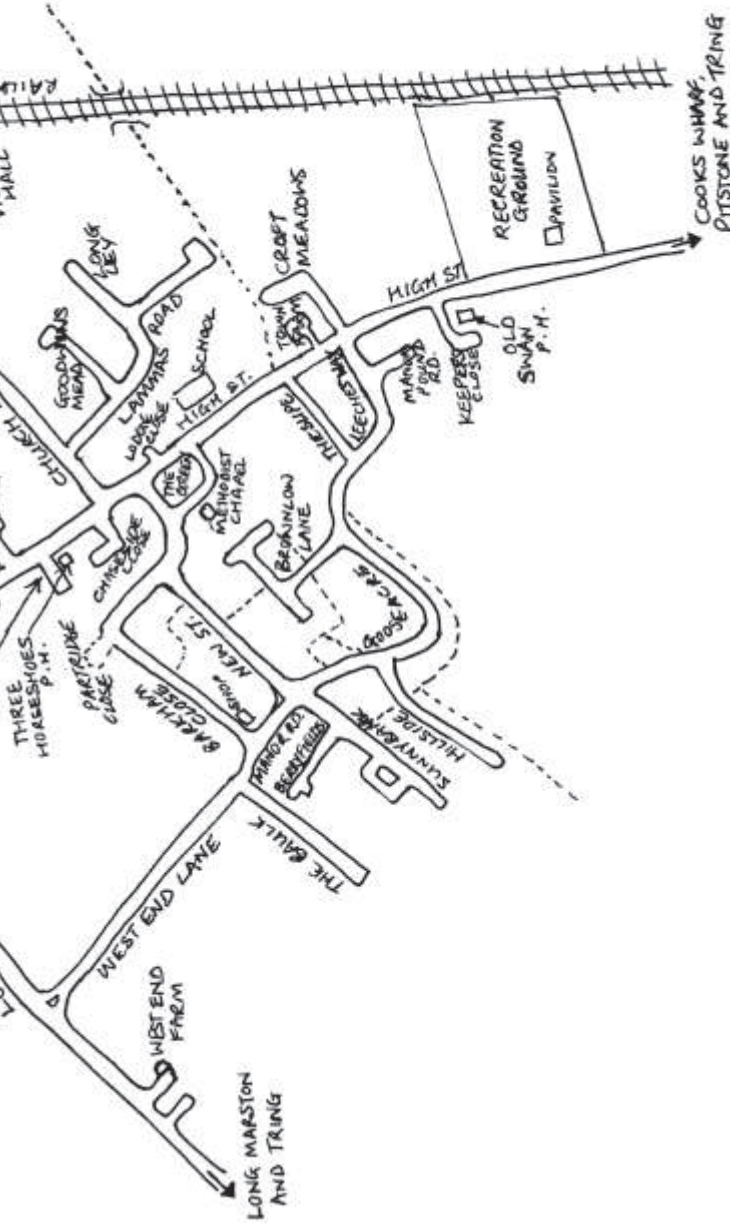
## AYLESBURY VALE CARERS ASSOCIATION

This group offers information and support to people who are caring for a relative with an illness, disability or substance abuse problem. Ardenham Court, Oxford Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 8HT. Tel: 01296 392711.

## OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Aylesbury Vale Rape Crisis	Tel: 01296 392468
Victim Support (Aylesbury Vale)	Tel: 01296 337456
Alcoholics Anonymous	Tel: 0845 769 7555
National Debtline	Tel: 0808 808 4000
Age UK Bucks (formerly Age Concern)	Tel: 01296 431911
Dial-a-Ride (Aylesbury)	Tel: 01296 330088
NHS Direct	Tel: 0845 4647
Childline	Tel: 0800 1111
NSPCC Child Protection Helpline	Tel: 0808 800 5000
Aylesbury Womens Aid	Tel: 01296 436827





# EDUCATION

## GENERAL ENQUIRIES

All general enquiries about local education - including special provision - should be made to: The Schools Improvement Service – Northern Area Office, County Hall, Aylesbury, HP20 1UZ. Tel: 01296 383333

## NURSERY EDUCATION

**Acorns Nursery (Brookmead School) Ivinghoe** Tel: 668543

### **Cheddington Pre-School**

Cheddington School. Mon. - Fri. 8.40am - 11.40am. Lunch Box Club 11.40am - 12.40pm for aged 3 and over. Afternoon: 12.40pm - 3.10pm. Open to all Children 2½ to 5 years. Register when your child is 18 months old.

Manager: Michelle Andrews Tel: 662292

### **Windmill Pre-School, Pitstone**

Brookmead School. Mon. - Fri. 9.40am - 12 noon. Lunch Club 12.00 to 1.00pm. Afternoon sessions: Tues. and Thurs. 1.00pm-3.00pm

Email: [admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@windmillpreschool.co.uk) Tel: 661031

## SCHOOLS

The schools listed below are those available to children within the village. Transport from the village is provided where necessary.

**Cheddington County Combined School (4 to 11)** High Street, Cheddington, LU7 0RG

Headteacher: Mrs Kathryn Tamlyn Tel: 668324  
[office@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk)

### **Cheddington School Parent Teachers Association**

Kim Key Tel: 660535

### **Cheddington School Governors**

Sandie Buckle (Chair) Tel: 668324 (via school)

**Aylesbury Grammar School (Boys 11+)** Walton Road, Aylesbury, HP21 7RP

Headteacher: Mr Stephen Lehec Tel: 484545  
[office@ags.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@ags.bucks.sch.uk)



**Aylesbury High School (Girls 11+)** Walton Road, Aylesbury,  
HP21 7SX

Headteacher: Mr Alan Rosen

Tel: 388222  
office@ahs.bucks.sch.uk

**Cottesloe School (Mixed 11+)** Aylesbury Road, Wing, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0NY

Headteacher: Mr Nigel Fox

Tel: 688264  
office@cottesloe.bucks.sch.uk

**Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School (mixed 11+)** Oxford Road, Aylesbury, HP21 8PE

Headteacher: Mr Stephen Box

Tel 424781  
office@sirhenryfloyd.bucks.sch.uk

**Tring School (mixed 11+)**, Mortimer Hill, Tring Herts, HP23 5JD.  
(Some villagers at the extremities of the village are not entitled to the provided transport as it is based upon distance from home to the school).

Headteacher: Mrs Susanna Collings

Tel: 01442 822303  
tringschool@tring.herts.sch.uk

## COLLEGES OF FURTHER EDUCATION

**Aylesbury College of Further Education** Oxford Road Campus, Oxford Road, Aylesbury HP21 8PD

Tel: 588588  
www.aylesbury.ac.uk

A wide range of vocational and non-vocational subjects, including A-level and GCSEs, are offered. These include art & design, catering, IT, business skills, languages, teacher training, construction, horticulture, etc. There is also a management and short course centre, an open learning centre and a managing agency.

## ADULT EDUCATION CENTRES

Full details of the courses available can be obtained from Bucks Adult Learning.

Tel: 0845 045 4040  
studentenquiries@buckscc.gov.uk

Adult education classes covering a wide range of subjects are also held in Leighton Buzzard (Bedfordshire), Tring and Berkhamsted (Hertfordshire). Prospectuses for these classes are generally available from local libraries.

# VILLAGE CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

Many of the following organisations hold their activities in the Village Hall, which is an important village asset run as a charitable trust by the Village Hall management committee whose officers are given below.

Bill Gregory (Chair)	Tel: 661909
Johanna Wheeler (Treasurer)	Tel: 662954
Rob Grant (Secretary)	Tel: 661845
Trefor Hamer (Booking Clerk)	Tel: 07766 747945

## SPORTS

### BADMINTON

Club nights – Thursdays in the Village Hall 8pm. Junior and adult membership. New members of any standard always welcome.

<b>Ray Cousins (Juniors)</b>	Tel: 662148
<b>Kim Key (Adults)</b>	Tel: 660535

### BOWLS

The green is open to everyone on Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm, May to Sept and club night is on Fridays at the clubhouse at the Recreation Ground. Matches are usually held at weekends. Reasonable standards of dress are required - grey trousers/skirts and white tops, including flat shoes with smooth soles. Everyone is welcome, experienced or not.

<b>Geof Roberts</b>	Tel: 668610
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### CRICKET

Long Marston Cricket Club is less than 2 miles from Cheddington and is open to all residents of the village. It runs three senior teams on Saturday and one on Sunday throughout the season and Colts coaching, for players from 7 to 17, on Wednesday evenings, 6.30pm - 8pm, during the Summer. Social membership is also available, with events all year round.

<b>General enquiries: Kevin Winfield</b>	Tel: 01442 381008/07710 545942
<b>Colts: Martin Keable</b>	Tel: 01296 660354 or at the Ground on 661706

### FOOTBALL

Available for adults and juniors, Aylesbury and Milton Keynes Leagues, affiliated to the FA. Play Saturdays and Sundays. Training most Thursday evenings.

<b>Alan Penman (Secretary)</b>	Tel: 662065
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### PETANQUE

Various events organised from May to October at which competitions are held. The club also provides an excellent social activity.

<b>Tony Johnson</b>	Tel: 661342
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**TENNIS**

Club night Tuesdays, at 7pm, at Cheddington tennis courts. Junior and senior coaching available. League matches also played. [www.cheddingtontennis.co.uk](http://www.cheddingtontennis.co.uk)

**Matthew Soundy (club sec.)**

Tel: 668767

**LEISURE****AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY (CADS)**

Two productions a year, usually May and November. Meet Tuesday evenings at 8pm in the Village Hall, Methodist Schoolroom or members' homes.

**Tony Johnson**

Tel: 661342

**BRIDGE CLUB**

Meet at the Bowls Club on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 9.30am.

**Janet Roff** Tel: 668317

**CHURCH BELLRINGERS**

We practise every Thursday 19:45 to 21:00. Beginners and improvers welcome. We attempt to gather for more advanced ringing methods once a month. See <http://www.cmmbells.org.uk/EventDiary.html> for details. Practices normally alternate between Marsworth on odd months and Cheddington even months, but this schedule has currently been disrupted due to maintenance work at Cheddington (see EventDiary).

**Tower Capt. (St. Giles): Alan Masters**

Tel: 668024

**Tower Capt. (Marsworth): Richard Booth**

Tel: 662520

[www.cmmbells.org.uk](http://www.cmmbells.org.uk)

**FLOWER CLUB**

Meet on the third Wednesday of each month (7.30pm), usually in the Methodist Hall. Affiliated to N.A.F.A.S. (Home Counties)

**Cynthia Lorimer**

Tel: 661046

**HISTORY SOCIETY**

Meet on the third Monday of most months at 8pm in the Methodist Hall.

**John Smith**

Tel: 668582

**LACEMAKERS OF IVINGHOE** (also craft work)

Meet on the last Wednesday of each month in Pitstone Village Hall at 8pm

**Eve Sharp**

Tel: 668403

**LIONS – Tring**

Meet at 8pm on the first Tuesday of every month at Pendley Manor, Tring. Our aims are to help those in need and if possible to enjoy ourselves whilst doing so. The Lions are a local community oriented group – whose motto is “We Serve”. Open to adults of both sexes. Please come along and meet our members and see what we do.

**David Lang**

Tel: 668086

**Hazel Butler**

Tel: 01442 826575

**MIDWEEK RAMBLERS**

First Wednesday of each month. Green, 9.15am

**Mick Chandler**

Tel: 662593

**MODEL RAILWAY CLUB – Tring and District**

Meet every Tuesday from 7.30 to 10pm, Tring.

**Geof Travis**

Tel: 668476  
www.tdmrc.co.uk

**NIFTY FIFTIES**

Fitness and games for the over fifties. Meet on Thursday mornings during term time, between 10am and noon.

**Joan Ward**

Tel: 662053

**OPEN DOORS**

Our doors are open at the Methodist Hall every Friday from 10.30a.m to noon to call in for a tea/coffee and a chat, and to meet friends. This is an open invitation to everyone in the village.

**David Minall**

Tel: 661987

**PANTOMIME GROUP**

We perform a show every two years and occasionally other shows in intervening years.

**Gina Wiggins**

Tel: 668435

**WHIST DRIVES**

Held on Friday evenings in the Village Hall. Proceeds usually go to a charity.

**Eve Sharp**

Tel: 668403

**W.I.**

Meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Village Hall (7.45pm). Newcomers are always welcome. This is a thriving group with a busy social calendar.

**Linda Smith**

Tel: 668582

## **CHILDRENS' AND YOUNG PEOPLES' GROUPS**

**BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

The group meets in the Village Hall every Friday Morning from 9:30 to 11:30am. Tea & Coffee is available for the adults and squash & biscuits for the children. Open to everyone, Mums, Dads, Carers etc. Regular craft sessions and other activities. Toys may be hired for parties and other occasions.  
www.cheddingtontoddlers.org.uk

**Eloise Clark**

Tel: 662464

## **JUNIOR DRAMA GROUP**

Meets Wednesday evenings (6.30 - 8pm) in the Village Hall. From age 7 upwards.

**Colin Bryer**

Tel: 668033

**Gill Waterhouse**

Tel: 662609

## **YOUTH 4 YOUTH**

Youth 4 Youth is a youth club for young people aged 11 -18. We meet most Tuesdays during term time from 7.30 - 9.00pm at Cheddington Village Hall with each session being supervised by at least two CRB checked adults. All dates are available on the village website. Each session costs £2.50, alternatively you can pay in advance and there is a reduction for more than one family member.

**Carol Lister**

Tel: 662437

**Sue Wood**

Tel: 668103

thewoods15@hotmail.com

## **1ST CHEDDINGTON GUIDE GROUP**

### **BROWNIES**

Meet Monday evenings (5 – 6.30pm) in the Village Hall.

**Coral Yorston**

Tel: 07834 318003

Email: c.yorston@sky.com,

Email: tamar@ngf120.demon.co.uk

**Tamar Walker**

### **GUIDES**

Meet Tuesday evenings (6 to 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall). For girls aged 10 to 16 years.

**Yvonne Ashton**

Tel: 660044

www.girlguiding.org.uk

### **TREFOIL GUILD**

The guild is the natural extension of the guiding and scouting association. It is open to anyone over 18 who is interested in being part of that community again. The local group meets monthly in the village.

**Chris Joyce**

Tel: 661287

Email: chrissiechat@googlemail.com

## **1ST CHEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP**

Scouting offers 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. All sections are open to both boys and girls. The Scout group continues to grow and plays an active part in village life. To enquire about joining or adding your name to our waiting list, please contact the Group Scout Leader, Ian Hale.

### **HEADQUARTERS**

Scout Hut, Station Road, Cheddington

www.cheddingtonscouts.org.uk

**GROUP SCOUT LEADER****Ian Hale**

Tel: 660872

Email: [GSL@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:GSL@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk)**BEAVER COLONIES**

Meet Monday or Thursday evenings (6.30 - 7.30pm) in the Scout Hut. For boys and girls aged 6 and 7.

Email: [beavers@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:beavers@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk)**Lindsay Parkinson**

Tel: 668598

**CUB PACK**

Meet Wednesday evenings (7.00 - 8.15pm) in the Scout Hut. For boys and girls aged 8 to 10½.

Email: [cubs@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:cubs@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk)**Nicola Chang**

Tel: 662010

**SCOUT TROOP**

Meet Friday evenings (7.30 - 9.00pm) in the Scout Hut. For boys and girls aged 10½ to 14.

Email: [scouts@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:scouts@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk)**Keith Malcolm**

Tel: 661419

**CETENDONE EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT**

Meet Monday evenings (8.00 - 9.45pm) in the Scout Hut. For boys and girls aged 14 to 18.

Email: [explorers@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:explorers@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk)**Menna Pitts**

Tel: 660660

**Dave Stevens**

Tel: 660122

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**Email: [committee@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:committee@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk)**Chairman: Simon Aulton**Tel: 668634

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The Scout Hut is also available for hire for private events, please contact the bookings secretary for more information:

**Ian Hale**

Tel: 660872

Email: [GSL@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk](mailto:GSL@cheddingtonscouts.org.uk)

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# PUBLIC TRANSPORT

## General Information

Cheddington is reasonably well served by local bus and train operators. Information on local bus services is available from Buckinghamshire County Council at [www.transportforbucks.net](http://www.transportforbucks.net). Central Bedfordshire Council ([www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)). Public transport information is also available from Traveline ([traveline.info](http://traveline.info) or 0871 200 22 33), the national public transport information service provider.

Printed guides can also be found in local libraries and in tourist information centres.

## Buses

The following bus services, operated by Redline (01296 426786) and Red Kite (01525 211 441), serve the village:

**No. 164** – Leighton Buzzard, Mentmore, Cheddington (Station, The Green, Manor Road), Tring, Aylesbury. Monday to Saturday.

**No. 167** – Leighton Buzzard, Mentmore, Cheddington (The Green), Ivinghoe. Tuesdays only.

**No. 175** – Edlesborough, Slapton, Cheddington (Station and ‘hail and ride’ stop in the High Street), Pitstone, Ivinghoe, Dagnall, Hemel Hempstead. Thursdays only.

Timetables are published on the above County Council websites and are displayed at the bus stops at Cheddington Green and Manor Road. For further details on services call Joan Ward, Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group, on 662053.

## Trains

Cheddington is on the London Euston to Birmingham New Street and Crewe lines operated by London Midland. [www.londonmidland.com](http://www.londonmidland.com) or 0844 811 0133.

Connections with Virgin Trains and the West Coast Main Line can be made at Euston and Milton Keynes. Timetables are available from Cheddington Station, which is open during the morning rush hours, Monday to Friday.

Chiltern Railways ([www.chilternrailways.co.uk](http://www.chilternrailways.co.uk)) operates a service from Aylesbury Vale Parkway to London Marylebone, which serves Stoke Mandeville and Wendover stations.

Southern Railway ([www.southernrailway.com](http://www.southernrailway.com)) operates the Milton Keynes

Central to South Croydon service which stops at Tring and Leighton Buzzard stations.

For information on rail travel, including train times and fares visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or call 08457 48 49 50.

## Airports

Coach services operate from both Milton Keynes and Watford to Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted and Luton airports. [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) shows details of routes, fares and timetables.

Local taxi firms provide airport drop off and collection services.

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# RECYCLING FACILITIES

Details of the household collection by Aylesbury Vale DC can be found at <http://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/refuse-and-recycling/> along with information on the bulk refuse collection service provided to villages such as Cheddington and the Aylesbury Vale DC waste processing site in College Road North, Aston Clinton off the A41.

Collection day in Cheddington is currently Friday. Once a fortnight paper, metal and plastics are collected, with glass being collected monthly. If you have a smart phone you can get a **free** mobile phone app to tell you when your bins go out and what to put out on that day. To find the apps simply go to the market place/app store and type in AVDC. Details of when each material is due for collection that month are given in the Cheddington Village Newsletter. Additional baskets and boxes can be ordered on line.

In the village hall car park there are collection bins for paper and all types of glass, plus a clothing bank. There is also a shoe collection point outside Masons Stores.

The Iain Rennie Hospice shop in Tring accepts rags (clothing not fit to be resold, household linen etc.)

The Leighton Buzzard waste processing site is in Shenley Hill, LU7 3BT and the website is <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/sustainability/Recycling/household-waste-recycling-centres.aspx>.



## PLACES TO VISIT

**Aldbury.** Picturesque village at the foot of a Chiltern ridge with ponds and stocks which has been used as the location for various films, television series and numerous adverts. Magnificent woods of Ashridge (National Trust) climb above the village. Good pubs and a village shop.

**Ascott House and Gardens.** National Trust garden and property. Wing, LU7 0PS. Near Wing, off the A418. Half timbered Rothschild House, mainly Victorian, containing fine pictures, furniture & oriental porcelain. Attractive gardens. 261 acres. [www.ascottestate.co.uk](http://www.ascottestate.co.uk). 01296 688242.

**Ashridge Estate.** (National Trust). Between Northchurch & Ringshall just off B4506, HP4 1LX. The estate covers some 6 square miles running along the main ridge of the Chiltern Hills from Berkhamsted to Ivinghoe Beacon and comprises over 5000 acres of woodlands, commons, fine chalk downland and farmland. Bridgewater Monument erected 1832. Monument Tea Room, gift shop. Cycling routes.

Visitor centre: 01442 851227. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Bekonscot Model Village and Railway.** Warwick Road, Beaconsfield HP9 2PL. Six model towns, model garden railway, ride-on railway, remote-controlled boats in 1.5 acres of gardens. Refreshment kiosk, picnic area, shop. No dogs. [www.bekonscot.co.uk](http://www.bekonscot.co.uk). 01494 672919.

**Berkhamsted Castle.** (English Heritage). Remains of an 11<sup>th</sup> century Norman motte and bailey castle with walls, ditches and earthworks which was originally owned by the Black Prince. Near the railway station. [www.berkhamsted-castle.org.uk](http://www.berkhamsted-castle.org.uk).

**Blenheim Palace.** Woodstock, Oxon, OX20 1PX. Home of Marlborough family. Birthplace of Winston Churchill. Set in 2100 acres of parkland. Guided tours of the Palace; Capability Brown landscaped parkland, lawns, formal gardens. [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com). 01993 810530.

**Bletchley Park.** Milton Keynes, MK3 6EB. Situated in a beautiful parkland setting, world famous home of the WW2 Codebreakers is now a heritage site and museum. Features the Colossus rebuild – the world's first programmable computer. Open every day. [www.bletchleypark.org.uk](http://www.bletchleypark.org.uk). 01908 640404.

**Buckingham Old Gaol.** Market Hill, Buckingham MK18 1JX. Housing the Buckingham Museum and including the Flora Thomson collection. A number of the original prison cells form part of the visitor's journey. Gift shop, 2<sup>nd</sup>-hand book stall. [www.buckinghamoldgaol.org.uk](http://www.buckinghamoldgaol.org.uk). 01280 823020.

**Buckinghamshire County Museum & Roald Dahl Children's Gallery.** Church Street. Aylesbury, HP20 2QP. Free admission to County Museum. Hands-on gallery, café, walled garden, gift shop. [www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum). 01296 331441.

**Bucks Goat Centre.** Layby Farm, Old Risborough Road, Stoke Mandeville, HP22 5XJ. The most comprehensive collection of goat breeds in Britain and many other animals. Naughty Nanny Café & Shop, play barn, picnic lawns. [www.bucksgoatcentre.co.uk](http://www.bucksgoatcentre.co.uk). 01296 612983.

**Buckinghamshire Railway Centre.** Quanton Road Station, Quanton, HP22 4BY, off the A41, near Waddesdon. Working steam museum, large private collection, steam trains. Refreshments, shops, visitors centre. [www.bucksrailcentre.org.uk](http://www.bucksrailcentre.org.uk). 01296 655720.

**Chenies Manor.** Chenies, Rickmansworth, WD3 6ER. Tudor manor and award-winning gardens. Guided tours of house, refreshments, gift shop. [www.cheniesmanorhouse.co.uk](http://www.cheniesmanorhouse.co.uk). 01494 762888.

**Chiltern Brewery.** Nash Lee Road, Terrick, Aylesbury, HP17 0TQ. On B4009, off A413. A second generation micro – brewery where classic, award winning beers are brewed using traditional methods and English ingredients. Shop, tours. [www.chilternbrewery.co.uk](http://www.chilternbrewery.co.uk). 01296 613647.

**Chiltern Open Air Museum.** Newland Park, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St. Giles. HP8 4AB. Over 30 re-erected historic buildings dating from the Iron age to the Victorian age, set in 45 acres of parkland and woodland, working farm, café and shop. [www.coam.org.uk](http://www.coam.org.uk). 01494 871117.

**Claydon House.** (National Trust), Middle Claydon, near Buckingham, MK18 2EY, 18<sup>th</sup> century Georgian country house, ancestral home of the Verney family for 400 years. Florence Nightingale museum, private grounds. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk). 01296 730349.

**Cliveden.** (National Trust) Taplow, Maidenhead, SL6 0JA. Magnificent formal gardens overlooking the Thames, stunning formal gardens, parterre, Italianate mansion, sculptures, statues, walks and views. Shop, restaurant. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk). 01494 755562.

**College Lake Nature Reserve.** Upper Icknield Way, Bulbourne, Tring. Former chalk quarry, now an award winning area of lakes and meadows with trails, 11 bird hides and viewing points, farming museum, geology centre, wildlife garden and new visitor's centre. Managed by Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust. No dogs. [www.bbwt.org.uk](http://www.bbwt.org.uk). 01442 826774.

**Ford End Watermill.** Station Road, Ivinghoe, Bucks, on the B488 to Leighton Buzzard. LU7 9EA. The only remaining working watermill in Bucks with original machinery including overshot wheel. It was in use from the 18<sup>th</sup> century until 1963. Milling demonstrations. [www.fordendwatermill.co.uk](http://www.fordendwatermill.co.uk). 01442 825421.

**Gardens of the Rose.** St.Albans, Herts, AL2 3NR. Gardens open June and July. Tea room. [www.rnrs.org.uk](http://www.rnrs.org.uk). 0845 833 4344.

**Hatfield House.** Great North Road, Hatfield AL9 5HX. Home of 7<sup>th</sup> Marquess of Salisbury. Jacobean house with State rooms, The Old Tudor Palace, Park and Gardens, Hatfield Park Farm, restaurant and gift shop. [www.hatfield-house.co.uk](http://www.hatfield-house.co.uk). 01707 287010.

**Hell-Fire Caves.** Church Lane, just off A40 in West Wycombe, HP14 3AH. Series of hand carved tunnels and caves where the Hell-Fire Club used to meet. 300 feet underground. Café. [www.hellfirecaves.co.uk](http://www.hellfirecaves.co.uk). 01494 533739.

**Hughenden Manor.** (National Trust) High Wycombe, HP14 4LA, off A4128, 1.5 miles north of High Wycombe. Country home of Victorian statesman Benjamin Disraeli. House tours, formal gardens, park & woodland, shop / restaurant. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk). 01494 755565.

**Kings Head.** (National Trust) Market Square, Aylesbury, HP20 2RW. One of the oldest surviving courtyard inns in the country. 01296 381501.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kingshead](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kingshead).

**Lacey Green Windmill.** (The Chiltern Society). 2 miles south of Princes Risborough is England's oldest Smock Mill. Open May to September. [www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk](http://www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk). 01844 275871.

**Leighton Buzzard Railway.** Page's Park Station, Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4TN. 3 miles of narrow-gauge railway built in 1919. Refreshments, shop, free car park. [www.buzzrail.co.uk](http://www.buzzrail.co.uk). 01525 373888.

**Mead Open Farm.** Billington, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9JH. Pedal tractors, tractor and trailer rides, lots of hands-on fun, indoor Playworld, Go Karts, Crazy Golf, meet the baby animals, tea room & cafe, gift shop. [www.meadopenfarm.co.uk](http://www.meadopenfarm.co.uk). 01525 852954.

**Milton Keynes Museum.** McConnell Drive, Wolverton, MK12 5EL. The history of Britain's newest city housed in a beautiful Victorian farmstead. Many exhibits including farming, Victorian schoolroom and Edwardian kitchen, Gift shop and tea room. [www.mkmuseum.org.uk](http://www.mkmuseum.org.uk). 01908 316222.

**Museum of St Albans.** Tells the story of St Albans from the departure of the Romans to the present day. Includes Social History Collection and Image Library. [www.stalbansmuseum.org.uk](http://www.stalbansmuseum.org.uk). 01727 751815.

**Natural History Museum at Tring.** Akeman Street, Tring, HP23 6AP. Beautiful Victorian (1889) museum housing extensive Rothschild animal collection. Hands-on Discovery room, events, exhibitions, Zebra Café, shop. [www.nhm.ac.uk/.tring](http://www.nhm.ac.uk/.tring). 020 7942 6171.

**Oak Farm Animal Park.** Broughton Lane, Aylesbury, HP22 5AW. A traditional working farm, home to a variety of animals, many of which are rescued. Farm walk. Info Centre, tea room, shop, picnic area. [www.oakfarmanimalpark.co.uk](http://www.oakfarmanimalpark.co.uk). 01296 319595.

**Pitstone Green Museum.** Vicarage Road, Pitstone, just off B489, LU7 9EY. A rural-life museum housed in the buildings of an 1831 farm. Large collection of farming and country items, vehicles, and full-sized reconstruction of Lancaster bomber. [www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk](http://www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk). 01582 605464.

**Pitstone Windmill.** (National Trust) Ivinghoe. Off B488 towards Bulbourne. One of the earliest forms of windmill in Great Britain dating back to 1627. A fully restored Postmill in working order. Set in Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk). 01442 851227.

**RAF Halton Trenchard Museum.** HP22 5PG. History of RAF Halton. Open Tuesdays or on request. [www.trenchardmuseum.org.uk](http://www.trenchardmuseum.org.uk). 01296 656841.

**Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre.** 81–83, High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0AL. Off A413. Two fun and fact-packed biographical galleries and a fantabulous story centre. Hands-on displays. Book and gift shop, café. [www.roalddahlmuseum.org](http://www.roalddahlmuseum.org). 01494 892192.

**The Shuttleworth Collection.** Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, Beds, SG18 9EP. A collection of historic aircraft and vehicles in working condition. Also Jubilee Play Centre, Falconry and Birds of Prey centre; Swiss Garden, Visitor centre, restaurant. [www.shuttleworth.org](http://www.shuttleworth.org). 01767 627924.

**Stowe Landscape Gardens.** (National Trust), Near Buckingham, MK18 5EH. Extensive Georgian landscape gardens. 40 monuments and temples, walks and trails, guided tours, views. Gift shop and tea room. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowegardens](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowegardens). 01280 822850.

**Tiggywinkles Visitor Centre.** Aston Road, Haddenham, Bucks, HP17 8AF. Leading Wildlife Hospital started in 1978. Hedgehog Museum and Animal Viewing Area, badger enclosure, other wild creatures. Young kids play area, gift shop, café. [www.stiggwinkles.org.uk](http://www.stiggwinkles.org.uk). 01844 292292.

**Verulamium Museum.** St Michael's, St Albans AL3 4SW. Museum of everyday life in Roman Britain, including hands-on discovery areas and touch screen data bases, hypocaust and mosaics. Car park, shop. [www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk](http://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk). 01727 751815.

**Waddesdon Manor.** (National Trust). Queens Street, Waddesdon, Aylesbury HP18 0JH. French renaissance style chateau built 1874-89 for the Rothschild family. Wine cellars, fine Victorian garden, parterre, aviary, woodland playground, restaurants, gift and wine shops. [www.waddesdon.org.uk](http://www.waddesdon.org.uk). 01296 653226.

**Wendover Woods.** (Forestry Commission) off B4009 between Wendover and Tring. Woods with spectacular views across the vale of Aylesbury. 325 hectares of mixed coniferous and broadleaved woodland. Large permanent orienteering course. Various trails for walking, cycling and horse riding. Café. [www.forestry.gov.uk/wendoverwoods](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/wendoverwoods). 01296 625825.

**Whipsnade Tree Cathedral.** (National Trust). Access from Whipsnade village green, LU6 2LL. Many species of trees, hedges and shrubs planted in the form of a full sized medieval cathedral in 1930s. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk). 01582 872406.

**Willen Lake.** V10 Brickhill Street, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DS. 100 acres of water encircled by 80 acres of stunning landscaped grounds. North lake is a wildlife reserve, south lake is reserved for water sports (sailing, windsurfing, waterskiing, powerboating, fishing, etc). Refreshments, shop, parking, cycle ways & cycle hire. [www.whitecap.co.uk](http://www.whitecap.co.uk). 01908 691620

**Woburn Abbey.** Woburn, Beds, MK17 9WA. Palatial 18<sup>th</sup> century mansion home to the Duke of Bedford, with state apartments, stunning works of art, Antiques centre, set in 3000 acre deer park with extensive informal gardens, tea room. [www.woburn.co.uk/abbey](http://www.woburn.co.uk/abbey). 01525 290333.

**Woburn Safari Park.** MK17 9QN. A wildlife animal kingdom, famous for its deer, includes wolves, sea lions, penguins, giraffe, birds of prey, monkeys, lions, tigers and elephants. Road safari, no pets or convertible vehicles allowed. Mammouth Play Ark, World Wide Leisure Area, Junglies gift shop, two restaurants. [www.woburn.co.uk/safari](http://www.woburn.co.uk/safari). 01525 290407.

**ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.** 4 miles SW of Dunstable, LU6 2LF. 600 acre wildlife conservation park with a children's farm, steam railway. Home to more than 2,500 animals. Cars admitted, Safari bus, refreshments, shop. No dogs. [www.zsl.org/zsl-whipsnade-zoo](http://www.zsl.org/zsl-whipsnade-zoo). 01582 872171.

# LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE & WALKS

Local footpaths are shown on OS Landranger map 165 (Aylesbury and Leighton Buzzard area) 1.25in to 1 mile and OS Explorer map 181 (Chiltern Hills North) 2.5in to 1 mile.

A number of recreational routes are available from Bucks County Council. Some are still available as printed copies, free of charge, by phoning 382171. However, they are not being re-printed as they are being put on the following website:

**Rights of Way Group, Buckinghamshire County Council**, Hampden Hall, Wendover Road, Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury, HP22 5TB., [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) (select R on the A-Z guide>Rights of Way>Walking and Riding Maps). Tel: 382171

**The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** [www.chilternsaonb.org](http://www.chilternsaonb.org)  
For a large variety of walks to download for free, or to send for, please follow links to Publications>Activity Publications>Walking. Tel: 01844 355500

**For Walks using the Bus or Train:** call Bucks County Council on 01296 383735 or search online for 'Walks using the bus or train in Bucks.'. The full leaflets can also be found at some train stations, libraries, Tourist Info Offices etc.

**Cheddington Footpath Warden:** Mick Chandler. Tel: 662593  
A Cheddington Footpaths leaflet is available from Mick Chandler or from the Clerk to the Parish Council, 67, Lammas Road, Cheddington.

Tel: 668197 (email: [parishcouncil@cheddington.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@cheddington.org.uk))

**New footpath links Cheddington to Cook's Wharf and Pitstone/Ivinghoe:**  
Cheddington's newest footpath extends the pavement from the High Street in Cheddington alongside the road to the canal at Cook's Wharf, or via Seabrook across the swingbridge over the canal and into Pitstone/Ivinghoe. This opens up the possibility of circular walks on these routes from Cheddington on a safe, pushchair and wheelchair accessible pathway.

**Organised Walks.** Walks are organised by Mick Chandler on the first Wednesday of each month. Meet at 9.15 am at the Green. Tel: 662593

**The Ashridge Drivers Walk.** A 4 or 6 mile walk starting from Tring Station and covering rolling wooded countryside, farmland and golf course. Guide available from the Countryside Management Service 01727 848168 or from 'The Chilterns Area of Outstanding natural Beauty' website above.

**The Ridgeway National Trail.** (National Trust). Runs from Overton Hill, near Avebury, Wiltshire to Ivinghoe Beacon (85 miles). Further information from: Managers of the Ridgeway, National Trails Office, Environment and Economy, Holton, Oxford, OX33 1QQ. Tel: 01865 810224 or from [www.nationaltrail.co.uk/ridgeway](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/ridgeway).

**Two Ridges Link.** An 8 mile linear walk connecting The Ridgeway at Ivinghoe with the Greensand Ridge Walk near Leighton Buzzard. Map can be picked up at Cheddington Station or from Bucks CC as above.

**Ivinghoe Beacon**, East of Ivinghoe village, off B488. End point of the Ridgeway trail. Iron Age hill fort 757 feet above sea level, with panoramic views. Free parking, picnic area.

**Dunstable Downs**. On B4541, 2 miles SW of Dunstable. 300 acres of chalk grassland and farmland, the highest point in East of England, 3 circular walks, kite flying, Visitor Centre including national Trust Shop and cafe. Tel 01582 500920.

**Coombe Hill** (National Trust). Off B4010, 1.5 miles W of Wendover. Highest viewpoint in the Chilterns with spectacular views over Aylesbury Vale. Monument dedicated to those killed during Boer war. Circular walks and nature trail. Open all year.

**Ashridge Estate** (National Trust). Between Northchurch and Ringshall, just off B4506. Woodlands, commons and chalk downland, outstanding scenery, which runs along the main ridge of the Chiltern Hills from Ivinghoe Beacon to Berkhamsted. Includes the Bridgewater Monument and Pitstone Windmill. Admission charge to Monument and Windmill. Monument shop and Visitor centre - open mid-March to December, Tea shop open Feb – Dec. Toilets, free parking. Tel: 01442 851227 (visitor centre).

**Grand Union Canal**. Canalside walks. Boat cruises and boat hire available from Pitstone Wharf. Useful web sites are: [www.britishwaterways.co.uk](http://www.britishwaterways.co.uk) and [www.waterscape.com](http://www.waterscape.com). **The Aylesbury arm** of the canal provides a 6 mile canalside walk from the basin in Aylesbury to Marsworth Junction, and **the Wendover Arm** provides a 6 mile linear walk linking Wendover to Aston Clinton, along an attractive remnant canal which is currently being restored.

**Marsworth Circular Walk**. This easy 4 mile circular walk can be joined at Great Seabrook or Pitstone Wharf. (Or directly from Cheddington High Street along the new footpath above.) It follows the canal towpath from Pitstone Wharf to Marsworth and Startops Reservoir, returning through Marsworth village and across the fields towards Cheddington. Route available from Bucks CC.

**Circular Walk, Cheddington, Ledburn and Mentmore**. A walk of 7.5 miles in length over land once owned by the Rothschilds. It takes in some early railway history and includes a short diversion to the site of the Great Train Robbery. Mostly over flat country; it includes 2.5 miles of canalside path. Official guide and map available (Tel: Mick Chandler 662593).

**Stockgrove Country Park**, Brickhill Road, Heath & Reach, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0BA. 80 acres of ancient coppice, parkland, woodland, lake and trails, cafe, situated on the Greensand Ridge. Open all year, daily 9am – 8pm. Café open Tuesday - Saturday Tel: 01525 237760 or look on [www.greensandtrust.org](http://www.greensandtrust.org) and follow link to Places to Visit.

**Tring Reservoirs**: Wilstone, Startops End, Tringford and Marsworth. Canalside walks and nature reserve. Good place to view wintering wildfowl. A national nature reserve since 1955, designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest

**Walks in the Hilltop Villages**: walking routes describing local history, wildlife and landscape from Cholesbury, Hawridge etc. [www.cholesbury.com](http://www.cholesbury.com)>walks. Or from local pubs in Cholesbury etc.

**Walks in Bedfordshire** including Totternhoe, Eaton Bray, Woburn etc. [www.letsgo.org.uk](http://www.letsgo.org.uk) >WALK or tel. 0300 300 8085

# LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Cinemas and Theatres

### Aylesbury

Aylesbury Waterside Theatre ([www.atgtickets.com](http://www.atgtickets.com)) Tel: 0844 871 7627

Limelight Theatre ([www.qpc.org](http://www.qpc.org)) Tel: 431272

Odeon, Exchange Street ([www.odeon.co.uk](http://www.odeon.co.uk)) Tel: 0871 224 4007

### Berkhamsted

Rex ([www.therexberkhamsted.com](http://www.therexberkhamsted.com)) Tel: 01442 877759

### Hemel Hempstead

Empire (Jarman Park) ([www.empirecinemas.co.uk](http://www.empirecinemas.co.uk)) Tel: 08714 714714

### Leighton Buzzard

Theatre and Cinema Tel: 01525 378310

Box Office - Tel: 0300 300 8125

### Luton

Cine World ([www.cineworld.co.uk](http://www.cineworld.co.uk)) Tel: 0871 200 2000

### Milton Keynes

Odeon The Point ([www.odeon.co.uk](http://www.odeon.co.uk)) Tel: 0871 224 4007

Cine World ([www.cineworld.co.uk](http://www.cineworld.co.uk)) Tel: 0871 200 2000

Theatre ([www.atgtickets.com](http://www.atgtickets.com)) Tel: 0844 871 7652

### Tring

Court Theatre, Pendley Tel: 07543 560748

### Wavendon

Stables ([www.stables.org](http://www.stables.org)) Tel: 01908 280800

## Golf

Mentmore Golf and Country Club ([www.mentmorecountryclub.co.uk](http://www.mentmorecountryclub.co.uk))  
Tel: 662020

Ivinghoe Golf Club ([www.ivinghoegolfclub.co.uk](http://www.ivinghoegolfclub.co.uk)) Tel: 668696

Windmill Hill (Bletchley) ([www.windmillhillgc.co.uk](http://www.windmillhillgc.co.uk)) Tel: 01908 648149

Abbey Hill, Milton Keynes ([www.abbeyhillgc.co.uk](http://www.abbeyhillgc.co.uk)) Tel: 01908 562566

Three Locks ([www.threelocksgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.threelocksgolfclub.co.uk)) Tel: 01525 270050

## Gyms

Mentmore Golf and Country Club ([www.mentmorecountryclub.co.uk](http://www.mentmorecountryclub.co.uk))  
Tel: 662020

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Colloseum Gym, Leighton Buzzard ( <a href="http://www.colloseumgym.co.uk">www.colloseumgym.co.uk</a> )	Tel:01525 850770
Énergie, Leighton Buzzard ( <a href="http://www.energiefitnessclubs.com">www.energiefitnessclubs.com</a> )	Tel: 01525 853000
Liscombe Park Health Club	Tel: 01296 689073
The Fitness Room, Berkhamsted ( <a href="http://www.thefitnessroom.org">www.thefitnessroom.org</a> )	01442 358076

## Leisure Centres

Bletchley Leisure Centre	Tel: 01908 377251
Dunstable Leisure Centre	Tel: 01582 608107
Leighton Buzzard – Tiddenfoot	Tel: 01525 375765
Tring Sports Centre – Mortimer Hill, Tring	Tel: 01442 228957
Berkhamsted Sports Centre	Tel: 01442 228123
KJSC, Berkhamsted ( <a href="http://www.kjsc.co.uk">www.kjsc.co.uk</a> )	Tel: 01442 358224

## Public Houses and Eating Places

### Cheddington

**The Old Swan** (bar/restaurant/garden), High Street Tel: 668226  
([www.theoldswancheddington.co.uk](http://www.theoldswancheddington.co.uk))  
Opening hours: Everyday from 11am

**Three Horseshoes** (bar/meals/garden), Mentmore Road Tel: 668367  
([www.thethreehorseshoescheddington.co.uk](http://www.thethreehorseshoescheddington.co.uk))  
Opening hours: Mon – Sat 12-11pm & Sun: 12-10:30pm  
Food served: Mon – Fri 12-2pm & 7-9pm Sat and Sun 12-2pm (lunchtime only)

**Figgy's Fish & Chips:** Visits Cheddington Friday evenings at approx. 7pm at the Green.

**Howe & Son Fish & Chips:** Visits Barkham Close Friday lunch-times and Three Horseshoes car park at approx. 10pm Weds evenings.

### Outside Cheddington

A sample of the many pubs and eating places which are only a few miles away from Cheddington:

#### Ivinghoe

Kings Head (restaurant) ([www.kingsheadivinghoe.co.uk](http://www.kingsheadivinghoe.co.uk)) Tel: 668388

#### Long Marston

Queens Head (bar/bar meals/garden) ([www.qhlm.co.uk](http://www.qhlm.co.uk)) Tel: 668368



**Marsworth**

Anglers Retreat (bar/bar meals/garden) Tel: 01442 822250  
 Red Lion (bar/bar meals/garden) Tel: 668366

**Mentmore**

Stag Inn (bar/restaurant) ([www.thestagmentmore.com](http://www.thestagmentmore.com)) Tel: 668423

**Pitstone**

May Fu (Chinese restaurant including takeaway) Tel: 661969

**Slapton**

Carpenters Arms (bar/restaurant) ([www.carpentersarmsslapton.co.uk](http://www.carpentersarmsslapton.co.uk))  
 Tel: 01525 220563

**Wing**

Isha (Indian restaurant/take away) ([www.ishabarandrestaurant.com](http://www.ishabarandrestaurant.com))  
 Tel: 688258  
 Cock Inn (bar/restaurant/garden) Tel: 752210  
 Wings, Stewkley Road (fish and chips, Chinese take away) Tel: 688152  
 Café Zeera (restaurant/take away) Tel: 688810

**Skiing**

Xscape Milton Keynes ([www.xscape.co.uk/](http://www.xscape.co.uk/)) Tel: 0871 222 5673  
 The Snow Centre Hemel Hempstead ([www.thesnowcentre.com](http://www.thesnowcentre.com))  
 Tel: 0845 258 9000

**Swimming Pools (Indoors)**

Bletchley Leisure Centre Tel: 01908 377251  
 Dunstable Leisure Centre Tel: 01582 608107  
 Leighton Buzzard – Tiddenfoot Tel: 01525 375765  
 Tring Sports Centre – Mortimer Hill, Tring Tel: 01442 228957  
 KJSC, Berkhamsted ([www.kjsc.co.uk](http://www.kjsc.co.uk)) Tel: 01442 358224

**Tenpin Bowling**

Tenpin, Milton Keynes ([www.tenpin.co.uk](http://www.tenpin.co.uk)) Tel: 0871 873 2450  
 Go Bowling, Court Drive, Dunstable ([www.gobowlingnow.co.uk](http://www.gobowlingnow.co.uk))  
 Tel: 01582 472727  
 Jardines Club, Friars Square, Aylesbury ([www.jardinestepin.co.uk](http://www.jardinestepin.co.uk))  
 Tel: 415698  
 Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead Tel: 01442 292208

**Canal Cruises**

Grebe Canal Cruises Cheddington ([www.grebecanalcruises.co.uk](http://www.grebecanalcruises.co.uk))  
 Tel: 661920

## A VILLAGE WITH A PAST

Cheddington village has a vague past. In fact it's not until the Domesday Survey of 1086 that we can even be sure it existed. The name may suggest that it was the settlement of Cedd's people, so there may have been people here earlier.

Before that date, there was a hill fort on South End Hill, possibly built in the Iron Age, and there are 'lynchets' or cultivation terraces on both South and West End Hills which are the finest examples in the county: but no-one knows for certain when they were made. There are also signs of a building - possibly Roman - near the brook which forms the southern boundary of the parish, alongside the airfield. But it is not until William the Conqueror completed his survey that we can be sure there was a village here.

### **Royal connections.**

At that time Cheddington was known as Cetedone, and was held by the tenants of six Norman nobles - one of whom was the half brother of King William himself. The Survey also revealed that before the Norman Conquest it had been held by English nobles owing their allegiance to King Edward the Confessor and the Archbishop of Canterbury, amongst others. A mysterious Fin the Dane also held land and appeared to owe allegiance to nobody!

The Survey mentions sixteen villeins, bordars or serfs who actually worked the land on behalf of their Norman masters.

### **Barons and Earls.**

Over the years, Cheddington lands changed hands several times. In the thirteenth century, for example, the Chenduit family donated a holding to the warden and scholars of Merton College, Oxford, who held Elsage Farm until as recently as 1853. It was in that year that perhaps the family with the biggest influence on the village came onto the scene, with the building of Mentmore Towers for the Rothschilds. Baron Meyer de Rothschild received Elsage Farm in exchange for other lands in the same year.

The Rothschilds helped to establish the school, built houses for their estate workers and provided a water supply in the early years of the twentieth century, but in fact it was the Bridgewaters at Ashridge who were the biggest landowners in the area, building up large landholdings in Cheddington and the surrounding villages with the accession of the Earl of Bridgewater in 1803.

### **Farmers, shepherds and plaiters.**

For hundreds of years, agriculture was the main occupation of Cheddington

villagers. In 1851, more than a third of the males of the village were farmers, shepherds or agricultural labourers - though that still represents only 111 people! A few of the men - just 9 in 1851 - worked for the railway. By 1881 the figure was 22.

More than half the women and girls of the village (180 out of a total of 317) worked at home as straw plaiters for the Luton hatmakers. This trade collapsed at the beginning of the twentieth century when cheap imports flooded the market.

### **From Catsbrains to education.**

Cheddington was not enclosed until 1857 - later than most villages. Until then, the land was largely farmed in four large open fields, divided into strips, as it had been since mediaeval times. The blocks of strips had wonderfully evocative - and at this distance of years, obscure - names, such as Catsbrains, Gurmire Furlong, Sancelow and Finch Hatch.

With the enclosures, many other changes came to the village. Roads and footpaths had to be diverted to take the new field boundaries into account, and land was allocated for a recreation ground and allotments. Land was also given to the Rector and Churchwardens, for the building of a school 'for promoting the education of the poor in accordance with the principles of the Established Church.' The land was originally on what is now the village green, but before building began the site changed to the existing one. In 1873 it was decided that the infants were too disrupting to the older children, and they were moved to a new infants school built next to the Old Swan and paid for by Baroness Rothschild.

### **Churches and chapels.**

Cheddington church, dedicated to St. Giles, was built in 1190, but little of that building remains, apart from a few fragments embedded in the walls of the later construction. Most of the present church dates from the 14th and 15th centuries, when the chancel arch and north aisle were built. The vestry and south porch were added in 1858 when the church was extensively restored.

Inside the church is a 15th century font made of Totternhoe stone, and a carved wooden pulpit from the early 17th century, from which it is said it is impossible to preach a poor sermon! The tower contains six bells, the earliest dating from 1593, and the latest from 1911.

Cheddington also has a Methodist Chapel, built in 1901. Before then, the Chapel was on the High Street and - although it has long been a private house - it is fairly easy to identify.

### **The plum line.**

The London to Birmingham railway - opened in 1838 - and the world's first branch line (from Cheddington to Aylesbury) - opened in 1839 - brought perhaps the biggest changes to life in the village.

Many villagers worked for the railway, as station masters, porters, clerks, signalmen, and platelayers, but many more benefited - and still do - from the fast transport it provided. However, in its early days, the line carried more plums than people: 15 tons of plums and apples could be loaded at Cheddington station on an average day. The plums were generally known as prunes, and were used to make cloth dyes, rather than for eating or cooking.

It wasn't prunes the Great Train Robbers were after in 1963, when they robbed a mail train at Bridego Bridge, about a mile-and-a-half north of Cheddington Station. The trial was held at Linslade. And it was in the same year that the village was robbed of its branch line by Dr. Beeching.

Most of the plum and apple trees have gone too, though a few remain in gardens and open spaces, and at the time of writing one last orchard remains, though not as a commercial concern.

### **A village with a future.**

Thankfully for many Cheddington residents, the main line railway still operates and trains still stop at Cheddington station, mostly taking commuters to London.

It's thanks to the increase in commuting that Cheddington has boomed as a village. Throughout the 1800s the population had been fairly static, at around 600-700, and actually fell by 1951 to a mere 520. By the 1991 census, this had more than doubled, to 1,731 and by the 2001 census the population had grown slightly more to 1,852 in 716 households. Photographs of many of the residents feature in The History Society's Millennium Project. Over 400 photographs of families taken at the turn of the century have been deposited at the County Record Office in Aylesbury. They will be made available to the public in 2101 to coincide with the public release of the 2001 census. In 2009 Cheddington History Society published a book on Second World War Memories, entitled "Voice from an English Village - Cheddington".

Unfortunately Cheddington Post Office has recently closed leaving the village with only one store. Pressure to build more houses is constant as is the pressure from many villagers to resist, and it is interesting to imagine what sort and size of village Cheddington will have become by the time of the Village Guide, 3012. Hopefully by then traffic calming will be in place!