



Chalgrave News

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Chalgrave Social Diary

- ◆ The Parish Council meet at The Memorial Hall 7.30pm, last Tuesday of the month
- ◆ Plough Inn - Quiz nights every other Tuesday 9.00pm, Dominoes every Monday
- ◆ Queens Head - Live entertainment Friday & Monday 7.30pm, darts Tuesdays and dominoes Thursdays
- ◆ Book Club meets weekdays - contact Linda Hadden



Front cover - A winter view of the brook running through the parish

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Editorial



Here we are again with our Christmas edition of the Chalgrave News. We go to print with the news of the impending credit crunch filling the newspapers and the airways and forecasts of an inevitable growth in unemployment. We hope that you Dear Reader are not badly affected by these changing times but would be very interested to hear from anyone whose lives have been altered. Perhaps you know of others who are finding things difficult - it is a time to share stories and make offers of help within our small community.

We have some great photos of our Halloween trick or treaters and also of the Shambles Big Band at our money raising night in November. We raised about £280.00 which will go a good way towards paying for an edition of the News.

Criminals have entered the Parish again - a worrying distraction burglary upon one of our elderly ladies and the dumping of stolen cars and rubbish. We suggest everyone keeps an eagle eye open; it can make such a difference. Never mind the twitching curtains or worrying that your neighbours might think you are nosey, try and make notes if you see something a little unusual or report it to the police if you suspect criminal activity. Much better to be safe than sorry.

The Parish Council have allocated a £70.00 contribution towards the news to help with our printing costs, in recognition for the regular reports of the Parish Council meetings and other related items. We thank them for that.

Don't forget to support our local businesses, especially the parish pubs who depend entirely upon local trade to keep them going. Look out for The Round Table float on 21st December with Father Christmas collecting money for the Senior Citizens and other charities.

Finally, keep warm and a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all from the Chalgrave News Team.

Grant obtained

The committee of the Chalgrave News would like to thank both our County Councillor, Rhys Goodwin and Chalgrave Parish Council for obtaining a grant from the Bedfordshire County Council Community Leaders Fund amounting to £250 towards the ongoing publishing costs of producing the Chalgrave News. Without this type of generous support we would be unable to continue the parish magazine. Once again many thanks.

What's happened in Chalgrave since the last Chalgrave News

- ◆ **Distracted burglary.** On Sunday 8 November a man knocked at Greta Afleck's door in The Lane posing as an engineer working on a water problem just up the road. He suggested she turn her tap on and off a few times while he waited. Greta smelt a rat but he kept her engaged in conversation while his buddy went through the back door and up to her bedroom. It was only a few seconds but her room was ransacked. Fortunately a neighbour saw the man going through the back gate and came across to see what was happening. They both fled without taking anything.
- ◆ **Fireworks at the Queens Head** enjoyed by a bumper crowd on a wintry night.
- ◆ **Snow fall in October** caught us all by surprise.
- ◆ **Halloween** was particularly busy this year and it wasn't raining!
- ◆ **The Shambles** played to a raptured audience, see the report P.30.

If you know what has happened in Chalgrave and would like to share it with us then email a few words to lyndie@ic24.net for the next edition.

Question for the ladies

Why is Christmas day just like any other day at the office?

Answer Because you end up doing all the work and the work shy guy in the suit gets all the credit!



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Chairman's Report



From the Parish Council....

First of all we wish you a very Merry Christmas, Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year.

Film Club

We have funding for a film 'club' for young people in the Parish. We are in the process of getting the projector, screen and sound system and hope to get it up and running soon. The Parish Council have found the funding but will not be running the 'club'. We intend it to be run by the young people themselves - with adult supervision. We have found two adult volunteers already - if you are interested in volunteering please contact any of the Council. Our thanks go to Simon Kitson for helping us source the equipment.

Tebworth Pond

There is a need to have another working party session on the Pond. We are also looking into the next phase of the pond development which may include some dredging, finding the (or a) source of water and some proper pond management. We will discuss this with those who live near the pond as well as others who are interested.

Housing Development

The state or the economy will have an effect on the housing development proposed for our region. The plans are still around but may be delayed by the slow-down in house building. We, the Parish Council, will still be fighting to keep any development off the Green Belt and to ensure there is the right infrastructure in

place before building starts.

Talking of infrastructure, you will be aware that the plans to widen the M1 from

Junctions 10 -13 are on hold.

Which then calls into question the new Junction 11a, which then has an impact on the A5/M1 link road. We wait for the next move.

Parkview Lane

There is still a problem of flooding. The residents of Parkview Lane have been digging to find the blocked pipe. The pipe has been found but now more digging is needed to find the blockage. We are grateful for the expertise of John Whitehead from Toddington who will, once we have located the blockage, help clear it .

Millennium youth and Community Award

We want nominations. Both awards are to recognise a significant achievement or community service. The Millennium Youth Award is for 18 years and under and is a 'well done' for academic or sporting achievement, contribution to the community, overcoming difficulties, or other success. The Community Award is for over 18's and is a 'thank you' for service to the community. If you have a nomination please contact the Clerk, Lesley Smith, or any of the councillors

Parish Council elections

Voting for Parish Councillors will take place in June 2009. This is some time

away, but you may want to consider standing. If you fancy being on the Parish Council please contact the Clerk nearer the time. And, if you want to know what it involves, please speak to any member of the Council.

Freedom of Information

As a resident of the Parish you have access to all Parish Council documentation – minutes of meetings, correspondence, accounts, etc. If you

wish to see any past or present document please contact the Clerk. If you wish the Council to make copies for you to take away, there may be a small charge.

Meetings

You are invited to any of our meetings. They are usually on the last Tuesday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7:30.

Phil Parry

Chairman Chalgrave Parish Council

Fireworks Fiesta

On Saturday the 8 November, the Queens Head once again played host to the annual 'free to all' bonfire and fireworks display, which attracted over 100 people from the parish and surrounding area.

Unfortunately, the weather was not too kind but by the time the huge bonfire had been lit and Sarah Harris and boyfriend Chris Bates had got the barbeque going, there was plenty to warm up the crowds.

Three magnificent guys were produced and immediately burnt but not before the owners of each were presented with some chocolates from Colin our generous landlord.

There followed three quarters of an hour superb entertainment as rockets fizzed and exploded into the night sky. Many thanks to Paul Dicker and Liam Perry for undertaking the task of lighting the fireworks (without getting their fingers too burnt).



A collection was taken on the night which raised just over £100 towards next years' extravaganza.

Many thanks are due to the many parishioners who contributed either cash or fireworks to the event, making the evening such a success.



Andrew Selous MP

Watford New Hope Trust

Visit by Andrew Selous MP, shadow work and pensions minister September 2008 to the Centre for Social Justice inner city challenge

I spent two days and an evening working with this inspirational Christian homeless charity in Watford in September. It was a humbling experience to work alongside staff and volunteers who were universally gracious, wise, compassionate, humorous and firm where necessary.



During my time in Watford I worked in the trust's day centre where homeless people come for companionship, food, clothing and purposeful activity. I also helped cook the evening meal for homeless people at the night shelter and spent time in the shelter with residents and staff. The night shelter was full to capacity with all beds taken which is a usual nightly occurrence..

The next morning I went to a furniture restoration workshop run by the Trust where homeless people learn skills to gain jobs and gain confidence in moving back to the world of work. From there I visited a house run by the Trust for recovering alcoholics and worked on their fresh produce project in which produce grown by the residents is sold in the Trust's magnificent charity shop, "the Harrods of Watford", I was assured by proud volunteers. My final call, after some hard fought games of ping pong with the residents, was to the charity shop which also houses the Trust's administrative staff for discussions about the interaction of the benefits system with the housing and employment needs of those the Trust serves.

I have taken away many reflections from my time with the Trust which I continue to think through now I have returned to Parliament. One of the most shocking facts I learnt was that the average life expectancy of people living on the streets of Watford is 40 to 45 years. The suits the Trust keeps for client job interviews are often worn to attend the funerals of fellow rough sleepers. Nothing convinced me more of the importance of the Trust's work.

I had not spent long talking to staff, before benefit trap issues, which hold back clients from returning to a normal life, were mentioned. The Trust is currently helping three generations of one family who are all life-long benefit dependent. It is stories like this which convince me of the need for the welfare system to aim higher for the people it serves, providing the personalised support along the way to get them there.

My time at the Trust enabled me to spend extended time with people with complex needs and the dual diagnoses of mental health and substance abuse. This part of the out of work population need very personal and often long term help to get back into work. Welfare reform proposals must meet the needs of these people as well as those nearer the labour market.

My experience in Watford and the conclusions of the Salvation Army's excellent

"Seeds of Exclusion" pamphlet produced this year are that those with dual diagnosis often fall between the stools of current service provision. There is much good work being done in this area by non-government organisations, such as Watford New Hope Trust. A partnership approach between the state, the not for dividend and the private sectors, needs to be developed.

I believe that a greater personalisation of current budgets is necessary to better serve those with the most complex needs. This will entail some radical restructuring of current responsibilities and reporting lines within central and local government. I believe this approach will get more people out of poverty and be a more effective use of taxpayer's money.

My final thought relates to the reasons people become homeless. For many, alcohol and drugs lead the way, alongside increasing periods of worklessness. For some however, it is the breakdown of the relationship with their partner (less commonly spouse) that leads to immediate homelessness when they are kicked out or when depression, drugs and alcohol take hold after their relationship has failed. I met several homeless people who told me they were homeless because of the breakdown of the relationship with their partner. I believe that in many cases these relationship breakdowns could have been avoided and that strengthening and supporting healthy relationships needs to be part of our policy response to helping the most vulnerable of our fellow citizens avoid becoming homeless in the first place.

Andrew Selous is MP for South West Bedfordshire and can be contacted on 01582 662 821 or selousa@parliament.uk

Flower Arranging Workshop

After the success of her first flower arranging class at the village hall earlier this year Denise Boyd held a second class on Saturday 7th December.

Unfortunately there was not time to include a report in this issue of the magazine but we will cover the event in our next issue.



Christmas Crackers

Question: Why does Santa have 3 gardens?
So he can ho-ho-ho.

Question: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Answer: Frostbite.

Question: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?
Because he had low elf esteem.

Christmas Lights Competition

It's that time of year again, time to climb into the loft, shift all those summer parasols and plastic paddling pools and bring out the Christmas Lights. Isn't it funny how they all worked when you put them away at the beginning of 2008 and yet there are always a couple of bulbs that are dead when you bring them out again!

Anyway the Chalgrave News team shall be alert, on the ball and ever watchful for those of you who endeavour to bring a spot of cheerfulness at this time of year. Those of you who we think has the best lighting display and yet is thoughtfully inventive with a touch of sophistication will be the proud winner of our much sought after New Year Hamper.



So good luck to you all!

Cars being dumped in the Parish!

It seems that Wingfield and Tebworth are the perfect dumping ground for old and stolen cars.

Recently there have been two such incidents reported. One, a Land Rover Discovery, that was dumped in St Marys Close. According to our local Beat Officer PC Martin Pennell this was stolen in Hertfordshire and then dumped somewhere quiet for a couple of weeks. The thief will then come back in a couple of weeks and if it is still there, drive it away and use it for the purpose that it was originally stolen for. This is a well known scam and the thief will be someone who knows the area and could even live in the area. Luckily the residents of the Close were alert and able to call the police.

Another dumped car, this time a Nissan Almera, has been parked up for some weeks now on the Tebworth Road and although there is a 'Police Aware' sticker on it there seems to be nothing further being done about it, at least not when this publication went to print.

So keep alert and don't forget to report all crimes to the Police, no matter how trivial they may seem to you. If the people committing these crimes get away with it they may try something more serious next time and it could be your car or property that disappears!

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Where have all our song birds gone??

Like many shooting men in this country I never been a supporter of the R.S.P.B for several reasons, although, undoubtedly, they do carry out good work. However they always seem to be working against the shooting fraternity to the detriment of the natural countryside.

Whenever a bird of prey is found dead the finger always points to shooters. Remember last year at Sandringham when allegedly two Hen Harriers were shot. No evidence was ever found. Although many years ago birds of prey were persecuted by game keepers as a requirement of their employment.

Since the banning of the pesticide D.D.T. our raptors have made a steady recovery, Buzzards, Sparrow Hawks, Red Kites and Goshawks are once again becoming increasingly common.

The Peregrine Falcon has also made a remarkable recovery since it almost became extinct during the war years because it was a predator of the Carrier Pigeon and is now once again common in London. It's recovery is now causing concerns amongst the pigeon fanciers all over the U.K. and many are giving up their hobby due to huge losses by predatory Falcons. In the Midlands four fanciers have been accused by the R.S.P.B. of setting spring traps to catch the Falcons, although no evidence has been found.

Game Keepers and shoots loose thousands of partridge and pheasant chicks each year. Grouse moor keepers have to stand by and watch Hen Harriers decimate grouse chicks. One pair of Hen Harriers can kill up to 100 chicks in a season.. I once lost 94 pheasant chicks in one night to a Tawny Owl.

One of the R.S.P.B. reserves in Norfolk is suffering from huge losses of Lapwings and Skylarks from birds of prey and yet none of this is made public!

Figures released this October show a serious decline in our farm land birds. Lapwings, Skylarks, Grey Partridge and Corn Bunting have all been reduced a staggering 48% since 1970. Who do they blame? The farmer! They claim that modern farming methods and now the recent abolition of set aside are the main causes of the decline.

I put the blame on our ever increasing Crow and Magpie population and the dramatic increase of our birds of prey.

Chalgrave Mole



Queens Head Update



Hello again all you fellow parishioners, It is your friendly local Innkeeper again writing to let you know that I am still regarded as the best Pub landlord in Tebworth, an opinion that no one can argue with, although many have tried none have succeeded, so there!

Don't forget the Darts team meet on a Wednesday now that they are in the 'Winter League' and the Dommies teams meet on a Tuesday and Thursday and are reputedly sweeping the board of all opposition, but nevertheless all teams need more 'New Blood' so don't be shy, come along and support them or even join them!

The Friday Night live music is still proving very popular, and the standard of acts is quite astonishing. We have recently introduced Monday night music as well and this is also becoming very popular.

Some of the acts that are booked to appear over the Christmas period are:-

Friday Nov 7th	Lenny	Friday Nov 14th	Steve Jones
Friday Nov 21st	Merv	Friday Nov 28th	Chris Jones
Friday Dec 5th	Steve Burton	Friday Dec 12th	Keith West
Friday Dec 19th	Lenny	Xmas Eve	Keith West
Boxing Day	Harry & Steve	New Years Eve	Pete Spence
Friday Jan 2nd	Jim Turner		

Pete Spence, the New Years Eve act is appearing at The Queens Head as a special favour because he is one of the most sought after acts in the area, so it should be a super evening.

Please remember that the Pub closes at 3:00pm sharp on Christmas Day 'cos it's the only day I get to eat with my family.

I hope to see you over the festive period and would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and a prosperous new year.

A Scouser walked into the local job centre, marched straight up to the Counter and said 'Hi, I'm looking for a job'.

The man behind the counter replied 'Your timing is amazing. We've just got one in from a very wealthy man who wants a chauffeur/bodyguard for his Nymphomaniac twin daughters. You'll have to drive around in a big black Mercedes and wear the uniform provided. The hours are a bit long but the meals are provided. You also have to escort the young ladies on their Overseas holidays. The Salary package is £200,000 a year'.

The Scouser said 'You're bullsh*tting me!'

The man behind the counter said 'Well you started it!'

The Chalgrave Fleapit



In 1832 Belgian Scientist Joseph Antoine Ferdinand Plateau invented his 'Magic Wheel' which was a contraption which contained picture cards and when turned gave the impression of the subjects moving.

This was the forerunner of what we call today the motion pictures or movies.

We might be 176 years behind the times but the movies will shortly be coming to Chalgrave!! With the help of our Parish Council, Chalgrave News will be organising a film show at the village hall. Many other villages are now holding regular film shows in their village halls and finding these events very successful and so we thought we would try one for ourselves.

No decision has been made on any film title but we can assure everyone that it will be a recent release such as the latest James Bond film, which has just opened in the cinemas in November!

Look out for a flyer through your doors in early 2009 for more details!!

Question: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Answer: Snowflakes.

Question: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

Answer: Claustrophobic.

Fly Tipping

The last few months have seen a number of acts of fly tipping around the parish, which is both unsightly and expensive to remove.

Worst of all it is all of us who have to pay the clearance costs through our council tax!

How do these lawbreakers manage to tip rubbish onto our verges without anyone ever seeing them do it?

We have also had at least one abandoned car left in the parish.

Lets all keep a closer watch when we are out and about and take the number of any vehicle acting suspiciously. Have a look once the vehicle has gone to see if any rubbish has been dumped and report it to the police or if you prefer to the parish council for action to be taken.

Whatever you do, under no circumstances try to approach the dumpers as this might put you in danger. Sad to say this but these are the times we all are now living in!

Chalgrave Church



Welcome from All Saints Parish Church

All Sunday Services at 9.30am They are Sung Holy Communion.

On the first Sunday in each month we have a shorter service, sometimes accompanied by a band, and as the service is child friendly we do not have a Sunday School.

December

Sunday	7 December	Family Communion	9.30 am
	7 December	Christingle Service	4.00 pm
Sunday	14 December	Parish Communion	9.30 am
Saturday	20 December	Carols by Candlelight	7.30 pm
Sunday	21 December	Parish Communion	9.30 am
Wednesday	24 December	"Midnight Mass" – The first communion of Christmas	11.45 pm
Thursday	25 December	Christmas Morning family Communion	10.30 am
Sunday	28 December	Benefice Communion -Toddington	11.00 am

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January

Sunday	4 th January	Family Communion	9.30 am
Sunday	11 th January	Parish Communion	9.30 am
	11 th January	Candlelight Festival Service	6.00 pm
Sunday	18 th January	Parish Communion	9.30 am
Sunday	25 th January	Parish Communion	9.30 am

On Sunday 14th December the Rt Reverend Richard Inwood (Bishop of Bedford) will be preaching at the 9.30 am Parish Communion Service.

Saturday 20th December is our annual Carols by Candlelight Service, previous years have seen very large congregations at this service and we again recommend you allow plenty of time to take your seats; Visitors will be able to gain access to the church from 6.30 pm.

The Celebrant at the Midnight Service on Christmas Eve will be Reverend Keith Steele; our Rector will be presiding over Toddington's Midnight Service (which starts at 11.30 pm)

Please note that the Christmas morning service is a Benefice service at St George of England, Toddington, as is the Communion Service on Sunday 28th December.

I'm dreaming of a chocolate covered Christmas

What do you love most about Christmas celebrations (apart from attending church, of course!)? For me it's the food, and one food in particular – chocolate! What better treat on Christmas morning than to have chocolate for breakfast?!

The other real treat on Christmas Day of course is to settle down in front of the TV to watch a good film. One of my favourite films is *Forrest Gump*, a story about a simple, honest and caring man whose mum used to tell him that *'life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're going to get, you have to do the best with what God gives you.'*

So...what did God give us on that first Christmas Day? What difference did God's gift to us of his Son make to the chocolate box of our lives?

Chocolate gives such pleasure to our lives. I personally love a rich, warm, simple unmessed-about-with chocolate, something which gently melts in my mouth, something comforting and familiar that I can reach out for when I'm feeling worried or insecure. God's love, that love which came to us as a tiny baby on that first Christmas Day, is also comforting and trustworthy. Jesus is someone we can reach out to when we need a little reassurance, He sweetens our lives, wraps his love around us, and puts a little warmth back in.

And then there are those yummy chocolate covered toffees, the sort which keep my dentist in a job! They take a bit of effort to chew but they are worth it, especially if you find a hidden rich gooey chocolatey centre. These chocolates reflect the biblical truths we come across when we listen to, or read the words of scripture. Sometimes God's word takes a little chewing over before we reach the treasures it holds. We need to mull over and persevere with what we've read or heard but when we do put some effort into studying the Bible all our efforts pay off as we catch a surprising new glimpse of God exposed in a delicious new meaning to an old familiar truth.

And then there are those wonderfully smooth champagne truffles, sheer indulgence, meant to be savoured and eaten slowly and with real appreciation of all their gloriously rich ingredients. These are the chocolates to give to someone special; expressions of true love. They remind me of those crucial moments in Jesus' life when we really see the power and glory of the Holy spirit at work, those heart stopping moments of pure joy when someone is set free from all that damaged their lives, when they are made new again, with the past no longer of concern, only a sense of thankfulness for what is to come. Truffles remind me of the generous, extravagant richness of the love of God at work in His Son.

But what about those few odd chocolates which always get left at the bottom of the box? But even if we don't like a particular centre there will always be someone else who does. And that's what's so wonderful about God's glorious chocolate box of life: all sorts of flavours, shapes and sizes are included and all tastes are catered for. There is something for everyone, no matter who or what we are, we are all loved, cherished, needed and included in God's kingdom. But we have to share all this rich goodness and marvel at how amazingly clever God is to include all of us funny little creatures in his box of delights.

Whenever you open a tin or box of chocolates this Christmas, take one out and savour the flavour. And as you do so marvel at the wonder of it all, look at the beauty of the wrapping, the strange and marvellous shapes and sizes and colours within that one tin and marvel at just how right Forrest Gump's mum was.

With my love and every blessing for a peaceful and happy Christmas.
Anne Crawford, Vicar of All Saints, Chalgrave

Everybody Please Read This!

If you find a card in your letterbox from a parcel delivery firm stating that they have a parcel waiting for you but have been unable to deliver it, before you dial the number on the card it might be a good idea to check that the parcel delivery firm exists first!

There are rumours going round on the internet about a scam where a bogus firm puts these cards into letter boxes and when you phone the number given it turns out to be a premium rate number and you end up landed with a very high phone bill and no parcel.

No one really knows if this is happening but at least by being aware it might save you a lot of money, especially at this time of the year when it is not unusual to be expecting parcels to be delivered.

The easiest way to check if the parcel firm is genuine is to look it up in the phone book and then use the phone book number if you are in any doubt.

October Snow

Can some one tell me what day of the year summer fell on this year?

Usually we get a few weeks of decent summer weather in a year but for the last couple of years we seemed to only have days of good weather rather than weeks!

It was nice to see snow once again even if it was in October!

November has been a total washout up to the time of writing this article with heavy rain and strong winds. Mind you listening to weather reports from around the rest of the country we seem to have got off very lightly so far this winter.

What has happened to the predictions of global warming when a few years ago we were told that the climate change in this country would give us a desert climate of hotter days and colder nights? The weather seems to have gone the other way and become colder and wetter in summer and warmer and wetter in winter and windy all year round!

I have recently discovered that South Beds District Council Planning Department must know something that the rest of us don't in that one of their planning requirements is that any new building roof must be built strong enough to take the weight of 2 feet depth of snow!

When did we last have 2 feet of snow! Also does this mean that the council don't believe that global warming is happening?!



Around the Organisations

Book Club

Before getting down to business I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind gifts, cards and visits since my accident in August. I am pleased to report I have discarded the wheelchair, Zimmer frame and crutches and am now walking unaided! Quite a novelty!

Now, Book Club: We have been a little slack over the summer and although we have met regularly seem to have been reading rather slowly!!

MOMENTO MORI by Muriel Sparks is the book we were reading when I finished the last column. This was enjoyed by almost everyone. Comments being: 'Very funny.... Perceptive... Believable characters..... True to life etc...' On the other hand the humour was rather black, being about elderly people in hospital awaiting death. However good comments outweighed the bad.

EAST OF THE SUN by Julie Gregson was our next choice. Most of us have not yet finished this entertaining novel set in the 1920's. The plot follows the ups and downs of three girls travelling to India, each looking for a new life. Rose is leaving her loving family to marry a man she hardly knows, Victoria, her bridesmaid, is excited and very happy to get away from her overbearing mother. And Viva, their inexperienced chaperone is hoping to solve the mysteries of her childhood and lay to rest the ghosts of the past.

So far the comments are mixed: 'Too

trivial. Not enough about the unrest in India at the time. Good characterization etc..' More of this book next time.

NO TIME FOR GOODBYE by Lyn Wood Barclay is the next choice to read during the darker winter months. I am looking forward to discussing this very well reviewed novel.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all

Linda Hadden

The Memorial Hall

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 14th October, at which we sadly had to accept the resignation of Ron Harris from Tebworth. Ron has been an invaluable member of the committee for a number of years but ill health has now forced him to stand down from the committee although he has said he is still prepared (or is that determined?) to give us the benefit of his advice.

We have however attracted a new Committee member in Andrea Kerr from the Woodlands in Tebworth and Andrea has agreed to become our new treasurer, taking over from Debbie Parry who I would like to thank for her sterling work over more years than she would care to remember.

It was reported that for the year ended 31st March 2008, total income was £7,137.70 (down £3014 on the previous year), expenditure was £5,331.86 (down £3,918 on the previous year) and there was a small excess of £1,805.44 (up

£904 on the previous year)

However despite the fact that total funds are £10,913, substantial expenditure is likely to be incurred this coming year particularly on the upgrading of the play area.

So, the committee is now as follows:

Roger Masters (Chair)

Ken Green (Vice Chair)

Sue Parker (Secretary)

Andrea Kerr (Treasurer)

Debbie Parry

Debbie Hampson Barbara Jackson

Mick McDonagh Paul Whitton

Sue Leuty Ray Willis

We still have some vacancies for anyone who would like to volunteer

Roger Masters

Chalgrave Senior Citizens

As Christmas approaches, I'm sure all parishioners would wish to join the Senior Citizens' Committee in wishing our more mature friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Thanks to your generosity and that of the Parish Council, the committee will be distributing cards and a 'little cheer' before Christmas.

Also, a meal and entertainer is being planned for early spring at the Memorial Hall so please make sure that you who have attained that certain age let one of the Committee know so that you can be included on the guest list.

The committee consists of:-

Roger Masters 873039

Roger Fenwick 873768

Lyn Green 874107

Nicola Wells 877098

Elizabeth Hall 872403

Finally, please remember that the Father Christmas float will be visiting Chalgrave starting at the Plough at around 6 pm on Sunday 21st December. 50% of the collection will go to our senior citizens.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Roger Masters

Chalgrave Sports Club

The cricket season was eventually completed with many cancellations due to the weather. Toddington cricket team retained their title and the Plough Inn retained the 10/10 trophy.

The presentation evening combined with a Race Night was a big success and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

We are still looking at ways to raise money for much needed club equipment and would welcome any suggestions.

Special thanks to Nev Andrews for his continued care of the wicket and surrounding area.

We now look forward to next season and hope that the weather will be much kinder to us.

Roger Burden, Chairman.

West Trust

Those of you applying for funds from the Trust should get your applications in ideally by Christmas or at the very latest 31 December.

Forms are available from the Clerk, Norman Costin.

Credit Crunch Christmas



As we are all living through very difficult financial times at the moment your Chalgrave News team have been looking at ways to reduce expenditure over the Christmas period while still having a good time.

Presents – A present is a present regardless of its cost. Why not try giving food items as gifts this year? Most food shops bring in special Christmas lines this time of the year. A gift does not have to be expensive to be a better gift. Remember it is the thought that counts.

Food – Try shopping at some of the less well known supermarkets such as Aldi, Lidl or Netto. They all have a good range of foods both fresh and frozen and you will be amazed at the prices when compared against our larger supermarkets.

Decorations – Don't buy; try making a few of your own from fir tree cones etc.

Christmas Crackers – These are becoming very expensive these days and the contents usually only get thrown away but it is so easy to make your own. All you need is some cardboard to make the body of the cracker, and coloured paper for the outer covering. Use tinsel and pictures cut from old Christmas cards to decorate the cracker. The only thing missing is the 'snapper' but at least the gifts you put inside the cracker will be more appreciated than those you get with bought crackers. For gifts use chocolates, small items of jewellery etc. Make up an individual cracker for each person so that you can ensure the gifts suit that person. Why not buy a scratch card to go in each cracker? Now that might really make someone's Christmas! Alternatively you can buy 'make your own cracker' kits in shops these days so all you will need is to supply the gifts.

Mad Wife Disease...

A guy was sitting quietly reading his paper when his wife walked up behind him and whacked him on the head with a magazine.

'What was that for?' he asked.

'That was for the piece of paper in your trouser pocket with Laura Lou written on it,' she replied. Two weeks ago when I went to the races, Laura Lou was the name of one of the horses I bet on,' he explained.

'Oh Darling, I'm sorry,' she said. 'I should have known there was a good explanation.'

Three days later he was watching football on TV when she walked up and hit him on the head again, this time with the iron skillet, which knocked him out cold.

When he came to, he asked, 'What the hell was that for?'

'Your horse called.'

Your Parish Council Identified!

Left to right

Front row, Derek Smith, Phil Parry, Lesley Smith, Frank Griffin, June Horne
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Chalgrave News "The Big Interview"

From time to time we like to bring you the reader closer to people in the community so that you might have an insight into the who and the whys of people around you. This issue.... Phil Parry (Chairman of our Parish Council).

Where are you from originally? Were you involved in community matters?

Originally Ilford he advises, so yes an "Essex boy" well of course it explains the haircut and the "doc martins" but his father a pharmacist was posted overseas and so the Parry family became expats. They returned to the UK when Phil was 14 to Torquay and from there after A'levels to Drama school in London and then starting a career in teaching. After 3 years Phil explains he was attracted back to the stage and for 8 years was involved in stage, TV, and Radio. Then a return to drama school to teach. From there, through twist of fate into a management training company where he continues to work. "So, yes and no then?" I ask.

How long have you been here now and what first attracted you to our parish?

"12 years ermmmm no, 13". "London - Wood Green".

No Phil what attracted you here? "Getting away from London and Wood Green. We wanted to move out, in truth we were looking closer to London but we (Debbie my wife) saw the house in an estate agents and that was it". So you'd never been here had no links? But this was the place. "Well we needed to be able to travel north and south easily".

You are a man with a career that keeps you busy and have a young family.

When and what was it that prompted you to join the PC?

"I always wanted to put something back into the community. I have always tried to be involved in some form of Charity or voluntary work and was open and willing to get involved. We'd been here for about 4 years I had met people through the Queens Head and some others after my daughter Imogen arrived, as you do, so it started with helping out at the village games and then the village hall"

What challenges did you envisage for your role when you started?

"None!" In hindsight? "No, even then" Phil says "this was a journey of discovery" Unconscious incompetence? I ask. He looks concerned so I put his mind to rest explaining that at the time he "didn't even know what he didn't know". Well you might say that. So what concerns did you have? "Well even though this is all voluntary work I still wanted to do this properly and with my job, family and other things I wanted to make sure I do whatever would be required of me."

"There were to my mind, perhaps still are, some unnecessarily formal things

perhaps in the way meetings were run. Then I wanted things – like what we do and who we are - to be visible for the community as a whole. Not just visible though, also accessible”

What is the priority now?

“Well we still need greater accessibility and we welcome visitors to the Council meetings. The open forum part of the meeting is now at the start not the end. There are any number of issues including planning and traffic speeds. Additionally, I believed we needed a stronger voice. So we formed GAPP (Growth Area Parish Partnership) with 9 other parishes as perhaps a key way to bring more weight to our point of view with local, county and national government”

What is your favourite part of the role?

“Oh without doubt the sense of achievement when we get things done” he pauses “Clearing the pond, getting new notice boards, roads repaired, the Heritage Trail and then the less tangible things like having a legitimate voice for environmental and other issues”.

What is the most frustrating part of the role?

“District, County and National government saying they want to listen to us and broaden the democratic process but it is hard to see this sometimes. Take the planning process for new homes, the plan already existed before the consultation was undertaken..... then I would also like to see more community involvement.... and finally when people do get involved in projects or community activities, they don't get the recognition they deserve.”

For those members of the community who would wish to discuss matters with the PC but cannot get to meetings do you arrange home visits?

“ We can and as I said before, I want the whole community to have access to the Parish Council”. Phil picks up a back issue of the Chalgrave News from the table’ checks the back before pointing out that phone numbers are in the News.

“ We (he refers to all members of the Parish Council) are all available on the phone and anyone can come to our meetings which are always held in the Village hall on the last Tuesday of each month” he smiles shakes his head and acknowledges that “yes they do change from time to time because he or someone else might not be able to be at a meeting”.

So if you do want to go, call the Parish Clerk, Lesley Smith to check that it is the right night.

Thank you Phil.



Halloween in Tebworth



It has become an annual ritual in Tebworth and those households who “play the Halloween game” to leave a decorated pumpkin lamp burning near the gate for all to see. This year we were treated to more than usual ghastly ghouls, skulking skeletons and wicked witches who were fortunately easily





seen off the premises with a handful of sweets. Some of the pumpkins were a work of art but who are these normally sweet children encouraged to dress up as demons, devils and Draculas?

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Chalgrave Price Comparison

Well inflation has certainly hit the food bills this quarter, most significantly rice except for Nisa. However petrol prices have taken a tumble.

	Waitrose	Sainsburys	Morrisons	Asda	Tesco	Nisa
Pint milk	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.49
Kelloggs Cornflakes	1.69	1.69	1.69	1.69	1.69	1.89
Choc Biscuits	1.26	1.29	0.69	1.28	1.29	1.39
Tuna	1.38	1.38	1.25	1.24	1.39	1.25
Granary loaf	1.55	1.48	1.24	1.00	1.27	1.39
250g butter	1.21	1.22	1.22	1.00	1.21	1.22
1kg Tilda rice	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.49	2.42 500gm
Chicken / kg	3.25	2.79	2.66	2.79	2.79	n/a
Typhoo teabags	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.99
	16.84	16.35	15.25	15.50	16.14	

PETROL		Unleaded	Diesel
Morrisons	Leighton Buzzard	89.9	103.9
Shell	Leighton Buzzard	89.9	103.9
Total	Leighton Buzzard	89.9	103.9
Tesco	Leighton Buzzard	89.9	103.9
Tesco	Dunstable	89.9	104.9
Sainsburys	Dunstable	89.9	104.9
BP	Toddington	90.9	106.9
Toddington	Motorway Service Station	99.9	115.9

Chalgrave Memorial Hall

Fees and Charges from 1 November 2007

PERIOD	Parish Resident Individual Parish Voluntary Community Groups	** Non-Parish Resident or Parish Comercial	** Non-Parish Organisation or Commercial
Monday-Thursday			
9am - 6pm	£4.00 per hour	£6.50 per hour	£8.00 per hour
6am - 11pm	£5.00 per hour	£10.00 per hour	£11.50 per hour
Friday			
9am - 6pm	£4.00 per hour	£6.50 per hour	£8.00 per hour
6pm - midnight*	£70.00	£105.00	£115.00
Saturday			
9am - 6pm	£6.50 per hour	£10.00 per hour	£11.50 per hour
6pm - midnight*	£70.00	£130.00	£170.00
Noon - midnight*	£105.00	£175.00	£230.00
Sunday			
10am - 6pm	£6.00 per hour	£10.00 per hour	£11.50 per hour

***NB Hall must be vacated and locked up by this time.**

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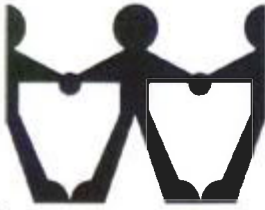
Bookings outside above hours subject to individual rates on application.

Non-refundable deposit of 50% of the booking fee payable to confirm booking.

£100 damage deposit required on all bookings - refundable in full subject to no damage caused to Hall, contents, equipment or grounds and the Hall and grounds being left in a clean and tidy state.

NB. Should the cost of reparation to the Hall contents or equipment exceed the deposit then the committee reserve the right to pursue the balance.

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Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation

Grassroots Grants for Small Community Groups

What is Grassroots Grants?

The scheme offers financial support to small voluntary and community groups and organisations throughout the area, enabling them to continue or expand their work.

Who can apply for funding?

Any small, volunteer led community group that is connected to the needs of the local community can apply for a grant, subject to some terms and conditions, including an average turnover of under £20,000 per annum and a need to have been established for at least 12 months (see our web site for more details).

How much can you apply for?

Grants range from £250 to £5,000. £5,000 is the maximum that any one group may receive during the lifetime of the scheme (i.e. until March 31st 2011).

What kind of projects can you apply for funding for?

Grassroots Grants is looking to support community groups which can use funds to:

- Purchase equipment, such as computers, furniture etc.
- Put on a local event or workshop
- Pay for staff costs to enable the employment of individuals
- Contribute to rental costs
- Cover the cost of training or attendance at a conference or event
- Pay for additional activities that help expand an existing project
- Support community activity
- Projects that meet an identified need in the local community
- Help a group to achieve a quality or other standard relevant to their activities

For more information, contact the Foundation at:

Web site - www.blcf.org.uk/grants
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Remembrance Sunday

The annual Service of Remembrance was held at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 9 November.

Led by the Rev Anne Crawford, some 45 parishioners paid tribute to those who gave their lives for this country during the last two world wars.

Wreaths were laid by representatives of the Parish Council, the Royal British Legion, The Memorial Hall, the Senior Citizens Committee and the Chalgrave Sports Club.

Many thanks to Barbara Kingham for arranging the beautiful display of flowers.



Lest we forget, those who gave their lives from this parish were:-

WW I 1914-18

Albert Bird

Penrose Frank Coles

Albert Oliver Emerton

Leonard Fensome

James Wesley Foster

Arthur John Kingham

Albert Rickett

WW II 1939-46

Harry Keen

Peter Ronald James Kingham

Fredrick Higgs

Vivien Prudent

George Mawson Holmes

Local Films

The East Anglian Film Archive holds footage from Bedfordshire, and have just produced two new DVDs entitled *Bedfordshire Memories Part 1* and *Part 2*. The DVDs tell the story of the county's history from the 1910s through to the 1960s, through a collection of rare archive films shot by both amateurs and professionals.

Other new releases: *Memories of Cambridgeshire and the Fens Part 1 & 2*.

You can buy them from www.archivefilmshop.co.uk Nice Christmas presents for some?

What a shambles !

Well I guess you may have seen the posters and decided to pass this time but more than 50 of us enjoyed a great night out at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 22 November.

The band was terrific once again entertaining us with some great old standards and some new material as well. As I am only given half a page I'll be light on detail but need to say thank you to Lorraine and team at Hepworth Catering ... none left so as always the "test for



the pudding" and all that. A massive Thank You to those who helped clear up at the end Also to the team on the night. But biggest thank you to all who supported and most importantly "The Shambles" for all the time and effort they put into practice and particularly to those who are students in distant parts and came back to play just for us..... THANK YOU !!!!!



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Madame Zola

I have to apologize for the last Madame Zola column which was hijacked by my nemesis & arch rival monsieur Zola. Now released from the cupboard and back in charge! Here are the predictions for this credit crunch Christmas and Frugal New Year.....

ARIES: (March 21-April 19)

You are an open and honest person and others seem to sense this in you. You may find that you can become overwhelmed by the needs of others so take care and look after yourself this festive season!

TAURUS: (April 20-May 20)

You attract much attention at the moment from a secret admirer. Some one has noticed your winning ways and magnetic charm so beware! Meanwhile, try to reign in the spending. Your generous spirit could run away with you!

GEMINI: (May 21-June 20)

This is the time of year when the lighter and more frivolous side of your nature could be revealed. Remember, life is a balance of work, rest and play. Perhaps you have not been playing enough!

CANCER: (June 21-July 22)

You hide a secret ambition and 2009 could be the year it comes to fruition. What you focus on is what you get and so, you may feel the need to push forward and look for those golden opportunities! Look out world!

LEO: (July 23-August 22)

There are some regrets about the past but the future is looking bright! Those old family difficulties will be resolved in this coming year and you will notice feeling calmer and clearer about your way forward

VIRGO: (August 23-September 22)

Do not panic about the financial situation. If you make rash decisions you may come to regret it.

Control your generosity this Christmas and feel the benefit in the New Year. There will be other opportunities to show loved ones they are appreciated.

LIBRA: (Sept 23-October 22)

Be prepared to welcome new people into your life. This coming year will provide forward movement and that old bored feeling will begin to shift.

Something's in the air & it feel's exciting!

SCORPIO: (October 23-November 21)

Your energy level is on the upalong with your luck. 2008 has its regrets but the New Year has a different feel to it.

Time to sharpen up your act. Clear out the cupboards...clear out your life!

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov 22-December 21)

The movement of the moon encourages you to be reflective. This introspective period may be just what you need to recharge those batteries. Do not rush....some things take a little longer!

CAPRICORN: (Dec 21-January 19)

You might feel that you have been overdoing it lately..... too much food, too much shopping, too much booze. But, remember, you can never have too many friends and your efforts will be rewarded!

AQUARIUS: (January 20-February 1)

You are in the right place at the right time to benefit from something special. An opportunity is coming your way and you will have to grab it without that hesitation you sometimes display.

PISCES: (February 19 - March 20)

You are firing on all cylinders this festive season. You seem to draw people towards you. Next year could see the recognition you have been waiting for & you will be making some big decisions!

To Jab or not to Jab

I met a friend recently who said there was no way she would have a flu jab, as she never gets colds and was not about to tempt providence.

Flu is *Not* a cold - far from it! Nor can flu be treated with antibiotics.

Most people get over a cold, even a severe one, in a few days and yes they can get a headache, runny nose, cough and even a sore throat. But FLU is another story and can be very, very serious, especially for people who are vulnerable.

Many people also think that flu is only for O.A.P's but this is not so. Do you fall into the following category? If so, you do need to think about protecting yourself from this terrible illness which in some cases can be fatal.

- Are you diabetic?
- Have you a kidney complaint
- Have you had a stroke?
- Are you over 65 years old
- Have you had asthma or a lung disease
- Have you had heart trouble

Or are you taking any medication that is likely to lower your natural defences?

Some folks are worried that they might get the flu if they have the jab, this too is not so, while a few people have had a mild reaction this only lasts a short while and is generally unusual.

We have all met someone who says they had the flu jab but still got the flu. This can happen, as there are various types of bugs. The jab is to protect you against the most common form and to help reduce the chances of you getting this awful illness.

Most doctor's surgeries will give further advice on individual cases before giving you the jab if you are at all concerned.

I have just returned from America and was amazed to see that every airport, railway station, shopping mall and supermarket were offering flu jabs by teams of nurses for about the cost of a prescription in this country. Why can't we do the same?



Nurse Shona Mercy



So protect yourself now - its not too late!!

Restaurant Review

Chez Jerome , Church Street Dunstable.

Some of you might know it when it was an Italian Restaurant but has now changed hands and not for the first time I understand. We dined there recently and can only say that the meal we chose was excellent.

There was a nice variety of dishes to suit all tastes and the fish was as good as any I have eaten at more expensive places. French Chef, French menu, but not French portions I was pleased to see . None of the “huge plate and miniscule servings” nonsense here.

The price? Well two of us had an aperitif (on the house) starter, main course, dessert, coffee and bottle of excellent house wine for £65.00. The service too was excellent, although it was not too busy. The waiter we had was very attentive without being ‘fussy’

No place is perfect and the down side was the restaurant itself. It needs a makeover. Why would anyone want to spoil one of the oldest buildings in Dunstable (I understand it is 15th Century) with Artex walls and ceilings when there are original oak beams and lots of character that could enhance the place.

If you want to check it out yourself it is on the internet and you can also view the menu. Parking is easy as there is a municipal car park adjacent which is free in the evenings.

Yes we will be going back again and do think it is well worth a visit.
Let us know what you think if you try it!!

Parish Tree Warden Free Tree Scheme 2008/2009

Although the title of this scheme is a bit of a mouthful the idea is very simple! Every year residents of the parish can apply for free trees and shrubs provided by Bedfordshire District Council.

There are numerous varieties of trees such as
Field Maple, Common Alder, Silver Birch, Hornbeam etc.
and for shrubs there are Dogwood, Hazel, Hawthorn, Spindle etc.

Landowners can also apply for a native species mix of hedging.

A full list can be found on any of the parish notice boards.

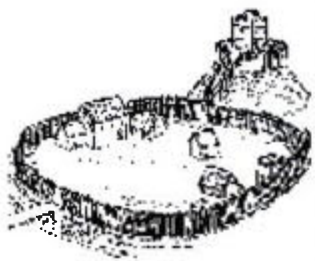
If anyone is interested please contact Tony Smith on 874716. *Parish Tree Warden*

WHAT'S IN YOUR DRAWERS?

from Florrie Bunda

Do you know the whereabouts or the origins of Chalgrave Castle?

Chalgrave Castle was a Motte and Bailey castle and was built around the year 1250 as an easily defended fortification. It consisted of a raised earth mound in the form of a small often artificial hill (Motte) topped with a stone or wooden structure known as a keep, the earth for the mound would be taken from a ditch dug around the motte the surface of which would be covered with clay or strengthened with wooden stakes.



The Bailey was an enclosed courtyard surrounded by a wooden fence called a palisade and overlooked by the Motte, the Bailey would typically contain a hall, stables for the horses and cattle a chapel and huts for slaves and servants.

Chalgrave Castle was situated south of Toddington (Grid Ref: 009274) it was extensively excavated in 1970 when the Motte was levelled so unfortunately nothing visible remains.

Winter warmer recipe

Lamb Leg with onions and thyme

Ingredients

Half leg of lamb

3 tbsp olive oil

1kg/2lb4oz onions

Handful of thyme sprigs

30ml/half pint red wine

Large handful parsley

1 Heat oven to 160c/fan 140c/Gas 3 Wipe the meat all over and season well. Heat the oil in a large heavy flameproof casserole add the meat then fry all over on a fairly high heat for about 8 mins, turning until evenly browned, remove to a plate,

2 Thinly slice the onions, add to the pan and fry for about 10 mins until softened and turning brown, add a few of the thyme sprigs and cook for a further minute or so. Season with salt and pepper.

3 Sit the lamb on top of the onions, then add the wine, cover tightly, bake for about 3 hours, chop parsley and scatter over before serving.

4 This dish is best served with boiled potatoes and cabbage or spring greens with lots of nice thick gravy.
Yummee



Plough Inn

The Quiz Evening held on alternative Tuesday evenings continues to attract a good crowd for what is essentially a fun evening.

The Cribbage team finished the season just six points from the top of the table and had a very enjoyable season.

Congratulations go to Rodney and Sandra who won the league doubles competition.



We will be looking for new players next season (which starts in April 2009) and anyone interested will be most welcome.

The Domino season has now started and we are doing pretty well in both the Barton and Ampthill leagues.

The Thursday night Whist and Tipple Sessions continue to be very popular and anyone wishing to come along will be very welcome.

Christmas bookings are heavier this year and anyone wishing to book during December should do sooner rather than later. Should you want a Christmas menu, please contact us and we will either post or e-mail one.

Also Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm the Houghton Regis Church Choir will be singing Christmas Carols. All are welcome to come a join us. You can either just listen to us or join in and sing along.

Roger and Theresa Burden

A Christmas Joke



A reindeer walked into a pub and orders a pint of beer. The barman is a little taken aback but he pours a pint of best and gives it to the reindeer who pays for it with a £10 note. The barman says 'I have to tell you that you are the first reindeer I have ever seen in my pub' and gives him his change. The reindeer looks at his change and replies 'at these prices I am not surprised!!'

Banter with Beelzebub



A male patient is lying in bed in the hospital, wearing an oxygen mask over his mouth and nose. A young, student nurse appears to give him a partial sponge bath.

Nurse', he mumbles, from behind the mask. 'Are my testicles black?'
Embarrassed, the young nurse replies, 'I don't know, Sir. I'm only here to wash your upper body and feet.'

He struggles to ask again, 'Nurse, please check. Are my testicles black?'
Concerned that he may elevate his blood pressure and heart rate from worry about his testicles, she overcomes her embarrassment and pulls back the covers.

She raises his gown, holds his manhood in one hand and his testicles in the other. Then, she takes a close look and says, 'There's nothing wrong with them, Sir!'

The man pulls off his oxygen mask, smiles at her and says very slowly, 'Thank you very much. That was wonderful, but, listen very, very closely.....'

A r e - m y - t e s t - r e s u l t s - b a c k ?

Our Missing Parish Council Reporter!

Many of you keen readers of the Chalgrave News will have noticed that our undercover reporter sent to the monthly Parish Council meetings has failed to file his copy for this issue under the title 'Ramblings on the Parish Council'.

Unfortunately Bill (Scoop) Archer is not too well at the moment and all at the Chalgrave News send our very best wishes.

Useful Contacts

Member of Parliament	Andrew Selous	01582 662821
Parish Council & Clerk	Mrs Lesley Smith	874716
Chairman	Philip Parry	875169
Vice Chairman	Ken Green (Grass cutting, Footpaths)	874107
Councillors	Frank Griffin (Planning, Street lights, Road signs)	874126
	Daniel Osborn	873920
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	Roger Mence	874516
	Derek Smith (Traffic calming)	874105
District Council	South Beds District Council	01582 472222
	Councillor Norman Costin	874232
County Council	Bedfordshire County Council	01234 363222
	Councillor Rhys Goodwin	210629
Chalgrave Church	Vicar Rev. Ann Crawford	872298
	Secretary Mrs M Hibbert	872828
	Warden Larry Ryan	
Schools	Lower St Georges	872360
	Middle Parkfields	872555
	Upper Harlington	873836
Home Watch Co-ordinator	Vacant	
Tree Warden	Tony Smith	874716
Doctors	Drs A Long/J Perkins	872222
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Chalgrave Memorial Hall	Chairman Roger Masters	873039
	Booking Sec. Debbie Hampson	877149
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	Secretary	
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