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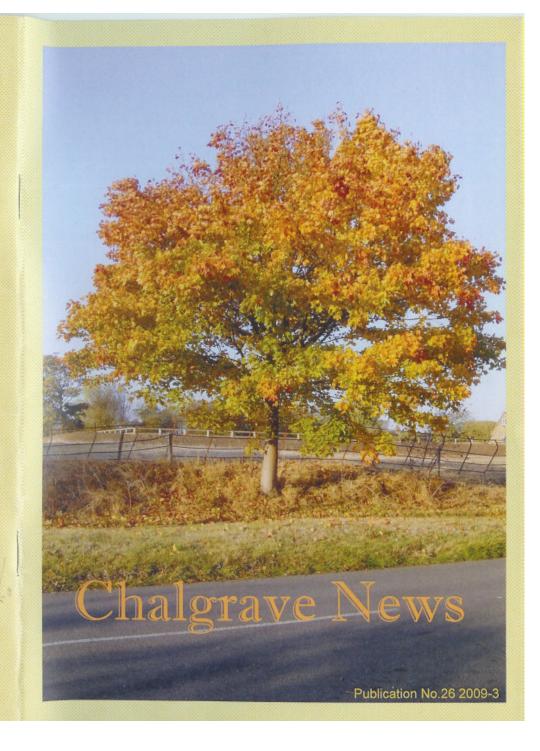
The Chalgrave News editorial team who have tried to bring you an entertaining and informative magazine over the last ten years or so are giving notice that this magazine will close after the Christmas 2009 edition unless someone out there is willing to recruit a new team to take over the responsibility for the writing, editing, printing and distribution of the magazine.

We (the editorial team) feel that we have exhausted our collective ideas and therefore think that it is time for "new blood" to take over.

If you are interested in forming a new team for this exciting project then please contact any one of the existing team and we promise we will encourage and support your endeavours every way we can for your first few issues, after that you will be fully conversant with the methods we use to create the magazine, you may wish to change some, or all of them and will hopefully come up with some new and innovative ideas for fundraising and financing the production of the magazine.

We sincerely hope to hear from some of you with a view to taking over what we feel is a very worthwhile cause which has been a fun and extremely enjoyable experience for all of us.

Roger, Lyndie, Tony and Mick



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
- Shambles Memorial Hall 28 November
- Look out for film nights at the Memorial hall
- Service of Remembrance at 3pm at the Memorial
 Hall on Sunday 8th November
- Christmas services at Chalgrave Church in December.

Your Magazine Needs You!

The editorial team of the Chalgrave News are still looking for new volunteers to take over the production of your local magazine.

Please see the back cover of this issue for more details.

Cover picture: Autumn Scene in Wingfield Road

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Editorial

elcome everybody to the late summer/early autumn edition of the Chalgrave News. We trust you all enjoyed the fabulous 'barbeque summer' that we didn't have? One wonders sometimes whether our forecasters should throw away all their wonderful sophisticated meteorological equipment and just stick their heads out of the door, or perhaps ask the farmers!

So we move briskly on to the X word. No, it will not be mentioned in this editorial despite a sighting of X... decorations and X... cards on sale in August. When will they listen to the grumpies of this world? X... season does not start until the second or even the third week of December!

Still bad news on the economy, but let's look on the bright side. We are told that because of the recession, congestion on our roads is down by 30%. This means you will only be stuck on the M25 for 7 hours and not 10 until the economy picks up again!

Good news on the Memorial Hall front, the committee have secured funding for an artificial grass surface for the play area. More about this inside this issue, but we at the News understand work will be starting before the end of the year.

Sadly, we have to report the deaths of two of the long time residents of The Lane in Tebworth. Greta Affleck died following a short illness in August and Frank Griffin, one of our Parish councillors died at Harefield hospital following a serious operation in September. Both will be remembered with affection and our sincere condolences go to both families.

Finally, we would like to thank all those of you who have approached us expressing concern at the possible closure of the Chalgrave News. It was nice to hear that it is enjoyed by so many people. The main problem is of course funding. We need to raise around £300 per edition and this is tough. In addition to this, we also feel the time is approaching when your existing editorial team need to pass on the baton.

So come on all you budding journalists out there, give us a call!

What's happened in Chalgrave since the last Chalgrave News

- · Road surfacing has been completed along the Chalgrave Road and Toddington Road
- · After the school holidays finished, tents were dried off and BBQs returned to their sheds September turned up all warm and dry!
- Sale of houses down The Lane has been brisk lately. Three have been sold in quick succession and long time residents of Lower Tebworth are moving to pastures new.
- There has been a large increase in crime around the parish in 2009
- The recession seems to be coming to an end three cheers!!!
- The parish council are looking to recruit a new councillor following the sad death of Frank Griffin
- Rumours have come to our attention that the promised cost savings we were told would happen with the reorganisation of the South Beds District Council. Mid Beds District Council and Beds County Council into the new Central Beds Council may now not be there. Lets hope this is just a rumour otherwise we will once again be faced with increased council tax bills in 2010!
- Glorious weather in September to compensate for the rain in July and August.

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Chairman's Report

From the Parish Council....

Frank Griffin. We were all deeply saddened and shocked by the news of the death of Frank. Not only have we lost a great friend but also a hard working and committed member of the Parish Council. He has been a Parish Councillor for over forty years and chaired the Planning Committee for many years. Frank was well known at District and County levels - and also made our views known at national level. His depth of knowledge and attention to detail will be sorely missed. Our thoughts go to Val and family.

We held a minute silence in memory of Frank.

We will be continuing Frank's terrific involvement into planning matters particularly the proposed housing development in South Beds spreading north of Houghton Regis. We will continue our fight to keep developers off the Green Belt, and making sure that any development is sited in the right place with the correct infrastructure.

There has been an increase fly tipping down The Lane. If you see anything suspicious please report it immediately to the police or to any of the Parish Council. We need to catch these people.

Also, there has been a spate of crime in the Parish with the slashing of car tyres down The Lane, two attempted break-ins and a burglary. Our local beat officer PC

Martin Pennell asks us to keep vigilant, beware distraction burglary and points out that some thieves drive across fields (now the harvest is over) and break into property from the rear. The number of police patrols through our Parish has been increased.

At the request of several parishioners please can you take 'wheely bins' off the pavement as soon as possible after they have been emptied? Not only do they look unsightly they do block the pavements.

Cllr. Ken Green is Chair of the Footpaths Committee and has been walking all the paths in the Parish making that they are accessible and that the styles and bridges are in good repair.

Cllr. Derek Smith has been out with our mobile speed sign to remind drivers of the speed limit and to record the number of speeding motorists.

You will notice that there has been work on the Hockliffe Road/A5 junction - we will have to see if it's enough to make that junction safe.

Finally, you are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Chairman Chalgrave Parish Council

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.

From the Rector of All Saints Church

It's not always possible for me to stay for coffee and chat with people after services at Chalgrave because I need to dash off to take the 11am service at Toddington. However I am keen to meet with people and to listen to their concerns, and can always be contacted at the Rectory in Leighton Road, or by phone (972298) or email (annie.anselm@btinternet.com). If anyone would like to meet with me in church then I'm usually to be found at All Saints on the first Saturday of the month between 10am and 11am. Tea and coffee always available!

Harvest Festival and Back-to-Church Sunday

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 27 September at 9.30am, with a Songs of Praise service celebrating harvest at 6pm the same evening. If you are able to help with decorating church or providing flowers, foliage or produce then Diane Boustred would be really pleased to hear from you (873903). Back-to-Church Sunday, which is a national initiative and will be advertised around the country on television and radio, is also being held on the same Sunday.

We would love to see you whenever you wish to come to church – you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Altar and Westward facing celebrations

Last year the PCC considered a proposal to move the altar forward slightly so that the priest, during a service of Holy Communion, can face the congregation during the Eucharistic prayer, which is the usual practice in Anglican churches today. Permission has to be granted from the diocese before this can be done legally, and notices will soon appear on the church notice board giving details of the proposed move.

Woodworm

Many thanks go to the eagle eyed observance of our church warden Margaret Chalmers who, while on her hands and knees sweeping underneath one of the pews, noticed a rather large quantity of sawdust. On further investigation it became apparent that a severe infestation of woodworm had caused widespread damage to one particular pew and immediate action needed to be taken to prevent the spread to other pews. Within a few days the necessary treatment had been completed and we are now, thanks to Margaret's vigilance and quick work in contacting the architect, woodworm-free. We are also indebted to Alan Stephens who carried out the repair work to the pew and has done such a great job.

*** Dates for your Diary ***

Chalgrave:

- ♦ Churches Together Breakfast at The Plough, Wingfield 9.30am Sat 24 Oct
- Please contact Rector if you'd like to join us for breakfast
- Remembrance Sunday 9.30am Sunday 8 November with
- Service of Remembrance at 3pm at the Memorial Hall, Tebworth

Toddington:

- 'Light Fantastic' children's afternoon workshop Sat 31 Oct. For more details see St George's Church notice board.
- Service of Thanksgiving for the Bereaved 3pm Sunday 1 November. A special service for those who would like to remember and give thanks for the lives of their loved ones. There will be an opportunity to plant spring bulbs in the churchyard after the service in their memory.
 Tea and coffee available after the service.
- Remembrance Sunday 9.30am Sunday 8 November followed by Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance around the War Memorial on the green at 10.45am.

The Rev Anne Crawford

What's in Your Drawers? By Florrie Bunda

A BIT MORE ABOUT THE PARISH IN WHICH YOU LIVE

parishes in the county and can be traced back to the year 911 when, on orders from the King it was purchased from the Danes, this was the first written record of a land transfer in England.

Two entries were made in the Doomsday Book, compiled in 1086, regarding Chalgrave (then referred to as Celgrave). The main entry refers to a manorial holding, held for the King by Albert of Lorraine, who had gained possession of it by 1066, and was one of All that remain are some oddly shaped the few major landowners who kept his land after the Conquest. In the middle ages the majority of the memorial demesne, (land attached to a of previous dwellings in the area. manor and retained for the owners own The church was administered by the use), lay as a large compact block of priors of Dunstable and, in 1273 closes and woodland in the east of the Dunstable Priory granted a Chantry to parish. The manorial (later parish) Sir Peter Loring. church, and manor house adjoining, More information regarding the history stood in an isolated position towards the of All Saints and the parish can be found house was later built further east. There Chalgrave" which can be found in the was never a major medieval settlement church. in this part of the parish. The remaining land in the parish was laid out in large areas of arable, with substantial tracts of meadow adjoining the streams; it was cultivated from the settlements at Tebworth and Wingfield, which each had their own common field systems. The earthwork remains of the 12th century manor house site survived until

1970, when it was levelled for agriculture: they consisted of a low mound, or motte, and an adjoining Chalgrave was one of the earliest courtyard, or bailey, lying immediately south east of the church. (details of which were published in The Chalgrave News Dec 2008).

All Saints Church Chalgrave

The pretty church of All Saints, Chalgrave that stands in splendid isolation on the hill and surrounded by Chestnut trees is the sole survivor of a number of small settlements which once made up local life, now gone forever. mounds and ditches and in many fields is the evidence of the old ridge and furrow system that gives testimony to a number

edge of this demesne; a new manor in "A brief guide to All Saints Church

A three legged dog walked into a saloon in the Wild West and propped up the bar. "What can I get you" said the barman. The dog replied, "I'm looking for the man who shot my Paw"

Warm Front

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THE WEATHER FORECAST

Don't you get a bit cheesed off with all these highly paid under talented young, and not so young, weather "experts" telling us that there will be an Indian summer this year or some such nonsense and getting it completely wrong, when all you have to do is look around you and observe the natural world getting ready for the next spell of weather that nature is going to throw at you.

I was chatting with the parish's foremost expert on the subject - The Chalgrave Mole - recently and he was a fount of knowledge regarding the forecasting of weather, for instance do you know the expression

A cow with its tail to the west makes the weather best. A cow with its tail to the east makes the weather least.

This means that as cows prefer not to face the wind, any wind coming from the West usually brings fair weather.

Another one he said was Seagull, seagull sit on the sand, its never good weather when you're on the land.

This is because seagulls dislike sitting or standing, they are much happier in the air but they find gusty turbulent winds difficult to contend with. But even so seagulls standing in groups does not predict bad weather it is more likely that the weather is already bad. We were still chatting when along came old Seth, he used to be a gamekeeper somewhere up north and he had his own tales to tell, for example

When windows won't open and salt clogs the shaker, the weather will favour the umbrella maker.

He explained that moisture in the air that makes wood swell and salt to absorb moisture usually precedes wet weather.

Another bit of country wisdom was, A summer fog for fair, A winter fog for rain, A fact most everywhere, in valley or on plain

This is a bit more scientific to explain, suffice to say that in the summer with clear nights it is much easier for the heat of the day to escape into space thus causing the air to cool enough so that vapour pressure encourages condensation over evaporation.

Finally the expression Red sky at night Shepherds delight, Red sky at morning Shepherds warning.

Again I won't bore you with the scientific details, but it all true to a certain extent because it has to do with weather systems moving round the Earth in an Easterly direction due to the earths rotation.

So after all this insight into the marvellous ways the countryside lets you know what is going to occur, I feel absolutely sure that the next time I see a cow through the fog, facing west with a flock of seagulls perched in its back and I can't get out of my back door 'cos the damn thing has stuck again I shall go back to bed until it has stopped raining.

Queens Head Update

Hello all you lovely Chalgraveite people, it is I the local equivalent of Victor Meldrew, or so people say. Would it surprise you to hear that I have nothing to complain about

in this issue of The Chalgrave News; I thought so! The reason is that I am still in shock because I have just found out that this superb little magazine may close at the end of the year, and that would be really sad, after all the hard work that has gone into it over the last ten years or so.

To cheer you and myself up I shall promise not to sing any more on a Friday night. I shall leave it to the professionals, talking of which here are some of the acts I have booked over the next few weeks.

Sept 4thPete Spence	Sept 11thKeith West		
Sept 18thChris Jones	Sept 25thJim Turner		
Oct 2ndLennie	Oct 9thSteve Jones		
Oct 16thPete Spence	Oct 23rdKeith West		
Oct 30thtba	Nov 6thSteve Jones		
Nov 13thLennie	Nov 20thKeith West		
Nov 27thPete Spence			

The Monday night musical extravaganzas are becoming very popular with Harry and Steve bringing all their mates along so we sometimes end up with seven or eight singers all performing during the evening, this is every other Monday so it will be on Sept 11th and the next one will be on the 25th, please come along it really is great fun.

Hope to see you soon, Colin

Dear Friends

We would like to express our gratitude for all the lovely cards of sympathy and your generous donations to the Pasque Hospice. Bill would be pleased that his memory has been marked in this way.

We appreciate your sharing with us your warm memories about Bill. We know he enjoyed the camaraderie of village life, particularly helping with the Chalgrave games and the concerts. We were very touched by the tribute paid to him in the last edition of the Chalgrave News.

He was brave in his illness and always considerate of his family. We will miss him dearly.

Our regards Pat Archer and Family Chalgrave Sports Club

The cricket ground is looking in really good condition thanks mainly to the hard work put in by Nev Andrews. We are still looking for equipment such as gang mowers and other mowing equipment as how little we know about the Spanish all our mowers were stolen from the container at the cricket field. If anyone can help with this equipment please contact Roger at The Plough on 873077. Unfortunately there seems to have been a spate of these type of thefts in the vicinity this summer.

The cricket season has now finished and Toddington have retained their title with The Plough runners up.

The highlight of the season was the 10/10 cricket competition in which The Plough relinquished their hold on the trophy to finish runner up to Toddington. Congratulations to Toddington on their double success. The weather for the day was really kind and we had some thrilling matches. The barbecue stall was a great success as was the beer tent.

We now focus on the presentation and race night on Saturday 26 September which again promises to be a sell out. A big thanks go to all the race sponsors, Toddington Butchers, Sigma Office, Victoria public house, Dunstable, The Plough Inn, Klassic Kutz, Signs of The Times, Steadfast Roofing Merchants Limited and K and K Pet Foods.

Roger Burdon

Book Club

.Hello Everybody, Here we are again after a quiet summer.

My first report is of Victoria Hyslop's 'The Visit', which made us all realise War, which we found very interesting and sad. 'Could it happen here?' someone asked. The story of the girl tracing her family through the war was interspersed with the history and meaning of Spanish dances. Although we all said we preferred her last book 'The Island' the general opinion of this was 'a very good read'.

Next came 'The Shack' by William P Young. This is the only book in the history of the book club that we all agreed on not liking! Although some of us found it funny the general consensus was 'RUBBISH!' It was about a troubled man spending a few days in a shack with Jesus, who was portrayed as a simple minded hippy, The Holy Spirit, who reminded me of Tinkerbelle and God who started off as a Whoopee Goldberg double, and then became a Willie Nelson look alike. A resounding NO!

The latest book we have finished was by Lynwood Barclay, 'Too Close To Home' a thriller hot off the press. This is the second novel we have read by him and, again, the first one was considered to be better. However it is a definite page-turner, about a family who were

brutally murdered by mistake - the baddies were aiming for their neighbours.

The characters are well drawn. especially the mayor, who, despite being grants meeting in December. despicable, gained some sneaking admiration from a few of the group. The main criticism was the overuse of four letter words.

Our current read is 'The Bolter' by Frances Osborne. This is set soon after the First World War and is based on fact. Roger Masters Idina Sackville shocked high society by leaving her multi-millionaire father and running off to Africa with a penniless man. She went on to divorce five times. Sounds interesting and was evidently the inspiration for Nancy Mitford's character The Bolter painted by William Orpen and photographed by Cecil Beaton.

I do want to mention Leslie's father, Jack, who sadly died last month. He read all our books and we will all remember the lovely man who came to one of our meetings and won all us ladies over. Our sympathy to Lesley and family. Enjoy the rest of the summer, Linda Hadden

The Memorial Hall

It has been a quiet summer but now we are back from holidays etc., we will be moving ahead will the resurfacing of the children's' play area.

YES, we have been awarded a grant from the Community Aggregate Fund 2009/10 (COMMA) for approximately 80% of the cost of an artificial surface to the play area, totalling over £13000. We have now only got to find the extra to

start the work. Hopefully we will be able to obtain some 'match funding from the new Central Bedfordshire Unitary Authority and will find out after its next

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 8.00 pm at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday October 21st when all are welcome.

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Andrew Selous MP

MORE LOCAL JOBS MUST BE TOP PRIORITY

I had my hair cut locally last week and the main preoccupation of the lady who cut my hair, quite understandably, was the fact that her eighteen year old son had lost his job and was on jobseeker's allowance (JSA). She told me that he had looked all over Dunstable without success. I suggested that he look at gaining a skill at Central Bedfordshire College (Dunstable College that was). We need our local economy to be able to provide that young man and many others with the means of earning a living, so that people do not need to have to commute miles for work. In my view, local economic regeneration needs to be at the very top of the agenda of our local Councils and all the assorted regional bodies that have power over us.

Every month the House of Commons library compiles a research paper on unemployment for every constituency in the country and it makes pretty uncomfortable reading for every constituency in the whole of Bedfordshire. The plain facts are that we have had much larger increases in unemployment locally than has been the case in the rest of England. In the twelve years to July 2009, in England as a whole, claimant count unemployment rose by 3%, whereas it rose by significantly more than this in every Bedfordshire constituency and was up 69% in my own constituency of South West Bedfordshire. In the year to July 2009, claimant count unemployment rose by 81% in England as a whole, but by 142% in South West Bedfordshire and by more than the 81% increase for England, in Luton North, Mid Bedfordshire and North East Bedfordshire. The increases in Luton South and Bedford were only just below the average for England.

What all this shows is that Bedfordshire has been underperforming economically, compared with our neighbouring counties and the rest of England. I am an optimist and believe we can do better than this. Our geographical position in the greater south east, our proximity to London and our national motorway and rail access are big natural advantages as are our good schools and beautiful countryside.

When a government minister visited recently he asked what Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable and Houghton Regis were for, in economic terms. That is a fair question and one that needs to engage our local business

community, our Councils, our College and our regional institutions. While local councils can not pick the economic winners of the future, they can work with local businesses to meet their needs and help attract clusters of the industries of the future to our area. We already have two internationally renowned information technology companies locally, which should give us a basis to attract more. Small businesses need help to find somewhere cheap to operate from while their business grows.

I am also keen to see more local procurement from our councils. A local builder told me recently that he had built schools for councils all over the south east but none in South Bedfordshire where he was based. I hope we can change that. We must also be wary about turning over employment land for housing. A sustainable community needs enough local jobs for the population and not just targets which relate overwhelmingly to housing growth.

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



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Front Gardens Competition

It is no different to other years - choosing one garden for this coveted award results in heated discussions and several hours of wine sampling. Some of the gardens were a real tribute to their owners and it would have been easy to choose several joint firsts! After much hand wringing and deliberation we chose this



garden belonging to Eddie & Tina Wadsworth. This small front garden has been delightfully colourful and tidy all through the summer and we especially liked the



extension of the garden to accommodate the flowers underneath the Chalgrave/ Wingfield sign.

This is a lovely gesture and we have all enjoyed these flowers as we drive past.

Congratulations and we hope you enjoy your gift voucher.

Letter to the Editor

Thank you

We would like to thank all the people who sent cards, messages and flowers on hearing of Frank's death. We received over 100 cards and feel very humbled to know that Frank was held in such high esteem by so many people. Their help, understanding and kindness has comforted us at such a devastating time.

Our sincere thanks also to the Rev Anne Crawford for her support and for conducting the Service of Thanksgiving for Frank's life.

Our thanks also to Peter Freeman who played the organ and Dianne Boustred for arranging the Church flowers.

Val Griffin and family.

Madame Zola

Madam Zola did not foresee that she would be indisposed this month.

Nevertheless, here are our alternative predictions for October



ARIES: (March 21-April 19)

The 17th and 22nd will be lucrative for you in October. Too bad the 1st through the 16th and the 18th through the 21st will be riddled with unforeseen expenses. However, things will improve from the 23rd through the end of the month. Except for the 24th, when you might experience mechanical problems and the 26th which you will not be feeling at your best. Unpredictable days include the 3rd, 7th and 11th. The morning of the 14th might be a little iffy. But by the evening of the 15th things will look much better, compared to the 12th and the 19th. If on the 2nd, you're unsure of how accurate this horoscope is, wait until the 28th. Oh, by the way, your lucky number this month is 1.

TAURUS: (April 20-May 20)

With great determination, A LOT of patience, extremely good medical coverage, ample support from family members, cooperation from your children, minimal expectations from your employer and an "I could give a hoot!", attitude, you just might make it through October. On the other hand...you might not!

GEMINI: (May 21-June 20)

You will experience severe mood swings in October. Just like last month, the month before that and the month before that and the month before that. Either you are menopausal or just foul tempered.

CANCER: (June 21-July 22)

I July you will finally meet that "Someone Special"! That "Someone" that you've waited your whole life to meet. That perfect soul mate who only comes along once in a lifetime. That one individual that will make you whole! Unfortunately, if you have children they will throw a temper tantrum immediately after you say "Hello" to each other and all chance of it turning into a long term relationship will be lost forever. You may also have some explaining to do to your existing partner!

LEO: (July 23-August 22)

Last year was the year of the monkey, the year before that, the year of the

dog. Prior years included the year of the tiger, ram, dragon and rat. As soon as the year of the ass comes around, you're in business, unless you start really doing those aerobic workouts.

VIRGO: (August 23-September 22)

October is the month that you will achieve your dream. That's right, you know, the one where you are on a beautiful Caribbean island, surrounded by lush greenery, being fanned by natives and waited on hand and foot by gorgeous island creatures, who will be dressed only the barest of tropical island wear. Enjoy the dream...no matter what you achieve, it's still just a dream. Tough.

LIBRA: (September 23-October 22)

Every cloud has a silver lining....And boy could you use a silver lining in October. Come to think of it, you could use a little cloud, a little sky, a little sympathy, a little cash, a little understanding, a little break, a little chocolate, a little clue that this just isn't going to be your month.

SCORPIO: (October 23-November 21)

Scorpions beware. That old girl/boyfriend you've dreamed of for years, the one that has always had a little piece of your heart, has been reincarnated. To bad for you, it is a cross reincarnation with that of your ex. So be on your toes for new love in your life. It's a Jekyl—Hyde kind of thing.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22-December 21)

You will be on a shopping spree in October. All new clothes. It doesn't matter that you can't afford them. Throw all credit card caution to the wind....Why? Because that 10lbs you gained is really showing and you can't fit into anything in your wardrobe. Of course, this means Novembers horoscope won't read much better for you either.

CAPRICORN: (December 21-January 19)

There are those with luck and those without. In past years, you've always been one to cry out that you have no luck at...well, October is your month, you're really moving up the ladder, I'm happy that you are only two steps away from Good Luck...you will just move up one step to bad luck.

AQUARIUS: (January 20-February 1)

When the moon is in the seventh planet and Jupiter aligns with Mars. Then peace will guide the planets and love will see the stars. This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius and unfortunately, you will sleep in!

PISCES: (February 19 - March 20)

It is clear that Jupiter has been concerned about your alcohol intake for quite a while and is influencing your mind using the ancient planetary technique of dreams. Caffeine and mineral supplements should be embraced until you feel better.





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The Woodcraft Folk is an educational movement for children and young people, aiming to develop children's self-confidence and involvement in their community, to encourage friendship and co-operation, while at the same time having lots of fun! Typical activities include creative craft projects such as making collages, or map reading, hiking and playing games. There are also opportunities to go on camps.

New members and adult volunteers are always welcome.

Please phone leader Chris Braithwaite on 01525 370900.



Restaurant Review - Galloways, Woburn

A favourite of ours for several years we feel this restaurant worthy of this slot in this section. Galloways nestles in the Market Square behind the old town hall in Woburn in a 17th Century building with low beams and quaint uneven floors. The walls are completely covered with signed pictures of celebrity sports people many from the golfing fraternity.

The food served is based on good fresh ingredients many sourced locally and the selection is quite varied. It is not a large menu - about 8 main courses to choose from but it is changed regularly.

Starters are priced from £5.00 and main courses from £13.00 with most around £15.00/£16.00 each. Desserts are £5.00 each.

Galloways has a really good selection of wines (if a little on the expensive side) and your host David will make a good suggestion if you ask, to compliment the food you order.

The atmosphere is great, service friendly and well timed. Try it next time you have a special occasion but don't forget to book if you are going on Friday or Saturday as it is often full.

Bedfordshire Walking Festival

The first Bedfordshire Walking Festival (see last edition of the Chalgrave News) was a success with many non walkers joining regular walkers from Bedfordshire and beyond on most of the Rambler led walks throughout the 9 days.

Festival organiser Barry Ingram said "The near perfect weather, publicity from local newsletters, Libraries and local radio encouraged lots of people to join in and step out into Bedfordshire's countryside, some for the first time. Lots of favourable comments have been made mostly asking when is the next one! Twelve people joined the Chalgrave Heritage Trail on Sunday 6th Sept. which was good considering it was only added to the Festival 10 days before and only appeared on the Festival website.

There is a leaflet available on the Chalgrave Heritage Trail and the Ivel Valley Walkers, Bedfordshire's most active group is celebrating its 25th Anniversary later this year and is producing a book containing 25 walks of varying lengths all based in Bedfordshire. All the walks have been supplied by members, all walks have been checked and the walk description will be accompanied by a map. The book will be available in Bedfordshire Bookshops from 22nd November.

Frank Griffin

It is with profound sadness that we report that Frank died on Saturday 29th August with complications following major heart surgery.

Frank was an engineer. He worked for two companies, AC Delco and Texas Instruments where he received an Award of Excellence for Professionalism and was a much respected manager travelling the world.



In his youth he used to box as well as play rugby and snooker. He was an accomplished musician playing the saxophone and performing with a band in local venues.

Frank worked tirelessly for the Parish Council and for the benefit of the residents of Chalgrave. He was a Parish Councillor for over 40 years and chaired the planning committee. He was well known and respected by District and County Councillors and by our M.P's. Frank was a trustee of the West Charity and a school governor of the village school in Tebworth. He had a great depth of knowledge of and dedication to Parish matters.

Frank appeared in the recent "Old Time Music Hall" productions. He also took part in the village concerts which took place every year from 1971 until the old hall was demolished. The tradition was that the men used to perform a version of the women's number from the previous year's production. For example one year the women did the "Can Can", the next year Frank was one of the four male "Can Can" dancers.

A dedicated family man, Frank and Valerie were married in 1959 and had four children. They celebrated their 50th anniversary earlier this year.

Frank was meticulous, hard working, gentle, courteous and helpful - he will be sorely missed.



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n the rare occasions that I am invited to a party or social gathering and people find out that I am a car dealer, the "second" thing they say, (the first is please go and sit next to someone else) is "what's the best used car to buy"? or "what's my car worth"? At this point I have usually gone and sat next to someone else as I buy and sell cars all day every day, and would rather talk about Motor Bikes, Jet Aircraft or what the neighbours are up to! But, as I have a moment, what is the best used car to buy?

I cannot narrow it down to any particular make & model, because everybody's needs are different, there are however a few guidelines - Parker's Guide if you like, which are...

German or Japanese with the possible exception of a few Fords, a sweeping statement but true never the less. Have a look at all the surveys that seem to be everywhere and always at the top are Japanese cars, a bit lower down the German ones, somewhere in the middle are Ford, (the new Focus and Mondeo are very good) and always at the bottom are the French. I am sorry but the French make great cheese, reasonable wine and have fabulous roads, but rotten cars. Never buy one that's not under the manufacturer's warranty, you will regret it.

Always look for a car that has been well looked after with a good service history, I have seen cars at 3 years old with low mileage that look like they have been involved in a "train crash", and other much older ones that are like new. It's all about the previous owner! The better quality the car is to start with, the better it will stand up to everyday use. (Elderly owners are particularly good at looking after their cars because they have the time, that's one reason why Honda's make a great used buy).

As a general rule, if the car has had a dog in it, or has been smoked in, and you will know by the smell which you will never get out, buy something else. In any case dogs have legs and need exercise so they can walk, plus there should be a law about smoking in cars (there is a law stopping you doing most other things!), because cigarette butts thrown out of car windows can hit innocent motorcyclists like me! Be cautious of baby seats as they leave marks if people don't spend £20 on a seat protector, especially on leather. Colours? Silver & Blue are the best,

Black looks good for about ten minutes then you spend all your spare time cleaning it and trying to polish all the marks off! White is good on the right car and is back in fashion, don't buy red unless it's a Ferrari!

You can set a budget but don't take the advice of some writers, (most of whom have never sold a car in their life and only get free press cars to drive) which says 'never go over your budget - complete rubbish! You would not want to miss a car that is perfect for you for £50 or £100. Additionally, buy a car that YOU want, that suits you, it's your money after all, so buy a 2 seater sports car if you want and don't worry about the one time next year that you need to give someone a lift, they can walk or get the bus. (Unless it's grandma who wants the lift and she's lending you the money, in which case you might want to re-think that, but I wouldn't!)

So. Being an expert, what would I buy-money no object? There cannot be just one car. To answer this there will need to be at least 3. A **sports car** for weekends and sunny days, probably an Aston Martin Vantage Convertible, making sure you have ticked the "enormous engine" option!

Secondly, an **everyday car** to carry children, shopping, old people or all 3, a 4x4 would do, something like an BMW X5 which would have the added benefit of annoying the green environmentalist looney party who would leave notes on it about saving the planet, then drive off in something throwing out lots more carbon dioxide than mine without being seen.

Finally, an everyday runabout, the new Fiat 500 which I will exclude from my German or Japanese rule because it is **superb** and I don't care that it will fall apart! It would be Yellow with Red leather and I would take it in at night so it didn't get cold and give it warm milk!

As to" what's your car is worth"? - nothing, unless someone wants to buy it and

then it's worth what they will pay you for it, which will depend on many things one of the most important being mileage then desirability and condition. Mileage is important because buyers are very mileage sensitive and want the lowest they can get, desirability because people "want" and aspire to certain makes and models, (little boys don't have pictures of Hyundai's on their bedroom wall now do they)? And there's condition.....remember what I said about previous owners?



John Parker

40,000 (or is it now 70,000??)

New Houses in Central Bedfordshire

n the 8th September the Chalgrave News joined a small number of residents, led by Ken Green on behalf of our parish council, to a public consultation event hosted by the East of England Regional Assembly (known as the EERA) at the new Central Bedfordshire council offices based in Chicksands.

The meeting was hosted by Cllr. Tricia Turner, the Leader Central Beds Council, and attended by around 200 residents representing parish and town councils and other organisations across the Central Beds Council area.

The speaker was Adrian Cannard, Head of Planning and Housing EERA and he gave a well rehearsed presentation with many facts and figures which basically came down to the government's estimation that the whole of the South of England will, over the next 20 years, have a growing economy and a population expanding by up to 50,000 people per year, which along with other social trends creates a demand for substantial new housing. The various proposed sites for this new housing in the Central Bedfordshire area are already well known to all of us.

His presentation was followed by a question and answer session with the involvement of a pro new housing expert panel comprising of Cllr. Roy Davis, Exective Member, Luton Borough Council; Richard Sarraff, Executive Director, Renaissance Board Bedford and none other than Cllr.Tom Nicols, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development, Central Beds Council. Yes, the same Tom Nicols who we recently elected as one of our local Central Beds councillors! We wonder how many people voting for him realised that he was in favour of the new housing plans for this area which so many residents are against!

We think it a fair reflection of the meeting to say that not one of the audience were in favour of the new housing plans and it appeared that neither was Cllr. Tricia Turner who chaired the meeting!

Here in no particular order is a summary of some of the questions put to the expert panel and the panel's response.

The need for new houses is to cope with a future rising population in this area caused by the creation of new jobs. What about the existing high level of

unemployed people in the area? How are jobs for these to be created before creating jobs to bring new people into the area? No real plan other than new jobs for existing jobless will be created as the economy improves.

Is the infrastructure needed (such as new hospitals, schools, roads etc) going to be put in place before the proposed new houses are to be built and how is this going to be paid for? The funding for infrastructure appears to fall on the shoulders of the house builders but no one in the audience could see how this would work as the potential builders would have to sell completed houses before they could provide the level of funds needed.

Concerns were raised about the provision of the huge increase in electricity/gas and water needed to service such a large number of new homes. Of particular concern was the provision of extra water as our supplies are already having to be shipped from Rutland. The replies given were very vague and on the lines of we must all learn to use less power and water in the future. One response regarding increased water supplies was that these would come from collecting more water from future wetter winter months due to climate change.

Another question related to world food shortages and the fact that we have to import so much of our food now. Why is it that the planned new houses will be built on productive land which will only add to further importing of food to the UK? This question was not given any clear answer.

There were many more questions put to the panel, and in fact the Q & A session had to be brought to a close as it had overrun its allotted time before everyone who wanted to had the chance to put their questions to the panel.

As we stated earlier the panel faced an audience hostile to their proposals but we came away with the feeling that the decision on the new housing was already made by government and would not be overturned no matter what anyone said and that this meeting was just a P.R. exercise so that future reports could say that the local residents had been consulted.

More details of the plans can be found on the EERA website www.eera.gov.uk

and there is also still time to lodge your comments for or against the plans through the website but these must be lodged by 24th November 2009.

CRIME IN WINGFIELD

s we all know crime in our Parish in past years has been a fairly rare occurrence and Bedfordshire Police have always graded us as a 'below average' crime area.

So what has happened this year in Wingfield, where to our knowledge at least 13 crimes ranging from burglary, attempted burglary, criminal damage and suspicious activity have so far been reported to the police? There are just over 40 properties in Wingfield.

The surprising thing is that many of the residents of Wingfield have no idea that these crimes are happening and so are not taking added precautions to guard against becoming a victim themselves.

We do not want to cause anyone undue alarm and worry but as policing of our village seems next to non existent (well when did you last see a police officer walking or even driving around Wingfield?), we can all help each other and the police by being more vigilant.

For example on the afternoon before a couple of attempted burglaries a resident spotted 3 men on a footpath who were not recognised as locals or ramblers (ramblers are the ones who carry bags on their backs without the word 'swag' written on them!) who were having a good look around at the fields behind the houses. The same houses that were the subject of attempted burglaries that night. Unfortunately the resident was not aware of the crime problems in the village but had they been aware they would have reported this situation to the police and might have been able to obtain a vehicle registration number.

Your Chalgrave News Team have spoken to the police who confirm that they are aware of the '2009 crime wave' and have asked us to report anything suspicious to them as soon as possible no matter how small an incident. If we can get descriptions and details of any vehicles so much the better. (One suspicious vehicle is a silver saloon car where part of the registration number is W 442).

Apart from private houses did you know that earlier this year Chalgrave Church had their grass cutting equipment stolen? A few months later and the Village Hall also had their new ride on mower stolen, then in September, Chalgrave Sports Club had around £1000 of lawn mowers stolen (in the early afternoon) followed by a second break in a short time later presumably hoping to steal any replaced

equipment, but fortunately the store was empty.

Tebworth are also having similar problems this year and in early October more grass cutting equipment and power tools were stolen from a property.

The question has to be asked - where is the policing we all pay for and what is being done to give the parish increased policing during this upturn in criminal activity? We want these people caught so that Wingfield and the rest of our parish can return to its former peaceful self.

If you have a computer you can become a member of a scheme called Ringmaster that is run by Bedfordshire police. This is an information service which alerts you to crimes being carried out in the South Beds area and is a very useful way to make householders aware of any increases in crime in their home area. It also gives tips on how to increase your own protection against becoming a victim of crime. It is a free service and can be found by searching for 'Bedfordshire Police Ringmaster'.

Here is an extract from the last Ringmaster message received.

- Outbuildings, sheds and garages can be especially vulnerable to criminals and are often not the best place to store high value items.
- Always lock sheds and garages and help keep sheds secure with a good quality padlock and hasp.
- If possible anchor down items like bikes and lawn mowers.
- Consider an alarm and make sure your security lighting is covering your shed and garage.
- Report any suspicious activity, or vehicles in the area.
- Remember that the dark nights are drawing in don't let yourself and your property become vulnerable.

We do not want to cause anyone worry or concern by reporting this year's increase in crime but it is fairly obvious that as residents of the parish we can all help each other and the police by being more aware of what has been going on and reporting anything to the police we see that might be suspicious when it happens. Even simple things like a slow driving van or car where it is not an obvious delivery vehicle. Get the registration number and phone it through to the police. They will not think you are wasting their time and one phone call could catch these thieves and put a stop to this crime wave.

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9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm £6.50 per hour		£11.50 per hour		
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Swine Flu Precautions

Nurse Shona Mercy is still in a state of shock following the sale of her house the day it went on the market. Rumour has it that she and the mole have gone to ground and that the mole has booked their tickets for a one way journey to Scotland!

So after the reports this week that swine flu is escalating to Phase II of the epidemic we thought we would provide some basic information from the Government Swine Flu Help Site.

If you feel you may have swine flu you can visit the National Pandemic Flu Service on line, or telephone 0800 1 513 100. When you relay them your symptoms they will give you a unique access number and tell you where the nearest antiviral collecton point is. You should then ask a friend or relative who doesn't have any flu symptoms to go and collect the antiviral drugs. Your friend will need to have their own proof of identity as well as your ID.

If you have any of the following, contact your doctor directly rather than using the National Pandemic Service.

- ♦ You have a serious underlying illness
- ♦ You are pregnant (there can be complications)
- You have a sick child under one year old
- ♦ Your condition suddenly gets much worse
- Your condition is still getting worse after seven days (five for a child).

Many people are having only mild flu symptoms.

If you are one of these lucky people then go home and keep warm in bed.

CLEVER ANAGRAMS

PRESBYTERIAN: When you rearrange the letters: BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER: When you rearrange the letters: MOON STARER

THE MORSE CODE: When you rearrange the letters: HERE COME DOTS

DORMITORY: When you rearrange the letters: DIRTY ROOM

SLOT MACHINES: When you rearrange the letters: CASH LOST IN ME

The Plough

The Plough crib team are in touch with the league leaders. Only 2 points separate the top four teams with 2 games left so a thrilling finish is in store. We are also joint first place at the moment in the team doubles competition.

We also have a representative in the form of Dave Smith who has reached the semi finals of the league singles.

The cricket team finished runners up in both the league and the 10/10 competition and an enjoyable season was had by all.

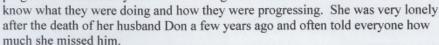
The last PIGS golf day was played on the Duchess course at Woburn. The weather was kind to us and a fantastic day was enjoyed by everyone.

The Whist and Tipple card school on Thursday nights goes from strength to strength and is an enjoyable evening.

The quiz evening which is held on alternate Tuesday nights (starts 9pm) is still very popular and anyone wishing to take part in the quiz will be very welcome. Remember to book early for Christmas meals - Yes I know it is still only October but we are already taking bookings and so to avoid disappointment give us a ring as soon as possible on 01525 873077. We look forward to seeing you. *Roger*

Greta Affleck

We are very sad to have to report the death of Greta Affleck at the age of 79 who had lived in Tebworth all her life. Greta was very popular with all her neighbours and was always extremely interested in everyone's welfare. She especially asked about all the children and their progress even after they had left the village and wanted to



The last few years had been a challenge as she had not enjoyed the best of health, but Greta never gave in to the demands of this and continued taking pleasure in her garden and daily visits to her sister Mrs Heaps. Greta was very close to her sister and living so near to one another meant that the chores could be done together. That is how many of us will remember Greta, happily greeting us down the lane with Mrs Heaps, Meg and Buster on their afternoon dog walk!

Her death was a great shock and she will be greatly missed.



Auntie Agnes's Problem Page

Personal Problems Resolved with a Smile

My dear readers. Today I must once again offer an apology to a family in our parish who have asked me to refer to them only as Mr & Mrs X as they do not wish to be identified due to the recent embarrassment they say I caused to them at their daughter's wedding last month.

In all honesty I cannot hold myself responsible for their problems which were entirely due to Mrs X's poor hand writing in her original letter to me,

This letter quite clearly stated that they would like me to arrange a welding party for their daughter and her future husband on a Saturday in August.

I did think that Chalgrave church was an unusual setting for this party but these days people do many strange things because they like to be trend setters.

I was surprised to learn that over 100 guests were invited to the welding party and it took me considerable time to gather together over 100 sets of welding equipment.

I was slightly delayed getting to the event but I was confident that my staff of illegal immigrants could cope despite not being able to speak English. In fact I was one member of staff short as I had allowed her to go and work for Baroness Scotland who had told me that she was looking for someone to work for her as a mouse keeper for a short time.

When I arrived at the church I was surprised to find that Mr & Mrs X's guests were dressed in very smart clothes and at least one was holding a bouquet of flowers but due to the fact they were all wearing welding masks and holding heavy welding equipment it was rather difficult for me to locate Mr & Mrs X at first.

Even more surprising was they were all having a group photo taken. I did think it a bit dangerous for over 100 welding torches to be alight at this stage but just assumed that as they had asked for a welding party that they knew what they were doing.

It is extremely disappointing to report that Mr & Mrs X have now refused to pay my very large bill for putting on the welding party. They say that in their letter they asked me to arrange a wedding party for their daughter but is it my fault if the handwriting is not clear?

They have also asked me to pay them damages as one of the guests accidentally turned and welded the official camera and the only photo of their special day that came out was the one of the welding or should I say wedding party wearing the welding masks and all holding burning torches! Some people are never satisfied these days!!

Until our next issue dear readers......

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