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# CHALGRAVE NEWS

*The free community magazine delivered to homes and businesses in the Chalgrave Parish*



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# Dates for Your Diary

Day/Date	Event	Location/Contact	Time
3rd Tuesday of each month	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Every other Sunday	Quiz Night	Plough Inn	9.00pm
Mondays	Dominoes	Plough Inn	
Mondays & Fridays	Live entertainment	Queens Head	7.30pm
Tuesdays	Darts	Queens Head	
Thursdays	Dominoes	Queens Head	
Weekdays	Book Club	Linda Hadden	
5th September	Chalgrave six-a-side	Roger Burden	
Sunday 31st October	Halloween Party	Memorial Hall	6.00-7.30pm
19th & 20th November	Variety Show	Memorial Hall	TBC (see pg 31)

### Forthcoming Events:

November: Fireworks Display

December: Santa's Float



Front Cover: The Chalgrave Games

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# Editorial

At last summer seems to have arrived in the Parish. The week running up to the Games was rather unsettled and gave us all a few sleepless nights wondering if we were going to be able to run the day in-between showers! We needn't have worried as although the skies threatened to interrupt events, it stayed dry throughout and the sun appeared in time for the watersports at the end of the day. Everyone seemed to have a great time and pictures of the day's activities are further on in this edition which we are sure you will enjoy.

The Chalgrave News Team has a new member. ZOE GRAY was born on 23 May, so many congratulations to Emma, Mark, Liam and Ben. If you would like to join our expanding team, please contact us on our email address: [thechalgravenews@live.co.uk](mailto:thechalgravenews@live.co.uk) or by phone on 01525 877327



We've also had a wedding in the Parish - congratulations to Daniel and Jewels Osborn! Pictures of their special day appear in this edition too.

So, pour yourself a cool drink, find a shady spot in the garden and sit back and enjoy the Chalgrave News.

Happy holidays to all our readers.

### Sad News

Here at the Chalgrave News we extend our condolences to the Patel family who have very sadly lost Gee Patel, the much liked Pharmacist from Tuda Pharmacy in Toddington.

Many of you will at some time have benefited from his help and advice and he will be missed greatly. A book of condolence is available to sign in the pharmacy.

**Next Edition: Deadline for all entries - 10th November**

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# Chairman of the Parish Council

## Public Sector Cuts

This is going to be a big issue for us over the coming years. There will be less money for maintenance, fewer grants and big projects will be shelved. There is now serious doubt about the A5/M1 link. The project is on hold while a further review is undertaken. We were against the road being built so close to our Parish. We were advised by the then South Beds District Council that this link will provide a boundary for housing development moving north from Houghton Regis and Luton. Our views were overruled and they agreed to the Northern Bypass. The challenge for us now is that without this link being built there is a danger that housing development could start to creep up Lords Hill. However, there is going to be a review of housing development plans. Not to question the need for new housing but to question where to develop. To question is it wise to put new housing in an area that has high unemployment, no adequate infrastructure and is within the Green Belt - i.e. here?

## Youth Shelter

Having talked about cuts we might get a grant for a Youth Shelter. This is to provide a meeting point for young people in our Parish - rather than a bus shelter or playground. It will be really good to get views from young people in our Parish. Any thoughts or ideas about how to get young people involved will be welcome.

## Dog Fouling

The situation has improved - a big thank you to all dog owners. But it is not 100%. Please clear up after your dog. Down The Lane we still have problems. Because it's outside of the 30mph restriction does not mean that your responsibility ends. Please be considerate for others. We are disappointed to have residents who allow their dogs to foul the pavements and grass verges and not clean up the mess afterwards. Or they bag the mess **but** do not take the bag home with them or put the bag into a dog bin - the bag is left in the street, the verge or hanging on a bush! Fortunately, it is only a very few dog owners.

## Memorial Hall

We received a letter raising concerns about the rubbish left in the children's play area and black bags being thrown about. We have contacted the Memorial Hall Committee and understand that they will be taking steps try to contain this problem. Please encourage young people to respect this play area.

## Parish Assembly

We had a good turn-out for the Assembly - thank you for all those that attended. It was a good event, informal, a chance to get to meet new people in the area and to voice views.

## Millennium and Community Awards

We have recognised and awarded the achievements of two people in our community for 2009 - details are in this issue of the Chalgrave News. So we are now looking for 2010 nominations. Just to remind you - the Community award is for adults for an achievement (sporting, academic, overcoming difficulties) or for service to the community. The Millennium award is for 18 or under. Again, this is in recognition for an achievement - sporting, academic, overcoming difficulties - or for helping others or the community.

Our other activities include further work on the pond in Tebworth with the help of pupils from Parkfields Middle School and local residents. Liaising with the police on traffic calming through Tebworth and Wingfield; providing grants to organisations in the Parish; working on solving the flooding problem in Parkview Lane; fly tipping; overgrown hedgerows; potholes; and much more.

As always, you are very welcome to attend a Parish Council meeting. The open forum is at the beginning of the meeting where you can ask questions and raise issues. Details of our meetings are on the notice boards or on our website: ([www.chalgrave.org](http://www.chalgrave.org)).

*Phil Parry, Chairman*



# Parish Council Awards

Every year, the Parish Council gives two awards - the Millennium Youth Award (18 and under) and the Community Award (over 18s). The awards are presented at the Village Games. The awards for 2009 are:

## Millennium Youth Award

2009 goes to John Asbury from Wingfield for Academic achievement.

John entered his final Sixth form year with poor grades but through hard work, determination and a clear objective he ended his second year with 100% in two of his Business Studies papers and a Grade A. As a result, he has been offered a place in his first choice university to study marketing. This university had originally rejected his application - and he exceeded their requirements. He has deferred his university place until September of this year. During the year he has set up his own business selling skateboards and skateboarding equipment. As well as this, he has also set up a website design business - [www.websitefacility.co.uk](http://www.websitefacility.co.uk). Well done to John and our best wishes for the future.



## Community Award 2009

goes to Barbara Jackson from Tebworth. Since moving to our Parish, Barbara has become very involved in our Parish activities - and has

organised many new events. She has given our Parish a lot of her time and energy. She has been a Santa's helper for Santa's float for at least the past three years, she has organised and run film nights for young people as well as adults, organised quiz nights at the village hall, been involved in



leaflet drops, organised the Chalgrave Games for three years (2007-2009), organised a Family New Years Eve party at the Village Hall in 2007 and she has been a member of the Memorial Hall committee and is currently a member of the Chalgrave News Team - and probably lots more. On top of all that she is willing to help where and whenever she can. Barbara is great member of our community. This award is to say thank you - and don't stop!

## Thank you to the Parish Council

I was truly honoured to receive the 2009 Community Award at this year's Games. It was a total surprise to me and I was unusually lost for words on the day. The events that I've been involved in organising over the last 5 years have only been a success because there are so many people in this Parish who really care about our area.

We're very lucky to have such enthusiastic people who are willing to give up their time over and over again so I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all those on the Village Hall Committee and to husbands and wives who support them too!! One of the hardest aspects of organising an event is providing something that others want to attend, so let us know what you'd like to see put on in the Parish by contacting the Chalgrave News and we'll do our best to organise it.

*Barbara Jackson*



## What has Water got to do with Energy?

The short answer is... plenty! About 70% of global freshwater is used in agriculture - this provides us with our food energy. Hydropower provides some 20% of global electricity.

On average each person in the UK uses 150 litres of water a day. According to Waterwise, this rises to 3400 litres a day when you add the water used to produce the goods we import. Moving this lot around takes energy.

We're lucky - we get rain in the UK, but as summer hosepipe bans imply, we should not take water for granted. There are many easy ways to use less:

- ◆ Keep showers short - especially if you have a power shower
- ◆ Reuse water - bath water is fine for watering plants
- ◆ Have a water meter fitted - on average metered homes use 15% less water
- ◆ Modify your toilet to give you a reduced or graduated flush
- ◆ Fix dripping taps

Also note that 30% of the average UK gas bill goes on heating water, so insulating your hot water tank and using less hot water will save you money.

For further information, visit:  
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Rain (shower) in Cuba

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## View from the House: Andrew Selous MP

Andrew Selous is MP for South West Bedfordshire and can be contacted on 01582 662 821 or [selousa@parliament.uk](mailto:selousa@parliament.uk)



### Building communities that work

I have written before about the reforms needed to make our welfare system really work for those most in need. It is the first time I have done so as the parliamentary private secretary to Iain Duncan Smith, who is now in charge of making sure we have a welfare system fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I do not believe that anyone can be satisfied with the present system that often leads the poorest living a life of helplessness.

The Work Programme that should be in place nationally by summer 2011 will provide an integrated package of support, providing personalised help for people who find themselves out of work, based on their needs and when they need help, rather than the benefit they claim. We will also harness the ideas and efficiency of the private sector combined with the energy of the voluntary sector. Most importantly for those we seek to help, payment will be by results, thus ensuring value for money for the taxpayer. There will be additional payments to providers for getting those furthest from the labour market into sustained work.

We are also determined to do more for the 2.2 million people on Incapacity Benefit, where the numbers have remained stubbornly high for years. One in four claimants have been on Incapacity Benefit for 10 years and we believe that by aligning the Work Programme with claimants' medical recovery or stabilisation that we can deliver better outcomes for the individuals concerned and the economy.

Equally important is the need to make sure that work pays for those on benefits. For far too many benefit claimants the risks of taking work are far too high. Many people are worse off working once they have paid their travel to work costs and understandably choose to stay on benefits. That is a nonsense we should not have allowed to continue for so long. At the moment, the poorest can lose £7, £8 or even £9 of their benefit for every £1 they earn. By making work pay, we will create a simpler system that rewards those who do the right thing and helps reduce the £5 billion a year cost of fraud and error to the Department for Work and Pensions.

In a report for the last government in 2007, Professor John Hills pointed out that employment rates for social tenants had collapsed in the last 25 years. Now, fewer than half working age social tenants are in work and just 35% are in full-time paid work. Of the 1.3 million workless people living in social housing, more than a million or 84% were not actively looking for work, partly because of the disincentives to work provided by the current benefit system. To provide additional help to these tenants we will need to focus on local economic regeneration as well as a nationwide social home-swap scheme to boost mobility in the social housing sector for those who want it. More work also needs to be done to ensure that there are decent transport routes between areas of social housing and centres of employment.



# Welcome from All Saints Church



*All Sunday Services at 9.30am 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 as we do not have a Sunday School.*

I am writing this article on a very hot and humid Saturday morning in July, and it's very hard to imagine what it actually feels like to be cold. But for those of you who come to worship at All Saints you will know that the blissful state of being warm and comfortable in church is a short-lived luxury, and before long I won't need to rely on memory - I will be chipping the ice off the chalice and wearing two layers of clothing under my cassock just to keep hypothermia at bay (and the cassock is tight enough with the natural padding without adding any more!). The question of how to keep church warm and comfortable in the winter has exercised the minds of the pcc for many weeks now, and in the light of recent inspections by various members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (experts in protecting ancient buildings and their fabric and contents) we have begun to take some tentative steps forward. We have to address, as a matter of urgency, the problems caused by rising damp and poor air circulation but we have a very supportive and enthusiastic architect in Michael Dales and, as you will read elsewhere in these pages, we can all look forward to a dryer, warmer and more comfortable building in the future.

We have been blessed with a very beautiful church which has been loved and cared for over hundreds of years. We have been entrusted with some of the country's finest mediaeval wall paintings and these, along with the building and its memorials and tombs, are our heritage, to be protected and restored so that future generations can also marvel at the history recorded and contained within the walls, and feel something of the life of the spirit of faith which has been experienced in this holy place. So many visitors express a great sense of prayerful peace and quiet within the walls of All Saints and in its churchyard, and for those

of us who have the privilege of worshipping here on a regular basis, it is easy to settle down with God in a place where His love seems to wrap itself so gently around even the most reluctant pilgrim. Our inheritance, both in terms of the building and the faith it professes, must be protected and nurtured and allowed to develop to be a lively witness, serving the needs of a new generation here in Chalgrave and beyond.

It's for this reason that the PCC are asking for financial help to keep the future of our church healthy and able to meet the demands which are placed upon it. We want our church not just to survive, but to flourish and grow, so that more people can experience the love of God, and find a spiritual home here. We want our church to continue to be a place where babies are christened; where couples can celebrate their love for one another by making solemn vows and be married; and where, when life's journey is over, we can confidently carry our loved ones to rest in the peace and comfort of a familiar sacred place.

I'm sure that you will be surprised to learn that it costs around £400 per week to keep All Saints open for business as a place of Christian worship and witness. This figure only provides for ministry and the support of St Albans Diocese, and for everyday running costs and the upkeep which is necessary to keep the building safe and insured. It does not include the cost of significant repair and restoration work. It is a mistaken belief that churches receive financial help from the government - the only people who make it possible for the Church of England to minister here are the people who sit in the pews and spend huge amounts of their money, time and effort to literally keep the roof over our heads. Without their commitment and passion for the Christian Gospel, we would not have a church to be proud of at Chalgrave. And we should be proud of the people who give so generously of their time and money and who work tirelessly to keep our Church open, alive and well. Please support us in any way you can. Your financial support is vital if we are to continue to provide for the spiritual needs of our villages, as are your prayers, your presence with us for worship, and your ongoing encouragement. This is your church - together we can help to keep it alive and well.



## *Baptisms at Chalgrave this summer*

6th June - Kimberley Wadsworth

3rd July - Lucy Ewan



## *Weddings at Chalgrave this summer*

19th June - Daniel Osborn & Julia Hopperton

July - Matthew Crowe & Sarah Shortland

11th Sept - Christopher Downey & Natalie Parsons

## **Calling all Gardeners! Bishop's Harvest Appeal**

While it is important that we spend time and energy looking after our church here in Chalgrave, it is also our Christian calling to turn our eyes outwards and notice the urgent and often life-threatening needs of our brothers and sisters in the poorer parts of the world. This year Bishop Alan would like us to raise money for, and awareness of, the needs of the people in the Teso region of Uganda where climate change has brought enormous problems for farmers as they try to produce enough food for their families. One simple and effective way for us to raise funds is by having our own fruit and veg stall at All Saints. The idea is for us to bring to church any surplus fruit and veg that we've grown in our gardens and allotments, and sell the produce after the 9.30am service on Sunday mornings (eggs welcome too). And if you are not a gardener but can bake a cake or make jam then we can sell those too.

All produce will be sold to anyone offering a generous donation, and a running total of the amount raised will be placed on the notice board. If you have any other ideas to help boost our fundraising efforts then please let me, or any member of the fundraising team know. Cakes should have a label attached to them giving a list of ingredients used. Thank you. More information about Bishop Alan's appeal is available on the church notice board.

'Just Looking...' is the title of a new enquirers course which begins on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 in the Wilkinson Hall. It's for anyone who would like to know more about the Christian faith, and will be particularly suited to those who are thinking about baptism or confirmation, or who have perhaps been away from church for quite a while and would like a gentle re-introduction. Please see poster on the notice board for more details.

*From the Rector of All Saints Church, Chalgrave  
The Rev Anne Crawford*



## Grumpy Old.....

I see the Met Office, which has no credibility whatsoever, has stopped giving long term forecasts, because it hasn't got a clue! It uses the same computer to work those long term projections, that it uses to forecast climate change! If it could tell me with any degree of accuracy what the weather will be like next Tuesday I might take it's 'climate change guess work' a bit more seriously. It can't, so I don't!



JP

## Getting Rid of Fat

No, not an article on how to lose weight and look good in your bikini.

Bank Holiday weekend and He Who Would Like to be Obeyed got up at 7.30 to let the chickens out, he came back complaining about the "mess" in the garden, not having the faintest idea what he was talking about I went back to sleep.

Some hours later as I surveyed the raw sewage all over my lawn I understood what he meant, Anglian Water duly arrived and unblocked the drain explaining that as we lived at the end of the village and at the lowest point ours would be the first drain to overflow. The problem was caused by a build up of fat which had solidified in the cold weather and blocked the drains. As it was Bank Holiday they were too busy to clear the garden but came back a few days later to do so.

My chickens had to be shut in the hen house for 10 days to keep them away from the flood, they sulked and stopped laying, my vegetables, although looking well fertilised were abandoned all the windows were kept shut for some time.

So please, next time you empty your deep fat fryer, roasting tin, chip pan or anything else full of fat put it out for the birds or in the bin or anywhere except down the sink.

*Debbie Hampson*

## EUROPE IS A STRANGE PLACE!

France is a strange place, I don't think anybody lives there outside of the big cities, riding through the countryside you rarely see a soul, (or a speed camera)!. Stop at a village café and you rarely see anybody, apart from, possibly, the proprietor.

Motorway services, at least those on the peage are 'decent affairs' with good food & nobody there either.... unless you have timed your visit to coincide with the arrival of a coach party from Cleethorpes, in which case you will queue for a long time while they work it all out!

If you get bored with all that, you can cross the border into Germany. Everything is all in order here! The buildings are neat and tidy and well decorated, the Hotels are good value, the roads - in the Black forest at least, are outstanding and the beer's good, so is the food surprisingly, with a liking for a decent sausage! (They can play football better than us as well, mind you, my dog can play football better than us)!

If you get bored with that you can cross the border into Switzerland, they are not in the EU and neither are they interested in looking at your passport. They are interested, however, in charging you 30 Euros to use their motorway network! Apart from border controls (with no control) you don't see too many people there either, there is a reason for this I have discovered, they are a nation of 'moles' who live underground and dig tunnels! They are everywhere owing no doubt to the mountainous terrain which gives you some fabulous mountain passes which people used to use before they dug all the 'b....y' tunnels! Be careful however, because driving is a mystery to them, lorry drivers will race you up the passes even if you are on a motorbike!

If you get bored with all that you can cross the border into Italy, the further into this country you get the less like Switzerland it becomes. The moles have moved across the border though and left the evidence. Traffic lights in Italy are 'Grand Prix' starts and they love a fast accelerating scooter, Yamaha's V Max is a favourite. Don't attempt to cross the road unless you can see for at least a mile in either direction, any less and they will be on you before you are half way across!

If you get bored with all that you can cross the border back into France, find a nice quiet café (what other kind are there)? And enjoy a coffee, or, perhaps a small beer. You can then get the train back under the Channel, not a ferry, not any more because the trains are just better, quicker, more civilised, and as long as you book in advance, just as cheap. Plus, it doesn't move about all over the place in a gale and you haven't got to strap your bike down with a rusty old clamp.

Here is a tip though. When parking your bike don't forget to put the side-stand down after fiddling with the sat-nav, otherwise it falls over, with you on it and you look very silly!! Fortunately, as we are in France, there is nobody there to see you!

JP



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# The Chalgrave Games

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make The Chalgrave Games successful again this year.



Without the Sponsors, helpers & all those of you who donated your time & various items for the Stalls we would not be able to put on this Annual Event.

It's always so good to see so many of you on the day & this year we hope everyone enjoyed The Toddington Band & Hurdy Gurdy Man, who were new additions to the afternoon.



Most importantly however, I can't remember which one of you organised the weather, but Thank You!!





# The Chalgrave Games



It's about time Bill got a new car!



Everyone is 'eggstatic' at the fun to be had with this game



Watersports, the Chalgrave Games way



Under 18 winner



Thanks to Eversholt School for lending us these great jumping sacks



Cheeseburger – with no cheese, please!!!



Phil & John make a note of the shooting competition winners



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## Thoughts on the oil crisis

As fuel prices in the UK reach the highest levels ever...

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We just didn't know we were getting low and the reason for that is purely geographical.

Our OIL is located in the North Sea.

Our DIPSTICKS are located in Westminster!!

Any Questions? NO? I didn't think so!



## Walk , Don't Drive

As Summer is upon us and the weather now allows us to enjoy the great outdoors, next time you want to get the newspaper or a bit of shopping, why not heed the advice of recent advertising campaigns to drive 5 miles less a week and enjoy the walk!

All our lives are busy, even we SAGA readers, but all can find a couple of hours a week to get out in the open and, if you have a purpose to your walk, it helps to ensure you keep the commitment. How about starting off with getting the Sunday Paper? It's not only good exercise but it does give you time to think. So, fitting a walk into a busy schedule can actually make you deal with life's problems better. To start you off, here are two routes and times.

### Tebworth to Hockliffe Post Office:

Out Distance = 1.1 miles Time = 21 mins Circular back Distance = 1.3 miles Time = 25 mins



Walk down the Hockliffe road to the first signpost on the right and diagonally across the field, through a copse following the "Chalgrave Heritage Trail" [CHT] signs then through the recreation ground and down Kilby Rd and Birches Close to the A5. To vary the route back go straight from the recreation ground and follow the path through three field gateways then take a stile on the left following the CHT up the "Slipie" then to a stile on the left, across long meadow three more stiles to come out at The Lane. Remember from Hockliffe busses to Leighton Buzzard or Milton Keynes are quite frequent and free if you are a "senior" like me !!!

### Wingfield to the Toddington Nisa shop:

Out Distance = 1.8 miles Time = 34 mins Back the same way.



Walk past The Plough to the first path on the right which is the "Icknield Way [IW]" and follow the cross-field path across a stile and then a stile and bridge to the A5120. Cross and join the new Bridleway to the Church and then turn right skirting the churchyard still following the IW to the first path on the left. Then follow this up to join the A5120 again and then past the allotments turn left and right across the "Glebe" to Willow Way bear left to the path to Rose walk and then left after about 50yds to the Nisa shop.

Remember you can get a footpath map from either the Queens Head or the Plough. Also, why not consider the destinations you can get to by bus from Toddington!

Any questions, ring Ken Green on 01525 874107.

## Rogation Walk

Rogation Sunday dawned cool and damp but for the first time in a number of years it wasn't raining.



10 of us set out from The Queens Head, including 3 people from outside the Parish who had not done the walk before and were somewhat bemused when they discovered that sliding down ditches, leaping across streams and scrambling through hedges was all part of the route. Luckily this year we

didn't drop anyone in the stream nor, due to a lack of children small enough did we beat anyone on the boundary posts.



Fortified by lunch at The Fancott and with 4 more added to our numbers, we completed the 12 mile round trip, ending up back at The Queens Head.



A good time was had by all and thanks as always to Ken Green for organising the walk, remembering the route and his strategically placed step ladder.

Hope to see more of you next year.





## Bedfordshire Walking Festival

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Bedfordshire may be a small county but has a varied and interesting landscape. The rural north likened by some to the "Wolds", the wooded and most varied middle with excellent ridge views and the Chalk Hills of the South. With interesting Towns and Villages plus well marked and a generally well maintained footpath network, make Bedfordshire ideal for walking.

Do join in... There is a walk for almost every ability level. Short 1-2 mile Health Walks. 3-4 mile Ambles and Interest walks. Rambler led walks for more serious walkers ranging from 5-12 miles, and for people who like a challenge, a 16 mile day walk and a strenuous 40 mile walk over 3 days.

Walks are marked to help you chose the one's most suitable for you and all walks are led by experienced leaders. If you use public transport there are Railway and Bus Walks most days. Why not bring someone who has always talked about getting out, now's the opportunity.

We hope you will enjoy your walking experience.

Read the full programme of walks via the walking festival website: [www.bedswalkfest.co.uk](http://www.bedswalkfest.co.uk).



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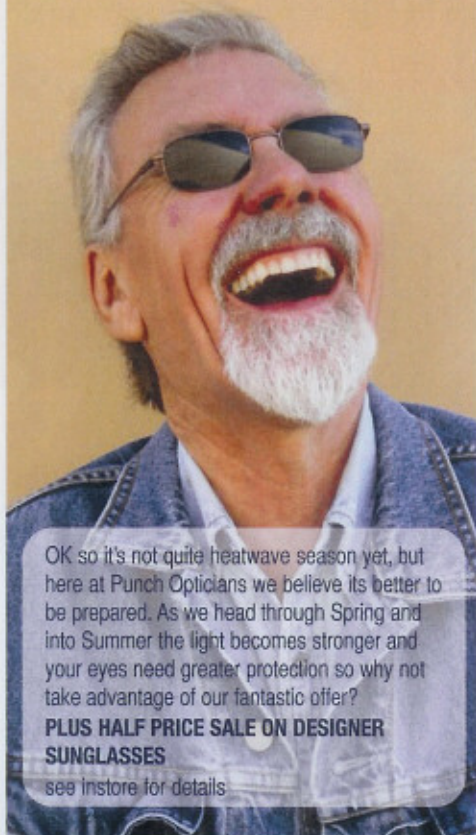
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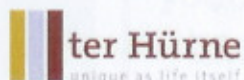
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## All Our Yesterdays - No 2

Who are these 'likely lads and lassies'?



Can anyone give names and likely dates and locations?

It's clear that two of them are in The Lane in front of "The Sunday School" but the other one?

If you know who any of the children are, or went on to become, please let the team know for publication in the next edition.

If you have any old photographs, Ken Green would love to borrow them to put on the website. **Contact Ken on 01525 874107.**





# Clubs & Committees



Hello Everyone

Summer is here again!! I'm looking forward to some more warm

sunshine – I do remember a lovely week last month, here's hoping that didn't constitute our summer!

Now for the book club: We have had several meetings since my last report and read two books - The first one was **THE RAPTURE** by **LIZ JENKINS**, this is set in the near future, about 2020/30 and features a psychologist called Gabrielle who has been made wheelchair bound after a horrific car accident which killed her boy friend. After suffering severe depression she begs to have her job back and is told to work with a very weird, heavily pierced girl called Bethany whom she treats with art therapy. Bethany is in an asylum for the criminally insane having been convicted of killing her mother with a screwdriver. She is as rude as a teenager can be and calls Gabrielle 'wheels'. She has been raised in a fundamentalist family – evidently not uncommon in this future time – and her father is the charismatic religious fanatic leader of 'The Rapture' - A movement which believes the saved will be beamed up to heaven at Armageddon. Bethany becomes addicted to Electric shock treatment and starts drawing pictures which successfully predict a terrifying future. Powerful stuff!

Most of us enjoyed this book – finding it hard to put down, but rather dark and especially scary in its prediction of what global warming could do to the earth.

Next we read **THE BEST OF TIMES** by **PENNY VINCENZI**. We all liked this book finding it easy to read and well written. The plot was very clever – a split second of time during which a motor way crash involving many vehicles changes many lives! There is: The surgeon returning with his girlfriend from a secret liaison – An actress on her way to an important audition – A bridegroom and best man on their way to the wedding – An elderly lady going to the airport to meet her first love she hasn't seen for fifty years. Everything is witnessed by a farmer, watching through binoculars in his nearby field. All these lives, and more, become entwined and changed for ever. But is it all for better or worse?

All our comments were good – although it was mentioned perhaps it was a bit long and tailed off a little towards the end. Having said that we did admire the way the threads of all the stories were pulled together.

Our next book will be **THE FORTY RULES OF LOVE** by **ELIF SHAFAK**. I think I have overrun my column – so more about this next time.

Take care - especially on motorways!  
Hoping to see you sometime soon

**Yours Linda Hadden**



Once again I have to comment on the mindless abuse of our lovely play area.

On the night of the 13th May, The play area was left in a disgusting state. Once again it was littered with broken bottles and used condoms. What was more disturbing was that a parishioner living near the Hall took his 5 year old granddaughter to the play area the following morning only to be confronted by a terrible mess. We can all imagine the effect this had on the parishioner and his granddaughter.

I would ask parents with children of a certain age to show them this article. This episode did not however prevent the parishioner concerned from leaving a foul mouthed rant on the answerphone of a member of the committees, which incidentally could have been picked up by anybody in the house.

Whilst the voluntary committee try their ~~very best to keep the Hall and grounds in~~ a condition the Parish can be proud of, we cannot be held responsible for wanton acts of mindless vandalism. We encourage all parishioners to let us know of any issues they have regarding the Hall and play area but will not tolerate foul abuse over the phone particularly when the caller withholds his telephone number and lacks the courtesy to leave his name.'

Not very pleasant!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Roger Masters**

## Chalgrave Sports Club



The cricket season has started and so far, with approximately half the season completed, The Plough are top of the league. But, it is a close run thing as Toddington and Dunstable Road Runners are not far behind.

The 10/10 competition was again a great success with a number of people turning up to watch. The weather held off until the final was due and played and such was the downpour, the competition had to be abandoned with the Road Runners and Toddington agreeing to share the trophy for 6 months each.

Many thanks go to Barbara and Ann who did a great job of running the barbeque. A big vote of thanks to the Cricket Committee for the organisation and planning that went into this event. We would also like to thank Neville Construction Limited for the loan of the Hears fencing and to Russell Roofing for the collection and delivery of the same. Nev. Andrews, as always, keeps the ground immaculate.

The next competition day is the **Chalgrave six-a-side competition which will be held on 5th September** and should be a lot of fun. As always, all will be welcome to what promises to be a fun filled day.

**Roger Burden**



# Neighbourhood Policing

## Notice of speeding action:

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You have been warned so there should be no excuse if you get caught!

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## The dangers of drink driving—reminder:

Following the article in the April edition of the news, please remember that although these warm summer days can invite a cooling drink with friends, drinking and driving is never a good idea.

No matter how much you've had to eat, how many coffees you've drunk, or how far from the pub you live, make alternative, safer arrangements!

## Summer security measures:

As the warm summer days seem to be staying with us a little while longer, please remember that when you leave your home, even for a short amount of time, don't leave any windows open that would allow opportunistic burglars access.

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# Queens Head Update

Hello all you lovely people of Chalgrave Parish, it is Colin from the Queens Head letting you know that all is well with me and also I hope with you.



It is nice to be able to let you know the local gossip that one overhears in the pub and if I don't hear any I just make it up. Unfortunately not all the gossip is good, I have heard that some of the younger members of the parish have been deliberately damaging the new play area up at the Memorial Hall, it is such a shame that things like that go on in our little community, I just hope that they are caught soon and suitably punished.

Anyway on to nicer things. The Monday and Friday musical evenings are really popular now and as summer is nearly here I hope to see more of you locals in your local because the artistes wot I have booked are the cream of the gutters and shouldn't be missed. They are as follows:

July 30th - Steve Jones  
Aug 6th - Joe & Frankie  
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Our sporting prowess is still the talk of the toilets, with the domino team and the darts team both showing the others how it should be done, so more power to their respective elbows and if you need to give your elbow a bit of exercise I look forward to seeing you in the bar in the near future.

All the best *Colin*



## The Plough

The crib season is now halfway through with the 'B' team in second place in the table and 'A' team not far behind. The 'A' team are also through to the semi finals of the competition. We are always on the lookout for crib players and anyone who is interested should contact us at The Plough.



The new domino season starts in September and anyone wishing to play will be welcome and should contact The Plough.

The PIGS golf society goes from strength to strength and the next day is 27th August, when we will be playing at Woburn, which includes a meal on the course as well.

The quiz nights, which are held on alternate Sundays at 8pm, are well attended and anyone wishing to take part will be welcome. We like to limit teams to 4 people where possible.

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

Please note that the 20% discount on meals for 'local nights' on Monday and Tuesday evenings is still applicable on production of your voucher. Anyone living in Chalgrave who has lost their voucher should contact The Plough where it will be renewed.

Roger

## The Wedding of Daniel Osborn & Julia Hopperton

The long anticipated wedding of Dan and Jewels was on a fine June day with just a threat of rain that thankfully held off.

All Saints Church, Chalgrave was filled to overflowing with the good and the great of Chalgrave Parish along with friends and family from home and abroad. The bride looked beautiful in her Suzanne Neville dress as she was escorted down the aisle by her father, to the excellent organ playing of Mr Peter Freeman.

The reception was held in a fabulous marquee pitched in the lush pastures of Tebworth that was situated well away from any other form of habitation, which was just as well as the celebrations went on well into the following morning. Music was provided by Joe Inzani our Tebworthian troubadour and his band, and although I don't know who provided the wedding lunch, it was delicious and plentiful.

The reception was in full swing by the time the evening guests arrived, they were well catered for by a huge pig and lamb roast and to finish off there was an ice cream van dispensing all your favourite lollies etc.

It was a lovely day that obviously took a lot of organising but as far as the guests were concerned everything went seamlessly and everyone had a really enjoyable time. So, good luck for the future to young Mr and the junior Mrs Osborn, we all hope you can do it all again for your first anniversary we are looking forward to it!



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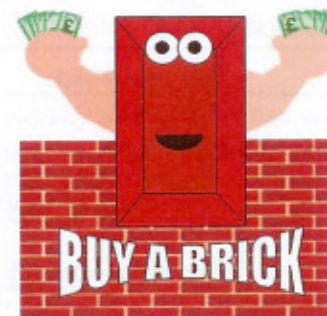
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# Parkfields School

## PARKFIELDS SCHOOL "BUY A BRICK CAMPAIGN"

Our Food Technology facility was recently condemned. We have now received funding towards building the children a brand new Food Technology room. To complete the build we need to raise a further £25,000. We are offering the opportunity to 'Buy a Brick' or bundle of bricks in the new room. Each purchaser will receive a certificate of thanks and a brick number. All the numbers will be entered into a draw and the winner will be invited to attend the opening of the room where they will be able to see a plaque identifying their brick. This is a major chance for anyone who has had a connection with Parkfields to recognise the past and present by investing in the future.



As part of this campaign we will be having a virtual wall where you can add a message for everyone to see. We will also display a record in the school. We are asking for £10 to buy a "brick". If you are able to help please complete the form overleaf and return it to the school office or to Mish McCarthy at 27 The Glebe, Clapham, MK41 6GB. If you would like further information then please call Mish on 07764748595. We will shortly have the facility to accept payment online.

## EVERY CHILD MATTERS SO EVERY BRICK COUNTS

As part of the ongoing liaison between Parkfields School and Chalgrave Parish Council a group of children from the school enjoyed pond dipping at Tebworth Pond. This took place in May and was led by Vicky Inglis, the Education Officer from the Greensand Trust.





Simply fill in this form, completing the "Message to be displayed" box with care, (if you would like to leave a message), and return it, with your cheque to: Parkfields Middle School, Park Road, Toddington, Bedfordshire, LU5 6AB.

**How to Purchase your Brick**

- Each "brick" costs £10 to buy. 5 bricks cost £45 and 10 bricks cost £90
- Your virtual brick can have up to 15 characters per line and 5 lines.
- Spaces and punctuation count as characters (e.g.,-!)
- Write your message below as you want it to appear e.g. UPPER and lower case.
- Parkfields Middle School reserves the right to approve all lettering and to refuse any application. Whilst such cases are unlikely, Parkfields has no obligation to cite reason.
- Any amendments to the inscription provided on the order form must be done within seven days of the receipt of the Certificate, thereafter Parkfields Middle School is no longer responsible for changes.



**Message to be displayed:**

**Fill in your details Please use BLOCK CAPITALS**

Title		Telephone/Mobile	
First name		Email	
Surname		Total Number of "Bricks"	
Address		Total order amount £	
Postcode		Relationship to school	

**Payment**

I enclose my cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to the Parkfields Middle School.

**Gift Aid Statement**

I am a basic rate or above UK taxpayer and would like the Parkfields Middle School to claim gift aid on my donation. I confirm that the amount of tax I pay is more than the amount claimed against this donation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

All information collected will only be used by Parkfields Middle School in order to let you know about forthcoming events such as our planned 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Please tick if you do not want the school to use your information.

Registered Charity No: 1063337

# The RHS Chelsea Flower Show



The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is the 'best flower show in the world' according to an American lady I was chatting to and I must say I agree with her. Even if you have no interest in gardening, you can't fail to be impressed by the variety of colour, style and design that is on display everywhere you look.

Out of the main show gardens, the Australian garden stood for outdoor living as you might expect. Who wouldn't covet sunken seating areas with built in BBQ and bar, not to mention plunge pool and spa – a place to entertain, relax and enjoy life.

The L'Occitane garden featured key plant species that are found in the warm, sunny climes of the South of France including olive and almond trees and rows of lavender to make you reminisce of holidays in the past.



Apart from the main show gardens there are many smaller, quirkier ones like rhubarb and custard with a wooden spoon for a seat. If you enjoy shopping there are exhibitors in abundance displaying everything from hen houses to herb planters and jewellery.

**Andrea Kerr**





# CHILDRENS SPOOKY HALLOWEEN PARTY



**DRESS UP AND COME AND  
JOIN IN THE FUN AND  
GAMES AT THE  
CHALGRAVE MEMORIAL  
HALL TEBWORTH**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
6:00pm – 7:30pm**



## - BREAKING NEWS - COMING SOON TO THIS VILLAGE...

The Memorial Hall is hosting a **VARIETY SHOW** for two nights in **October** starring acts from across the Parish, including:

- ◆ Chalgrave Church
- ◆ The Memorial Hall
- ◆ The Queens Head
- ◆ The Sports Club
- ◆ The Chalgrave News
- ◆ The Tebworth Book Club
- ◆ And maybe even an act from the new WI?



This will be your opportunity to watch two nights of music, glamour and laughter (or alternatively watch friends and neighbours from the village make complete fools of themselves).

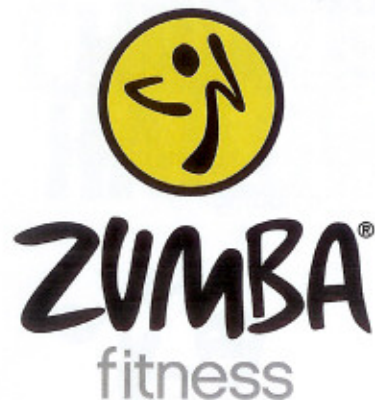
All proceeds of the event will go to the organisations taking part and of course there will be a meal thrown in. As usual, a bar will be on hand to cater for those of a nervous disposition.

I'm sure there will be a mad rush of aspiring actors/singers/comics wishing to partake in such an auspicious event so if there are any further volunteers out there willing to step up to the mark, then let one of the members of the above organisations know as soon as possible (telephone numbers on contacts page).

So, watch out for the advertising and the exact dates.

Please come and support the village.





*Zumba is the new fitness sensation taking over the world!*

One of the great things about Zumba is that there is no right or wrong way and you don't have to know how to dance. Anyone can do it whether you are young, old, or in-between. It is full of energy, joy and what is mostly important is having fun while burning all not welcoming calories. The music will take you to the dream.

Let's come and taste.

Zumba class on Thursday @ 7.00 pm  
in Chalgrave Memorial Hall  
With Monika

### Are you ready to Zumba?

Zumba is a spicy, hot, hip swivelling workout where African, Caribbean, Latin and other moves are combined with fitness. Latin and International music to create an explosive, booty shaking party of workout that burns 400-1000 calories an hour and leaves you on high!

The concept was crated when Colombian fitness trainer Beto Perez forgot his aerobics music and taught his class with the salsa tapes he had in his car. The up-tempo class was so popular is spread to America and has now arrived in the UK.

Zumba uses basic steps from salsa, merengue, samba, mambo, cha cha, jive, tango, hip hop, flamenco and of course Belly Dancing. Its root also lies in cumbia, traditional Colombian folk dance and reggaeton, a mix of reggae and Latin American moves. It relies on a lot of hip swivelling. It is a "fun and easy to do" workout where one does NOT need to be a dancer to Zumba. It is also for people with two left feet and without rhythms.

I love dancing so much and I love sharing it. I really enjoy when I can see that people in my class are having a good time and at the same time doing something for their bodies. The more we exercise; the more we think it is normal. More we do nothing then we take this as normal. Let's give you a challenge and do something. Even Zumba!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

There is also a very good programme for kids called Zumbatomic. It is designed for children aged 4-7 (Lil' Starz) and age 8-12 (Big Starz).

If you are interested in this programme Zumba or Zumbatomic for your kids, you are welcome to come and see our class every Thursday at 7.00pm in Chalgrave Memorial Hall. From September there will also be a class on Mondays at 8.00pm.

I am looking forward to see you in Zumba class. ☺

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Quality Cast Signs  
Job Vacancies

### PART TIME MARKETING

Flexible, part time hours offered,  
approx. 10 hours/week.

Candidate will be required to gain in depth knowledge of our products with a view to contacting prospective customers and supplying them with relevant information.

Ultimately home work a possibility.

Duties will include:

- ◆ Researching contacts e.g. councils, builders etc.
- ◆ Contacting customers to determine products of interest
- ◆ Mailing of appropriate material (by post or e-mail)
- ◆ Maintaining client databases.

Contact:Sue Elwes  
01525 874185  
[sue@sott.co.uk](mailto:sue@sott.co.uk)  
Wingfield Road,  
Tebworth,  
LU7 9QG  
[www.sott.co.uk](http://www.sott.co.uk)

### PART TIME WORKER

Signs of the Times, Tebworth is looking for another person to do some painting.

You do not need to be artistic, but the work requires a neat and careful finish. There may be other general duties as well.

Contact:  
01525 874185  
Email:[enquiries@sott.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sott.co.uk)

## Everybody's Entitled To My Opinion!

The better weather we have been enjoying is a welcome change from the long winter, makes life much more pleasant and much easier too. The only cloud on the horizon is a long range weather forecast I read the other day. Not from the Met Office,( who frankly love to tell us what will be going on in 50 years but cannot tell us with any degree of accuracy what the weather will be like tomorrow!) but from a set up called 'Positive Weather Solutions' who, if their past history is anything to go by, are usually correct. They predict another long hard winter this year! That will be nice then; better call the Council and suggest they order another bag of grit so we can get to school & work. I am going to buy a cheap 4x4 this year then sell it in the spring! I reckon that in the summer I can get a passable example for a 'grand' or so if it's one of the less popular one's and is getting on a bit (like me)? That way I can pick up other people's infants in the snow and ice, transport them to school and back and, by making a small charge, cover the fuel costs! Genius.

JP



## Everybody's entitled to my opinion!

Still got a speeding problem in Tebworth, and probably every other village in Europe come to that. How do you fix it? There is no immediate answer but, and I have mentioned this before, there is a huge difference between doing 35 mph as you exit towards Toddington, with good visibility, and 55mph as you go through the village itself. To even have a faint chance you need the drivers 'on side' if they see the sense and want to be, basically law abiding, you will get more success than continually bombarding them with legislation, speed cameras, and officers with radar guns. During my recent French motorcycling trip, and previous ones, I found myself automatically slowing down through villages to keep the man on the signpost smiling! Why did I do that, there are no cameras and probably no Gendarmes?

We feel victimised after 13 years of a 'car hating government', we are obsessed with speeding to the cost of most other motoring related issues! When were you last stopped for a safety check on your car? Like making sure your tyres are legal for example, have you any idea how many cars are driving around with dangerous, not just illegal tyres? Even if you are doing 30 mph your car will take far longer to stop if the tread has all gone. What about brakes, when were yours last checked? I cannot remember when these things were last discussed. With less money about people will skimp on servicing, and that can cost a life in an emergency situation.

We all think we are good drivers. The fact is that most of us are not, we manage to avoid each other most of the time but our reaction times, car control, and natural ability are all far below a racing or rally drivers. If you don't believe me go to a track day, take your car but be careful, road cars are not good on a track that is not what most of them are designed for, you might crash, in fact you probably will. Maybe get a racing driver to take you round either in your car or better still, a proper racing car, you will be amazed, dizzy, unwell, or all of those things, you cannot tell what it is like from the TV. Get it out of your system!

My point is, most people use their cars to get from A to B, they drive reasonably safely and within or close to the speed limits. Don't bully them, don't penalize them for a few mph. Educate, train and encourage, you cannot legislate for the few 'lunatics' that will always be out there, they need to be dealt with more severely. Perhaps then, most people will slow down because they want to. Then you may achieve something.

JP

## Submitting Entries To The Chalgrave News

It has been brought to our attention that there may be would be contributors to the Chalgrave News amongst you that do not have access to email.

Therefore, if you have anything you would like to include in our next edition, please feel free to contact either **Emma on 01525 877327, Su on 01525 873963 or Debbie on 01525 877149** and we will be happy to hear from you.

Otherwise, please continue to contact us via:  
[thechalgravenews@live.co.uk](mailto:thechalgravenews@live.co.uk).

### Next Edition:

Deadline for all entries, by phone or  
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