

# 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
Wednesdays	Darts	Queens Head	
Thursdays	Dominoes	Queens Head	
Weekdays	Book Club	Noeleen Thompson	
Thursdays	Zumba Fitness	Memorial Hall	7.00pm
2nd Tuesday of each month	W.I.	Memorial Hall	8-10pm
Sunday 12th Feb	Gourmet Night	Plough Inn	
Sunday 26th Feb	Gourmet Night	Plough Inn	
18th March	Mothers Day		
24th March	<b>Family Quiz Night</b>	Memorial Hall	6.30pm
6th April	Good Friday		
9th April	Easter Monday		
April	Senior Citizens Lunch		TBC
13th May	Rogation Walk	Queens Head	10am
4th or 5th June (TBC)	Jubilee Street Party	The Lane	TBC
14th July	Chalgrave Games	Memorial Hall	1pm

*Front Cover: Horses in Tebworth*

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# Editorial



Welcome to the first Chalgrave News of the New Year. 2012 is the Chinese year of the dragon and looks like being an eventful one!

- From the 19th May the Olympic Torch Relay runs for 70 days. - Monday 9th July the torch will pass through Bletchley & Milton Keynes.
- 2-5th June we celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee (*We feel another street party coming on!* - see pg 21).
- 27 July - 12th August: London 2012 Olympic Games.
- 29 August - 9th September: London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Locally we have our own up and coming events to look forward to, such as the Family Quiz Night and the ever popular Chalgrave Games, this year with a Pirate Theme.

Oh, and apparently the world is due to end on 21st December!

We're all aware of the predictions of Nostradamus but what's so special about 2012 I hear you ask. Well, the Mayan calendar stops at the end of the year 2012, which in turn has led to some religious and scientific theories foretelling the end of life as we know it.

Although we've survived all other prophecies thus far, just to be on the safe side, if there is something you've been putting off or have been inspired to try something new and fabulous, do it.



**Happy New Year!**

**Deadline for next edition: Monday 14th May**

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Or by phone to: Emma: 877327/ Su: 873963 / Debbie: 877149

# Chairman of the Parish Council

## Police

We have a new Police Community Support Officer covering our parish. He is **PCSO Scott Burgess**. He can be contacted by email - [scott.burgess@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:scott.burgess@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk) or by phone – 01582 473409 or 07956 427670.

## A5/M1

Dunstable Northern Bypass. The public consultation begins in February. We have a lot of information about the proposed bypass including maps and plans. Please contact the Clerk, Lesley Smith, if you want to look at them.

## Chalgrave Golf Club

They have been granted a time extension for delivery of further infill material. They have up to 28<sup>th</sup> February. They have also been granted limited retrospective planning.

## Street Lights

As soon as we are aware of a faulty street light we report it to Central Beds. Unfortunately they do not move as quickly. There is a street light out along the Hockcliffe Road which we have now reported several times. Hopefully, it will be repaired soon.

## Dog bins

It has been brought to our attention that the dog bin opposite Woodlands has been full for some time. We contacted Central Beds and it has since been emptied. It should be emptied on a regular basis.

## Films

A couple of years ago we were given a grant for a projector, a huge screen and DVD player to be installed in the Memorial Hall. The grant included some money available for hire of films. The equipment has been used for films for children, a Mamma Mia night and by the Chalgrave WI. It would be great if the equipment can be used more often – films for children, race nights, classic film evenings, video games, etc. We need someone or several people to come up with ideas to get best value out of the equipment and to help organise its' use. Please contact me, any of the Parish Councillors or the Clerk if you have ideas and/or are willing to get things going.

As always, you are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting.



# In Memory



## **Binnie Harris**

Born 2nd January 1921  
Died 30 December 2011

Virtually everyone knew Bin or Binnie and she'd been called by those names for so many years she couldn't remember whether her real name was May or Maisie!

Binnie lived in Tebworth for over 70 years, firstly at Home Farm (now Upper Tithe Farm). The family moved there just before the second world war. It was a proper working farm owned by the Bunker family. Binnie's stepfather was the farm manager for all the Bunker's farms. She used to talk about the evacuees that stayed with them and they also had some prisoners of war working on the farm. She worked at A.C. Delco when she lived at the farm, cycling to Dunstable every working day. She married Harold in 1952 and they moved to Pump cottage in 1958.

She was very artistic and enjoyed painting. She was generally very good at all sorts of arts and crafts - dressmaking, embroidery, marquetry, upholstery etc.. There wasn't much she wouldn't try her hand at. She was very fond of flowers and gardening - she definitely had green fingers and most things flourished in the garden.

Binnie also loved her holidays in Torrevieja in Spain and she and Harold went regularly for 20 years. Harold died in 1992 but Binnie carried on visiting Spain as long as her health permitted and she had some very good friends she met in Spain.

She will be sorely missed.



## **June Evans**

Born 27th June 1940  
Died 17th September 2011

June was a real village person in that she was very friendly and open with all who knew her but was also a private person who enjoyed village life but did not get involved in parish groups or committees.

She was from one of the three main village families, the Harris's. In those days people did not tend to migrate too far from home. She lived in the end pond cottage with her parents and two sisters which was then a "Two up and Two down" with an outside loo. June went to the Chalgrave School and the Sunday school every Sunday.

She worked at Waterlow's in Dunstable travelling by bus at 7:30 each morning. She married Roy, from Toddington, in 1961 and they lived in Houghton Regis before moving back to Toddington Rd, Tebworth a short time later to a few hundred yards from where she was born.

June was an animal lover who loved cats and also kept her eye on the sheep in the fields across the road, being quick to report any that had strayed, were distressed or caught in netting etc.

The funeral service at Chalgrave Church and reception at the Memorial hall were lovely, well attended events that gave everyone a chance to celebrate her life.

*Note: Regrettably we missed the deadline for the last Chalgrave News*

# View from the House: Andrew Selous MP

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## A varied parliamentary week – from bedpans to the West Bank

One of the reasons I am incredibly privileged to do my job is the sheer variety it brings with it. This last week in Parliament is a good example. On Saturday I visited the Open Day at Houghton Regis Leisure Centre along with 700 other people. I was thrilled to see so many people there including many who were signing up to get back into a wide range of sports. I run before work every day Parliament sits and definitely feel better for it.

The day before I visited Intraining in Luton who are providing back to work support as part of the Government's new Work Programme for all my constituents from Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable and Houghton Regis. I was really impressed with the commitment of the staff and their determination to help get their clients into work. The jobseekers I met spoke positively of their experience. Intraining only get their final payment once they have found their client a job and helped them stay in work for a year or more.

On Tuesday morning I attended a debate on care for the dying and expressed the hope that older people would never be made to feel they were a burden and should end their lives to lessen the load on their families. One of the most shocking stories I heard in that debate was from my colleague Penny Mordaunt, MP for Portsmouth North, who is also a hospital visitor. She raised the case of an elderly constituent who had needed a bedpan in hospital and on the sixth time of asking was told to wet herself as it was nearly supertime and the nurses were all busy. I would not have mentioned this had not someone very close to me had to lie in a hospital bed in London for 45 minutes two weeks ago with a burst stoma bag close to a large post operative wound, which he was worried would get infected, before he was helped.

I always love being able to give praise where it is due and last week was able to do just that for Bedfordshire Police. Most nurses do an excellent job, but instances like the two episodes I have just recounted do need to be raised so that we can have universally high standards of hospital care. That was why I brought up the whole issue of nursing care in the Commons on Thursday, a subject that the Prime Minister has recently raised. We need to take some of the paperwork off nurses and ensure ward sisters are closely supervising care insisting on the highest possible standards.

On Monday night, President Abbas of Palestine came to talk to MPs. I was very impressed with his search for peace as were the 70 or so MPs and Lords who turned up to see him. He was very exercised about the Israeli settlement activity on the West Bank which is against international law. If it continues, there will not be the land left for a two state solution, something which many moderate Israelis recognize.



In May last year a team of enthusiastic people from All Saints Church took it into their heads to start a Messy Church for our villages.



### **So what is Messy Church? Can anyone come along?**

Messy Church is a new way of being church, a church-within-a-church if you like. Its about people who have never been to church before and people who have grown up with church, coming together and enjoying a fun filled messy couple of hours while also learning something about the Christian faith. And as many people find coming to a church service on a Sunday quite difficult, Messy Church is held on a Friday afternoon from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

We chose to meet in the Wilkinson Hall as this is close to our lower and middle schools and so not far to travel with little ones in tow. We share the task of organising, planning and leading Messy Church with our friends at St George's and working together has been encouraging for all of us and a real joy.

We meet and enjoy tea, coffee, squash and biscuits before getting stuck into all sorts of craft activities which are centred around a theme. In the past we've had a birthday party theme, seaside theme, harvest theme, fireworks and Halloween theme, and of course a Christmas theme. When we've done enough sticking and cutting, painting and collaging, playing with clay and turning loo rolls into lighthouses, doilies into

angels, and decorating buns and biscuits, we slip into church for a short act of worship.

Our worship is very gentle, and we usually have a bible story (quite often with actions so that everyone can join in), sing a song, and have prayer which can be anything from throwing pebbles in to water to lighting sparklers and making paper chains. This is church as you've never experienced it before!

And then its time for tea, and we go back into the hall (miraculously cleaned up by the messy angels) and enjoy all sorts of goodies: pizza, hotdogs, chicken nuggets, jacket potatoes etc, and there's always something nice for pud. Sitting around a big table together we have a chance to get to know each other and make new friends.



It's all very different from traditional Sunday church, but being able to offer both experiences in our villages is important to us, and we hope you'll find a place to belong no matter where or

when you come to church.

If you'd like to know more about Messy Church then why not come along to the next one and join in the fun?

#### **Messy Church dates:**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb ~ Messy Lent  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> March ~ Messy Easter  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> April ~ Messy Disciples  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May ~ Messy Birthday  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July ~ Messy Sports

#### **Everyone welcome**

from babes in arms to grannies  
and grandpas!

# 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.*

## **Church Calendar**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April Concert by the Dunstable Ladies Choir

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May Flower Festival

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June cake stall, Toddington Green 10.00am

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July Salmon and Strawberries at the Rectory

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August Harp Concert



## **Summer Weddings**

Congratulations to all our couples being married this summer at Chalgrave:

9 <sup>th</sup> June	James Lewis and Lara Holt
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Craig Roy and Rebecca Nolan
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Pat Ryan and Shaun Lawrence
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Katy Playle and Chris Clark
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Rebecca Bailey and Luke Lucas
11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Mark Abraham and Evie Pross



## **Messy Church**

Crafts, games, worship and food. Everyone welcome!

24<sup>th</sup> Feb- Messy Lent, Wilkinson Hall 3.30-5.30pm

30<sup>th</sup> March - Messy Easter, Wilkinson Hall 3.30-5.30pm

27<sup>th</sup> April - Messy Disciples, Wilkinson Hall 3.30-5.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> May - Messy Flower Festival (the children will be making a display for the flower festival), Wilkinson Hall 3.30-5.30pm

25<sup>th</sup> May – Messy Birthday

6<sup>th</sup> July – Messy Sports





## **Farewell to Bishop Richard**

Bishop Richards retirement service is to be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 4pm at St Pauls Church, Bedford. If you would like to attend please call Rev'd Anne on 872298 or Bev on 210161

## **What's happening over the next few months?**

Firstly let me thank all of you who attended the church services over the Christmas period, it was a real delight to see the church full and the church looking so beautiful.

As you all know the church and the church yard takes a lot of effort to keep looking good and safe for all to use. This year sees us fund raising for, four small window vents, to allow more circulation of air, replacement of the choir pew floor (which was damaged due to dry rot) and to start the process to look at the north aisle and the paintings.

There is no doubt this is major work and cost for the church. Ways in which you can help:

**Attend our fund raising events, - this year we have:**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm** - A concert by the Dunstable Ladies Choir, an evening of popular music. The cost is £7.50 which includes a programme and light refreshments, the concert will be held in All Saints Church, Chalgrave.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** - Flower Festival

Over 20 arrangements on the theme "the Queens Diamond Jubilee", the price to enter is £2.00 which will include a tea or coffee, or for a further £5.00 why not stay and have afternoon tea, on our best china, with sandwiches, scones, jam, cream, tea or coffee.

If the weather is fine you can eat outside or inside and listen to Peter Freeman playing

the organ, it should be a wonderful few days, starting at 1pm and finishing at 5.30pm on each day.

## **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July Salmon and Strawberries at the Rectory 12.30pm**

More details will be posted on the notice boards for this event, it will be a fund raising events, but full details are yet to be finalised, all I can say is don't be put off from coming if you don't like salmon, there will be plenty of food at the event. Some members from the Toddington band will be playing and you can sit in the garden and chat over food.

## **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August Harp Concert 7.30pm All Saints Church, Chalgrave**

Harpist is Robin Ward; the cost will be £10.00 for adults and £8.00 for concession, which will include light refreshment at the interval.

Robin originates from New Zealand, he performs in New Zealand, Australia and the UK, he also builds his own instruments, his website is [www.earlyharp.com](http://www.earlyharp.com) should you wish to listen to a preview

## **Volunteers**

Do you have a few hours you could give to All Saints Church, Chalgrave!!

We need volunteers for the churchyard, grass cutting etc from Easter and to help keep the inside of the church clean i.e. dusting, vacuuming, we always stop for a coffee, tea and biscuits., so if you can help please contact me – Bev 01525 210161

## **PCC meetings**

Should you want to raise any points with the PCC then please let me know on 01525 210161 or [diarcrw@aol.com](mailto:diarcrw@aol.com) and I will add to the agenda. Meetings are held on the last Thurs in Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov.

Bev

# Santa's Little Helpers

Well they did it to me again, Whilst down the pub, Su Parker and Debbie Hampson wait until I have had a couple of glasses of wine, they pick their moment and then suggest I might like to help with the Santa run, and of course true to form, I say "yes" ....again. What did you volunteer for this time? Stuart asks when I get home.

My two little girls were so excited to hear that Mummy was going to be helping Santa this year. They already think their Grandad is Santa so this year was extra special to them. The weeks before Christmas were filled with questions like "how does Santa get up the chimney on the float, does he get a chair or does he stand, how come he doesn't fall over, does his arm ache after all that waving, will someone give him a drink?" etc



Well the night arrived and I wrapped my self up warm with hats, gloves and scarves and made my way to the meeting point i.e. The Plough. Phil bought us all a drink, just to keep the cold out you understand, whilst we waited for the float to arrive and for Santa to get ready.

I was given a pep talk, as I was this years' Santa newbie, and made to sign something that basically said should I fall over and hurt myself then it was no-ones fault but my own. Mick provided me a Christmas head band to wear, complete with very floppy baubles on the top and a bit of tinsel, Debbie promised to titivate them should they get too floppy. Phil switched his lights on in an attempt to



resemble a walking Christmas tree.

We started off on our route led by the lovely, but very meticulous, man from the Rotary Club. We were greeted with such warm welcomes and generosity from the residents whose doors we knocked on, purses were

emptied and Five pound notes folded in some weird origami fashion to get them into the collecting tins." I don't think this five pound note will go in...let me see if I have some change" one resident said " No, no I can get it in!" I said (I wasn't going to let that one get away), it took me about ten minutes but it went in, eventually.

We headed down Wingfield Road and turned into Woodlands. Here we were greeted by Sue and John Keech who provided us with home made Mulled wine and Sausage Rolls, the best sausage rolls I have ever tasted. Su and JP appeared with their 17 dinner guests and we had a sort of street party going.



We made sure Santa got a sausage and some mulled wine before we headed on our way again.

Next stop for refreshments was Frances Masters

where again we had more home made mulled wine. Delicious again. Poor Frances was so busy serving up the mulled wine she completely missed seeing Santa.

Off we went again and headed up to Park Farm. This is where I was going to stop and get home to my little girls. Sheila Osborne greeted us with more mulled wine and Sausage rolls, as this was my third glass now I was starting to feel just a little merry. Debbie was talking to me and telling me how the money raised goes to pay for a Christmas Dinner for the old age pensioners in the village. I should have seen it coming really, but I didn't, then, there it was "would you like to help by waitressing at the Christmas Dinner next year?" guess what I said ..... "of course I will" .....again.

***By one of Santa's newest little helpers, Sharon Brown***

*Thanks to Chris Osborne for driving Santa's lorry, to the Rotary Club of Flitwick, all our collectors and everyone else who contributed. All proceeds go to the Rotary Club and to provide Christmas lunch for the elderly of the Parish*

# Christmas Lights Competition



We're afraid this year you're going to have to trust us on our judgment of the winner as, due to technical problems (*i.e. rubbish photographers and cameras*), we have a distinct lack of decent photographs to share with you.



So, after a chilly tour round, we decided that Phil & Debbie Parry were the winners for their simple but very pretty display of white lights around their porch and shrubs (*the photo doesn't do it justice, honestly, it did look lovely*).

Well done to the Parry family, your prize is on its way.



Well done to all other residents for their displays, especially St Mary's Close who once again did themselves proud!



# New Years Eve at The Plough



Having decided to forgo our usual New Years Eve house party we ventured instead the whole 100 yards to The Plough.

Sustained by the buffet we danced the night away to music by DJ Mike Wells – you know you have the music right when the dance floor is full all night and I shall view some of the Sunday Night Quiz teams in a whole new light.

Wingfield midnight was created when the chimes of Big Ben, which were too quiet to be heard, were replaced by The

Plough bell.

I did try to take some photos to share with you but sadly the ladies were dancing too fast and I was wearing my beer goggles by that time, they looked in focus to me.



It was an excellent night, and I am told I had a great time.

Thanks to Roger Burden for organising the evening and if the world does not end on 21.12.12 (it's on Wikipedia so it must be true) I hope to see you there on 31 December 2012.



As we seem set for a spell of icy weather, think before defrosting your car on the driveway. Beware of opportunistic thieves who are just waiting for you to leave your car running. And remember, if you leave your keys in and the car is stolen, your insurance company won't pay out!



## Trust me..I'm a Car Dealer!

### 'Campagne and Chanapays'

Occasionally, very occasionally, a new Porsche is announced and very very occasionally, when they are a bit light on people, I get invited to the launch party. I have, of course, to take the wife along who has no interest whatsoever in anything to do with cars but a considerable interest in alcohol... especially the bubbly variety!! And, mingling with people who are 'loaded'. She considers it to be a champagne tasting party!!

I won't bore you with the details but a new Porsche 911 is a significant occasion and I have been fortunate enough to go to the last two launches. They have however taken a similar pattern; turn up on time, already crowded, look at car for approx 1 minute, wife gets offered loads of champagne which turns into 'campagne' after half an hour or so, eat some 'chanapays' (canapés), try to see which one of the guests has the most money, not always easy, think about which colour you would have, (car... not waiter) pick wife and her friend up off the floor, insert her in current car and drive home. (Please note, I don't drink champagne and only had 2 small beers as I was driving)!

This whole event can take a couple of hours and if asked for her opinion on the new masterpiece, wife usually comments 'the duck was very nice but the car looks like the last one' I could, of course, leave her at home and go alone but it would not be the same .....can't wait for the next one, (launch not wife)



# Rogation Walk

**Rogation Sunday is 13th May** this year and as always we will be doing the Chalgrave Boundary Walk, hopefully Ken Green will not be swanning off around the world this year and will be able to lead us, unlike last year when I redefined the boundaries of the Parish with my inability to map read.

See you 10 am outside The Queens Head or if that's too early for you on a Sunday or you can join in half way round, 1pm at The Fancott.

## Grumpy Old.....

Every year in early summer I go to France on a motorcycle. Sadly, this year may be my last as the Frenchies have decided, (probably to help their finances as they, like us, are skint,) to insist that all motorcyclists wear at least 150cms of reflective clothing and have outlawed speed camera warning devices for all vehicles. For good measure they are also introducing large fines for non-compliance.



How on earth they are going to enforce it is not clear, perhaps the Gendarmes will have a tape measure and will 'interrogate' your sat-nav to see if the warnings were active, assuming they can operate it, I don't know. What I do know however, is that it will upset the tourists, which means many may decide not to bother and go somewhere else, which means less money for the French and means I can laugh out loud at a further reduction in their credit score....not all bad news then.

# All Our Yesterdays - No 7



It's unlikely someone recognises themselves in this photograph!  
What about their children or grandchildren?



We know lady with  
the Bull 402 is  
Audrey Dolemore  
from Lane Farm,  
now well into her  
90's.

With 403 is  
Arthur Foster,  
[Greta Foster and  
Rhona Heeps'  
father].

Any idea what,  
when or where the  
event was held?

**Contact: Ken Green on 01525 874107 or [kenandlyn@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:kenandlyn@tinyworld.co.uk)**

## Please sponsor my Mount Kilimanjaro climb!

I will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in February 2012 and am busy training to give myself the best possible chance of making it to the summit!

I am asking people to sponsor my climb in order to raise as much money as possible for '**Headway – the brain injury association**'.

**Headway** is a registered charity (no 1025852) set up to give help and support to people affected by brain injury. As I have funded the trip and climb myself, 100% of the sponsorship money raised will be received directly by Headway.



**To sponsor me, please go to:**

**<http://www.justgiving.com/Mark-Greenwood3>**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Mark**

## **We Celebrate Ron Harris's 50th Birthday**



It was "Friday night is music night" at the Queen's Head as usual but we had a special event to celebrate in Ron's birthday. With "The Luvly Lennie" at the mic and an extensive buffet laid on by Tina and family a good time was had by all.

Many singers from the floor took part including Colin of course. Plenty of food and good cheer all round!

We all admire Ron's fortitude and positive attitude. We also admire his driving skills as he manoeuvres his cart into his favourite corner of the bar!



## Harlington Upper School Awards Evening 6th January 2012

We would like to congratulate the following students from Wingfield and Tebworth who were presented with awards for achieving the highest marks in their exams, taken in the Summer of 2011, in the following subjects:

<b>William Asbury</b>	A Level Business Studies
<b>Natasha Scanes</b>	A Level History
<b>Charlotte Kerr</b>	GCSE Food Technology

Well done.

## Everybody's entitled to my opinion!

I was playing 'Tip-Toe through the dog's mess' the other morning at the top of the field by Home Farm, a Dog's Doo hot spot if ever there was one, and the answer to the problem dawned on me....Closed Circuit TV! It's everywhere now so why not in Tebworth? That way we can discover who the lazy so and so's are who can't be bothered to pick up the their mess from public footpaths and have it posted back through their letter box. I shall speak to the Parish Council about it!

# CHALGRAVE NEWS

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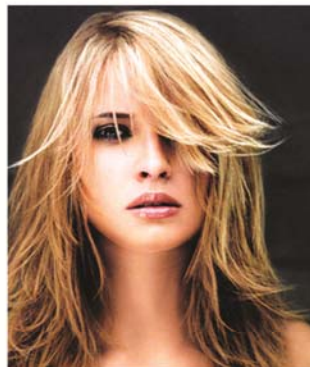
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The New Year's Eve party was a great success and everyone had a really good time.

Photographs were taken but were too fuzzy, like we all were.

The quiz night is very popular and is held every other Sunday with the dates in January 22<sup>nd</sup> February 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March and so on.

The Thursday Whist and Tiddle society is still popular and anyone who fancies a game of cards is welcome. Starting time is 9pm.

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# Queens Head Update

Hello again, and may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year, I hope it will bring you all both joy and prosperity.

Since the last issue of this glorious magazine there have been some significant events celebrated in The Queens Head, first there was **Ron Harris's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday bash** which was very well supported, which just shows what a popular character he is, all the family were there as well so his lovely wife Tina was very happy to have them all together again. He has helped me countless times in the past before his series of strokes so it was especially nice to see him out and about enjoying himself.

The other momentous occasion was the **surprise party** that the regulars organised for me to celebrate my **30<sup>th</sup> year at The Queens Head**, I find it very humbling sometimes when all you lovely people put yourselves out for my benefit and all I do in return is take your money and serve you some beer, I would like to thank no one in particular because you all have been wonderful over the years, my only regret is that Liz wasn't here to enjoy the evening with me.

As always Christmas was a busy period because as it fell on a weekend most people had a 4 day holiday and there

were only 3 days between Christmas and New Year so the majority of people had the whole period off work. We had our local singer Keith West in on Christmas Eve to get everyone into the Christmas spirit and he always brings some other performers with him so it was a really fun evening, at some stage in the evening hot pork rolls appeared as if by magic, these were devoured by the screaming hoards and if anyone knows where they came from then please pass on my appreciation to the cook and the bottle washer.

Pete Spence brought his own brand of lunacy here on New Years Eve and that always guarantees a chaotic and thoroughly enjoyable night.

The Darts and Domino teams are still going strong but are always looking for new members, Darts on a Wednesday and the Dominos team are always in on a Saturday for a practice session.

Friday Nights live music is still drawing the crowds with some new acts entertaining the gathering, so why not come along one evening and see for yourself the joys of being part of village life.

Good luck for the future.

Colin



# 30 Years @ The Queens Head

To celebrate Colin's 30 years as Landlord of the Queens Head, a surprise party was held at the pub.

We think Colin was genuinely surprised. As far as he was concerned it was a normal Friday night with Live music with Pete Kerrigan, but he did wonder what was going on when people started putting out tables and bringing in food.

Our thanks must go to Kevin and Jacquie for providing a truly superb buffet. There was a good crowd all wanting to congratulate Colin. It was particularly nice that fellow parish landlord, Roger from the Plough, turned up.

There had been talk of what we could get for Colin but nothing was really decided and it was a surprise to us all when Lyndie produced a magnificent Plaque. Our grateful thanks go to Signs Of The Times.

Once again it reminds us how lucky we are to have a real old fashioned local [and a real old fashioned landlord] and we all need to support it [and him!!]



# Chalgrave WI

Chalgrave WI has had a great first year with a varied calendar of events. Our 32 members are from across the parish as well as Toddington and Dunstable. We are keen to welcome new members – you do not need to know the words for Jerusalem or how to make jam! Most of us joined because we wanted to make new friends and have fun and we certainly have achieved these objectives in our first year.

Highlights included a film evening, Pamper Demonstration, Dog obedience demonstration, Image Consultant, Swishing Event, Dream interpretation, Ghostbusting evening and belly dancing demonstration



**Chocolate Fountain Stall  
Chalgrave Games July 2011**



**Ladies day at Towcester races  
May 2011**



**Royal Wedding Party  
April 2011**



**Country Walk  
June 2011**

Also don't forget we are on facebook and that holds details all our events too.  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Chalgrave-WI/173154812708705>

If you would like to know more, please contact me for a chat or feel free to come along to one of our events.

**Debbie Parry, Chalgrave WI, Tel: 07770 543797**



## **Chalgrave WI 2012 Agenda**

We generally meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 8pm at  
Chalgrave Memorial Hall, Tebworth

Day and Date	Time	Details	Location
Thu 23-Feb	8.30pm	<b>Angels:</b> An audience with clairvoyant Lisa. Lisa will give us a talk on Angels and then hold individual readings for those who want one.	Chalgrave Memorial Hall
Tue 13-Mar	8pm	<b>Art Talk</b> A beginners guide to understanding paintings - a fun and informative look at how to read a painting.	Chalgrave Memorial Hall
April	TBC	<b>Outing to be confirmed - depending on demand</b> Dinner at local restaurant or pub Country house -Highclere Castle, Newbury (AKA Downton Abbey!) Clay pigeon shooting NB Easter hols are 2-16 April	TBC
Tue 08-May	8pm	<b>Cheese and Wine tasting</b>	TBC
Thu 24-May	7.30pm	<b>Dirty Dancing - (£39.50).</b>	Milton Keynes Theatre
Fri 25-May	Late afternoon	<b>Towcester races - Ladies Night: £10 Entry to the course or £75</b> to include 4 course dinner in the Empress Suite, private bar, private betting, private balcony viewing. Family and friends welcome. Transport may be arranged if sufficient interest	Towcester
Tue 12-Jun	7.30pm	<b>Country walk and Pub Dinner</b>	TBC
Tue 10-Jul	8pm	<b>Image consultant - colours, scarves, accessories</b>	Chalgrave Memorial Hall
Tue 11-Sep	8pm	<b>Local Magistrate</b>	Chalgrave Memorial Hall
Tue 09-Oct	8pm	<b>Vet Talk</b> – Local vet Peter Harding will be regaling us with some anecdotes about his career.	Chalgrave Memorial Hall
Tue 13-Nov	8pm	<b>AGM</b>	Chalgrave Memorial Hall
Tue 11-Dec	8pm	<b>Christmas Drinks</b>	TBC

# Clubs & Committees



We have read only one book since the last review and that was [Carl Hiaasen's "Tourist Season"](#).

Hiaasen's novel is described as a "comedy crime thriller" set in Florida and written about 24 years ago. It certainly isn't filled with loads of "laugh out loud" moments, but it does make you smile now and again, even though the plot revolves around a bunch of fanatical extremists hell bent on ridding Florida of it's tourists.

The group (Las Noches de Diciembre, and more than once referred to as Las Nachos) blame tourists for

the demise of Florida's natural beauty, the destruction of the Everglades and the ever-increasing high rise developments.

Mixed reviews within the Book Club on this one, most of us enjoyed reading it but a couple found it very difficult to pick up and finish it. None of the characters came across as likeable but the villains were more convincing than the good guys.

Our next book is called [Clan of the Cave Bear](#), which is about prehistoric Neanderthal clans 30,000 years ago – should be interesting!

Noeleen Thomson



## Chalgrave Sports Club

The fixtures for the coming season will be out in February for a start in April and will be put on the Chalgrave Sports club website,  
[www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk](http://www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk)

Net practice will commence in March and anyone wishing to attend should contact The Plough for more information.

**Roger Burden**

## Cup of Tea

One day my mother was out and my dad was in charge of me. I was maybe 2 1/2 years old.

Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as A gift and it was one of my favourite toys.

Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought Daddy a little cup of 'tea', which was just water. After several Cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Mum came home.

My Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of Tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!' My Mum waited, and sure enough, here I come down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watches him drink it up.

Then she says (as only a mother would know):  
*'Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach water is the toilet?'*

Dads don't think like Mums do!



**For all information about the Parish of Chalgrave visit [www.chalgrave.org](http://www.chalgrave.org)**



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# Chalgrave Village Games

Saturday 14th July  
2012 - 1pm



This year with a  
Pirate Theme!

## Memorial Hall Tebworth



### ***Grand Draw 1st Prize = £100!!!***

DOG SHOW

WATER SPORTS

WELLY WANGING

TEA & CAKES

BBQ

**PIRATE FANCY DRESS COMPETITION**

BEER TENT

RIFLE RANGE

SIDE STALLS

CHILDRENS GAMES AND MORE....



# **FREE ENTRY**





# The Chalgrave Games 2012

We are already planning this year's Games,  
but we need your help to make it work.

- ♦ *Could you man a stall for an hour on the day?*
- ♦ *Sell some draw tickets?*
- ♦ *Help with the children's games?*
- ♦ *Bake a cake?*
- ♦ *Do you have any ideas for activities/stalls?*

We are holding a Meeting on **February 29th, 8pm** at  
**The Queen's Head** and would be delighted to see  
anyone who may be interested in helping.

Contact Su Parker on 873963  
if you have any questions.





It's time again for the annual blitz. We've compiled a few **Spring Cleaning Tips** to help you, so no excuses!

- Do one room at a time. It will be so much more satisfying to see one room sparkle than several half finished.
- Work from the top down to avoid getting anything you've just cleaned dirty again
- **Curtains** need to be cleaned at least once a year as they are real dust traps so either wash yourself (if fabric and washing machine capacity allows), or have professionally cleaned.
- To freshen and remove odours from **carpet**, sprinkle with bicarbonate of soda, leave for 15 minutes, then vacuum.
- To make life easier when cleaning your **oven**, mix some bicarbonate of soda into a thick paste, then smear it inside your oven - including the door - and leave for a few hours or overnight. Then you simply wipe it away with a damp sponge. No chemical cleaners required!
- If you're also having a 'spring clean' of your **wardrobe**, take the opportunity to clean inside as moths love dusty corners! Remove all the clothes and vacuum the corners and then wash down the interior with soapy water.
- Winter weather can leave your **windows** less than squeaky clean. Mix together 1tsp washing-up liquid, half a teacup of white vinegar and two teacups of warm water. Spray this solution on to your windows and use a soft, dust-free rag to wipe clean.
- To avoid lime scale build up on **shower doors**, keep a window squeegee in the shower and wipe down the doors before you get out, thus avoiding the water drying on the glass.
- If your **shower head or taps** are scaled, pour a couple of inches of vinegar into a freezer bag and secure over the tap/ shower head with an elastic band. Leave to soak overnight and in the morning the scale should have dissolved.



# Attention all readers!

## Entries in the Chalgrave News

We know from feedback that we have received, that many of you enjoy receiving and reading the Chalgrave News to keep up to speed with news and events from around our Parish. **However, without the valued input from a number of regular contributors, the News would be a very light read indeed.**

So, once again we are appealing to you, our readers, for your stories, news - good or bad, historical facts regarding the Parish, for example, do you live in a house with a juicy history?

If you would like to announce your upcoming nuptials, share the good news of a birth in your family or even the sad news of a loss within the Parish and would like to remember someone, then please let us know.

Would you like to be a regular contributor yourself? Are you a keen gardener/cook/etc who can share tips/recipes etc.



We can't do it without you so, if you want to continue to see one of these drop through your door, all you have to do is:

email us on  
[thechalgravenews@live.co.uk](mailto:thechalgravenews@live.co.uk)

If you don't have access to an  
email, call us:

**Emma on 877327**

**Su on 873963**

# Great British Fish and Chip Supper

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012



*Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work?  
Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity?*

Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In the three years we have been running the event we have raised £20,000 to support spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk) or visit [www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips](http://www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips)

**We have been made aware of a burglary that has recently taken place in Toddington, therefore, we have taken this opportunity to reinforce some tips, as outlined by the Metropolitan Police, to help you keep your home safe.**

### **Anti-Burglary Tips:**

1. Mark or etch your property with your postcode, house or flat number or the first three letters of your house name.
2. Register items with a serial number at: [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
3. Do not leave your car keys or ID documents near doors, letterbox or windows.
4. Always check who's at the door and don't open it if you feel anxious.
5. Close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you are only going out for a few minutes.
6. Keep your valuables out of sight.
7. Leave some lights on if it will be dark before you get home.
8. Install a visible burglar alarm, if you have one already, use it!
9. Always keep sheds and outbuildings locked.
10. Cancel milk or other deliveries if you will be away for days or weeks at a time.
11. Look out for unfamiliar cars/people that could be watching your movements

Police in Central Bedfordshire are encouraging residents and business to invest in [SmartWater](#) to mark their property as part of the ongoing county-wide initiative aimed at spreading crime prevention advice and reducing burglary.

SmartWater can be used to mark any kind of property from electrical items to jewellery. When placed under ultraviolet light the liquid, which is invisible to the eye and cannot be removed, glows to reveal its unique chemical signature, meaning stolen property can be checked on a database and traced back to its owner.

The most cost effective way to get hold of SmartWater is via the [Bedford and District Neighbourhood Watch](#), they can be contacted on [01234 275165](tel:01234275165).

*Source: [www.bedfordshire.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk)*

Can you work out the name of each actor or actress from the following anagrams? Name lengths are shown in brackets.

**ACTORS:**

OMIT CURSE (3,6)  
A PAL ICON (2,6)  
COOL EGO ENERGY (6,7)  
GERMAN FOREMAN (6,7)  
LESS RELEVANT TO SLY (9,9)  
WILL USE CRIB (5,6)  
INERT BROODER (6,2,4)  
COOL RAINDROP IDEA (8,2,6)  
MONK HATS (3,5)  
BIG MELONS (3,6)  
JAW DUEL (4,3)  
SCOWL ANTIDOTE (5,8)

**ACTRESSES:**

LENGTHY PART WOW (7,7)  
RAINY WONDER (6,5)  
WARY UNIVERSE EGO (9,6)  
IN FINE TORN JEANS (8,7)  
NO ALIENS DARLING (7,8)  
REALLY HERB (5,5)  
IDOL NICKNAME (6,6)  
NO EAGLE IN JAIL (8,5)  
SEEN AT A RICH JET-ZONE (9,4-5)  
TWEAK TINSEL (5,6)  
ROBUST JAILER (6,6)  
TRY REM SLEEP (5,6)

*Solution on pg 35*

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A	P	E	A	C	H	F	R	E	S	H	J	M
M	O	N	T	H	V	I	S	M	O	O	T	H
B	W	N	S	E	A	N	O	V	B	Y	C	P
E	A	R	T	H	N	I	L	Z	D	I	S	H
A	T	L	O	M	I	S	M	Y	T	H	C	T
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V	V	G	C	W	R	R	R	P	B	H	T	C
P	T	T	H	A	O	I	C	T	A	E	C	H
E	Y	H	M	S	U	C	H	H	T	A	H	V
M	A	R	C	H	G	H	T	V	H	C	Y	G
T	V	Y	Z	L	H	I	J	O	U	H	V	J



ARCH, BATH, BEACH,  
DEPTH, DISH, EACH,  
EARTH,  
ENOUGH, FINISH, FRESH,  
HIGH, LENGTH, MARCH,  
MONTH, MYTH, PEACH,  
RICH, ROUGH, SCRATCH,  
SMOOTH, STOMACH,  
TOUCH, VANISH, WASH,  
WATCH.

*The words may be horizontal or vertical*

# Anagrams & Wordsearch

## Get your own back on cold calling telemarketers:



If they start out with, "How are you today?", answer "I'm so glad you asked, because no one these days seems to care, and I have all these problems; my arthritis is acting up, my eyelashes are sore, and my dog just died" when they try to get to the sale, just keep talking about your problems.



If they say they're Joe Bloggs from XYZ company, ask them to spell their name. Then ask them to spell the company name. Then ask them where it is located. Continue asking them personal questions or questions about their company for as long as necessary.



Tell the telemarketer that you are busy at the moment and ask them to give you their HOME phone number so you can call them back. When they explain that they cannot give out their HOME number, you say "I guess you don't want anyone bothering you at home right?" The telemarketer will agree and you say, "Now you know how I feel!" Hang up.

## Handy money saving hints for these difficult times!

- Don't replace the batteries in your doorbell...just keep going to the door to see if anyone is there!
- Don't pay astronomical kennel fees for your cat or dog, have it put down and buy a new one when you get home!
- Turn the light in the kitchen off when you open the fridge!

Send your *money- saving ideas* to:

[thechalgravenews@live.co.uk](mailto:thechalgravenews@live.co.uk)

**Best idea wins a bottle of wine!**

Anagram Solution - Actresses  
 GWYNETH PALTROW  
 WINONA RYDER  
 SIGOURNEY WEAVER  
 JENNIFER ANISTON  
 GILLIAN ANDERSON  
 HALLE BERRY  
 NICOLE KIDMAN  
 ANGELINA JOLIE  
 CATHERINE ZETA-JONES  
 KATE WINSLET  
 JULIA ROBERTS  
 MERYL STREEP

Anagram Solution - Actors  
 TOM CRUISE  
 AL PACINO  
 GEORGE CLOONEY  
 MORGAN FREEMAN  
 SYLVESTER STALLONE  
 BRUCE WILLIS  
 ROBERT DE NIRO  
 LEONARDO DI CAPRIO  
 TOM HANKS  
 MEL GIBSON  
 JUDE LAW  
 CLINT EASTWOOD



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