

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
6th, 7th & 8th December	Old Time Music Hall	Memorial Hall	7.00pm
Friday 21st December	Santa's Float	Villages	
Saturday 22 nd December	Nativity Live!	Toddinton	3.00pm
31st December	West Charity Deadline	Norman Costin	

Front Cover: Autumnal evening in Chalgrave

Deadline for next edition: Friday 15th February 2013

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Editorial

Welcome to the December edition of the News. The Christmas countdown has begun and once again we're counting the sleeps until Santa's arrival (is it just me or does it come round quicker each year?).

As usual we have some great photos to share with you, starting with three gorgeous new babies to welcome into the parish. We then have a few Halloween and fireworks pictures.

On page 10 you'll find details of the Chalgrave Remembrance Service. Pictured here is Daniel Jackson of Tebworth and Tom Kirby from Toddington, who laid a wreath on behalf of Toddington Rovers Football Club, following the Toddington Remembrance Day Parade. Many of Chalgrave's young people also attended the Toddington parade, representing local clubs and organisations.



Events to look forward to are the Old Time Music Hall (details on pg 13) and of course Santa himself will be visiting Chalgrave on Friday 21st. Kids, you'll find a colouring competition on page 33 and if you're chosen as the winner, Santa will be delivering a special prize to you!

And finally, **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** to all our readers.

The Chalgrave News has received the following letter, for which we are very grateful - thank you for your appreciation.

I would like to extend my Thanks (and hopefully yours) to the 5 members of the production team at The Chalgrave News, namely Su, Barbara, Debbie and Paul, BUT particularly Emma who turns a pile of paper, (most of which arrives past the deadline!) into a readable & enjoyable tome 4 times a year! Keep doing what you are doing because we really do appreciate it!! JP

Chairman of the Parish Council

There's not much to report in the run up to Christmas, therefore, all of us at the Parish Council, would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.





Merry Christmas

Diary:

December

Thur 6th, Fri 7th, Sat 8th	Old Time Music Hall	Chalgrave Memorial Hall
Sat 22nd	Carols by Candlelight	7.30pm - All Saints Church
Mon 24th	Crib Service	4.00pm - All Saints Church
Mon 24th	Midnight Service	11.15pm - All Saints Church
Tues 25th	Christmas Day Service	10.00am - St Georges Church, Toddington
Sun 30th	Parish Communion	9.30am - All Saints Church

**** NEW** Messy Church Family Disco**

Come along for our first family disco on **Saturday 8th December** 6pm – 9pm in Toddington St George's Lower School hall. There will be a disco, hot dogs, tuck shop and bar. Festive fancy dress optional!



Tickets are available from Punch Opticians at £3 per adult and £2 per child.

****NEW** Messy Church Sunday**

Sunday 16th December will be our first Messy Church Sunday service. This will be an interactive service for children and the whole family. The theme of the service will be '***Advent: Preparing for a New Arrival***'.

If you're able, bring an item you think is needed to prepare for a new baby, wrapped ready for Xmas. After the service we will then donate these items to a local Women's Refuge.

Nativity - LIVE!

A live nativity procession through Toddington is being planned for **Saturday 22nd December** from 3pm, followed by refreshments. Children will be encouraged to participate on the day, but if you are interested in being an adult cast member, marshal or helper, please contact Vicky Hydes on 01525 630667

For further information on Messy Church activities please contact:

Rev'd Anne Crawford: 01525 872298

Messy Fundraising Committee, Nativity, Coffee Morning:

Vicky Hydes: 01525 630667

PCC meetings - Should you want to raise any points with the PCC then please let me know on 01525 210161 or diarcw@aol.com and I will add them to the agenda.

Bev



Whatever we do and whoever we complain to there are going to be hundreds of new houses built in Houghton Regis. I am not sure who will buy them as it's easier to learn heart surgery from a book, than it is to get a mortgage nowadays!

Apparently, the builders are paying for, or subsidizing, the new link road needed to deal with all the extra traffic the new houses will bring, *if* anybody can afford to live there.

I, of course, have the solution! We will do without the road thank you very much, we will club together and put width restrictions in to protect Tebworth & Wingfield (*as I've discussed elsewhere*) and make do. That way we will not have to watch the next slum being built on our doorsteps and the blooming lorries can use the main roads.

Can you imagine how much traffic there will be when this lot gets under way?

View from the House: Andrew Selous MP



Why Remembrance Sunday matters so much



I was present at a Remembrance Day Service in my constituency and was proud to lay a wreath in memory of all those who have given their lives in the service of their country. This is a personal matter as well as a public one for me as seven members of my family lost their lives in action, including Lieutenant Harry Selous who was killed in the Boer War serving in the Bedfordshire Regiment. The Regimental Museum in Luton very kindly let me see a photograph of him. I was also a Territorial soldier myself for twelve years.

Almost every week in the House of Commons the terrible cost of war is brought home as the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition read out the names of those killed in Afghanistan since the last Prime Minister's Questions. It is a good way to remind MPs of the consequences of fighting war. On a more positive note, Parliament regularly hosts home coming parades for regiments returning from Afghanistan and commanders give us briefings on their recent tours of duty either in person or by video link. Only this evening, as I write this article, we have had the Colchester Military wives choir singing in Parliament and they were magnificent. Earlier in the day I attended a meeting to put forward proposals to make it easier for the spouses and partners of armed forces personnel to find work. Having to move so regularly makes it very hard to find and keep work and I am talking to the CBI about publicly recognizing those firms which actively try to help armed forces families into work.

In recent years I have been really heartened by the growing numbers attending Remembrance events. I am particularly pleased at the increasing numbers of young people who are present and I congratulate local schools for the innovative ways they help bring Remembrance Sunday alive for our young people. Both my grandfather and my father left school to go straight into world wars. I am so thankful that my generation and the generation coming up have not had to make this scale of sacrifice.

Next year sees the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War and the Prime Minister has made the commemorations a personal priority. We need to remember the enormous numbers who lost their lives.. Over 16 million military and civilian personnel were killed, nearly one million from these islands. These losses touched every part of the UK. Of the 14,000 parishes in England and Wales only 50 or so saw all their soldiers, sailors and airmen return. 20,000 were killed on one day of the Battle of the Somme. Every individual life lost in war is a tragedy and the 437 service personnel killed in Afghanistan over the last ten years are no exception. The numbers of the First World War casualties do show the sheer scale of sacrifice that generation made.

So it is right that we honour those who served in World War One and other wars, that we remember those who died and that we ensure the lessons learnt live with us as we rededicate ourselves to making our world a better place.

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



Baby Congratulations



Mollie Amelia White was born to Katherine Masters and Jake White on 10th October at the Luton and Dunstable hospital.

Mollie weighed in at 8lb 9 oz. Both mum and baby are doing brilliantly.

Congratulations to Wayne & Sarah Gadsden who welcome baby Callum to their family. Callum was born on September 30th and is a new brother for Tasha, Connor, Liam and Caitlin.



Phoebe Jane Osborn is a new addition to the family of Danielle Finch and Robert Osborn, and new little sister to brother Mikey Finch. She was born on 11th June 2012 weighing 6lb 8oz.

Halloween



Halloween was a quiet affair this year; even the most hardened witches, ghosts and ghouls prefer to stay in by the fire when it's bucketing down!

Here are the few creatures of the night that did brave it!



The Queens Head Fireworks & Bonfire

There was a good turn out for a tremendous night again at the Queen's Head on Saturday 3rd November. It was a brilliant firework display.

Colin laid on music with Chris Jones, and Clive and Jenny did the BBQ with Steve letting off the fireworks.

The weather was fair and many of us sat around the large bonfire way into the night. A good time was had by all.



Christmas Lights Competition



As usual, we will be out in force to check out your Christmas light displays.

The winner will be announced in our next edition in the New Year.

Please feel free to submit your own photos to:

thechalgravenews@live.co.uk

West Charity Deadline

Remember to complete your applications and submit to Norman Costin, Clerk to the Trustees, by **31st December**.

Receipts are required to support all applications - no receipt usually means no grant!

Full details and application forms can be found at

www.chalgrave.org or contact Norman on 01525 874232

Remembrance Sunday

Everybody remembers the date; the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the year nineteen eighteen when the guns on the western front fell silent after five years of indescribable carnage, there were so many young men dead or injured that the population of the world fell year after year and never recovered until the early nineteen thirties, and then what happened? yes, it started all over again.

Today, we of a certain age remember those who never returned from those wars, not because we were alive during that period but because our parents and grandparents were, and they were either directly involved or they were children when the bombs were being dropped and they may remember that their friend Johnny's dad never came back from the war. So each year on the nearest Sunday to the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month those who care stand at their local war memorial to show respect to those brave people who suffered and died so that we could be free to live a life of relative peace. Today's young people have never had to experience the horrors of being in a war situation, they have only known that dad will be home from work at half past five and he will be able to play football with them until mum calls them in for dinner.

That was until the nineteen eighties when 28,000 young men and women went on an

adventure to a place called the Falkland Islands - 255 did not return and we remember all this because it was on the television, all the wars and conflicts since have been well documented those such as the Balkan war when Serbs and Croats and

those in the surrounding countries put the rest of Europe in peril, Korea, Palestine, Iran, Afghanistan and Northern Ireland have all taken a terrible toll of British service personnel, these wars or conflicts have happened in our lifetime

but it seems that nobody really cares, we see each day the bodies of young men and women being flown home from some far flung war zone, has it become so regular an occurrence that we just don't care anymore?

I ask these questions because there was not a single person under 30 years of age at the memorial service at the Chalgrave Memorial Hall and yet it is their age group who are being bombed and are dying in the most horrifying circumstances to safeguard us from being blown up on the tube or the bus on our way to work.

Please remember that these young men and women did not ask to be in those dangerous situations, but they are just doing their duty and trying to make the world a safer place for us all and the least you could do is to stand at the war memorial for a couple of minutes once a year and show them that you do care and respect their sacrifice. *Mick McDonagh*



All Our Yesterdays - No. 10



George Day lent me these photos of the Beds and Herts Regiment outside the P.O. in Toddington and in France. Some would have been from this parish and some sadly those recalled on Remembrance Sunday.



British troops marching through Arras 1917.



● A bullock-cart on Watling Street, Hockliffe, in 1904. Now the busy A5, the road then was unsurfaced.



Thanks to Paul Spence who used to live in Hockliffe who gave me this photo. It shows the view was looking north from where Bunker's barn [now the business park] used to be. The posts and railings still exist.

Contact: Ken Green on 01525 874107 or kenandlyn@tinyworld.co.uk

Father Christmas is coming to Chalgrave



**Look out for him on
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The countdown to Christmas is on and Central Bedfordshire Council residents should note that their waste and recycling collection days over the Christmas and New Year period will change slightly. Bins and bags should still be placed out by 7am on the day of collection. Bin tags informing residents of the festive changes will be delivered in mid-December.

Scheduled collection

Monday 24th Dec 2012
Tuesday 25th Dec 2012
Wednesday 26th Dec 2012
Thursday 27th Dec 2012
Friday 28th Dec 2012
Monday 31st Dec 2012
Tuesday 1st Jan 2013
Wednesday 2nd Jan 2013
Thursday 3rd Jan 2013
Friday 4th Jan 2013

New revised collection day

Saturday 22nd Dec 2012
Monday 24th Dec 2012
Thursday 27th Dec 2012
Friday 28th Dec 2012
Saturday 29th Dec 2012
No change
Wednesday 2nd Jan 2013
Thursday 3rd Jan 2013
Friday 4th Jan 2013
Saturday 5th Jan 2013

The green waste collection will be suspended from Monday 24th December, with all waste collections resuming as normal from the week commencing Monday 7th January 2013.

If you're having a real Christmas tree this year, once the festivities are over you can take it to a Household Waste Recycling Centre or put it out for collection on your normal garden waste collection day between Monday 7th January and Friday 1st February 2013. Trees should be no taller than 5ft and have trunks no greater than 3 inches thick.

During this period you can still 'slim your bin' by recycling wrapping paper, Christmas cards, crackers, plastic packaging and foil in your kerbside recycling scheme, in addition to the usual paper, cans, plastic packaging and worn out textiles. You can also take any glass wine, spirit and beer bottles to over 100 local bottle banks situated across the region.

Should snowy or icy weather disrupt normal collection arrangements over the winter period then please visit:

- Central Bedfordshire website: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/recycling
- Facebook page: www.facebook.com/letstalkcentral or
- Follow us on twitter at @letstalkcentral for regular updates.

Get Ready For Winter



As the weather starts to get colder and the nights draw in, Bedfordshire and Luton Local Resilience Forum (BLLRF) is joining a campaign urging all local residents and businesses to check they are prepared for winter and to look out for their neighbours.

The '**Get Ready For Winter**' campaign is encouraging everyone to plan ahead and make sure they are well prepared, if Bedfordshire experiences severe winter weather. To help everyone stay warm, healthy and safe '**Get Ready for Winter**' tips, advice and links are available on the What Would You Do If website, www.whatwouldyoudoif.co.uk

Severe weather, such as cold, snow, ice, high winds and flooding can have a huge impact on daily life and there are huge benefits to planning ahead.

The winter of 2010 was extremely harsh as snow and temperatures consistently fell below freezing creating serious problems across Bedfordshire. Roads were often icy and public transport experienced problems and all our lives were impacted in some way.

Bedfordshire Police Chief Superintendent Mike Colbourne, BLLRF chairman, said: "Winter weather can create significant problems and challenges for all of us, especially the vulnerable.

That is why it is so important for everyone to plan ahead and make sure they are well set before the winter weather and longer nights arrive.

By taking a few simple steps we can all make sure we are well prepared for the winter."

'**Get Ready for Winter**' is a national initiative to encourage individuals, families and communities to think about what winter preparations they can make to help them stay warm, healthy and safe. The campaign aims to provide advice on issues including winter-proofing your home, preparing for severe weather, flooding, travelling in winter, the flu virus and how people can support the more vulnerable members of the community during the winter.

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Friday 21 December	Special Delivery™ with Saturday Guaranteed
Saturday 22 December	Special Delivery™
International Surface Mail	
Friday 28 September	Africa, Asia, Australia, Caribbean, Central America, New Zea-
Tuesday 2 October	Far East (except Hong Kong and Singapore), Middle East
Tuesday 16 October	Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa and USA
Tuesday 6 November	Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta and Turkey
Tuesday 20 November	Western Europe
International Airmail	
Wednesday 5 December	Asia, Australia, Far East (including Japan), New Zealand
Friday 7 December	Africa, Caribbean, Central America, Middle East and South
Monday 10 December	Canada, Eastern Europe and USA
Wednesday 12 December	Western Europe
British Forces Post Office (BFPO)	
Friday 30 November	Airmail to Operational BFPOs
Friday 14 December	Airmail to Static BFPOs

To ensure Santa receives your letter on time please can you send to the following address:

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❄ ***Write 'It's a gift' on the receipt (if it is)***

Legally, only the person who bought the gift has rights, so the recipient can't exchange it. Many shops don't worry about this, but to be sure, use a gift certificate or get the shop to write on both copies of the receipt that it's a gift and who for – thus transferring the rights.

❄ ***Get a free message from Santa***

For a personalised video message from Santa, ideal for kids big and small, naughty and nice, visit portablenorthpole.tv/home, put in a few personal details and Santa will give bespoke words of wisdom.

Chalgrave W.I.

The resurrected Chalgrave WI has had a busy two years with a wide variety of meetings and events. Over the last year we have enjoyed talks on Angels, History of Art and being a Local Magistrate. Our local vet, Peter Harding, gave a great session on his experiences as a mixed animal practice vet. We have also tried Clay Pigeon shooting, had a Ghost busting follow up at the Vicarage, went to see Dirty Dancing (no one puts Baby in the corner!) sampled a range of wines and cheeses and had a great meal together at the Fancott Arms.



So quite light on jam and Jerusalem so far.....

Next year we are looking to hold the following meetings and are currently finalising our calendar.

Branch Meetings – Draft 2013

Crystals talk – healing properties etc

Pamper evening – Mini treatments

Floristry Demo/workshop – what to do with supermarket flowers

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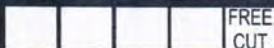
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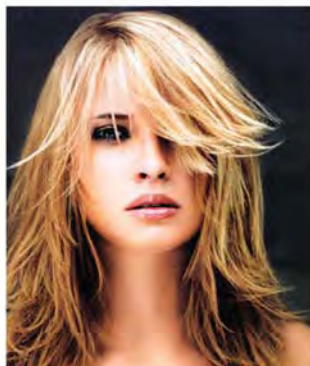
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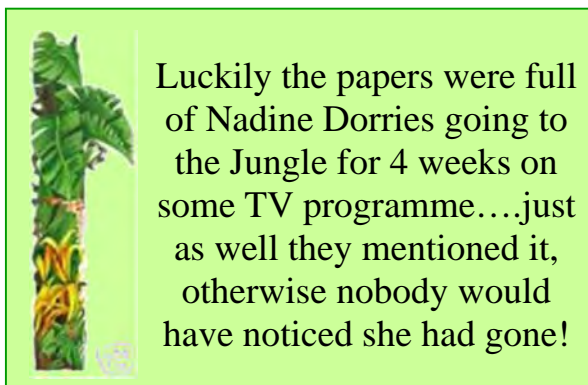
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The Plough

The Crib season ended with The Plough B team winning the league for the second time in three years – this was celebrated in suitable style at the end of year presentation evening held guess where? The Plough Inn of course – congratulations to them and all of the other teams in a close fought league.



The Thursday Whist and Tipple Society remains a popular fixture on Thursday evenings for anyone who fancies a game of cards. Starting at 9 p.m. just turning up is sufficient to qualify for a game.

The build up to the festive season has now started and this is a reminder that our **Christmas menu is available from the 1st to 24th December 2012**. Full details of the menu are available on the website at www.theploughinn.com or pop in to the pub for a copy. We recommend booking soon as we're filling up fast.

If you're short of a Christmas present idea there's always a Plough Inn meal token. Available for any amount you choose, just ask at the bar for details. What better way of showing how much you care than with a token for a delicious meal in lovely surroundings?

Also, we have **two quiz nights in December on 9th and 23rd** – the second of these being a Christmas themed special to be hosted by Roger, Mike and Nev. We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, the end of the year is approaching so look no further than The Plough Inn for your New Year celebrations! Our renowned New Year's Eve Party is the place to be – with a small buffet provided and no entrance fee it's got to be the 'go to' place to see in the New Year!

Queens Head Update



I don't believe it! Christmas already? They say that as you get older time does seem to move faster; well I can confirm it now; it only seems like a mere twelve months ago that we were preparing for Christmas 2011.

It has been quite an eventful year for me at The Queens Head; I shall have to ask someone what exactly has happened 'cos at my age you do tend to forget a few things, but one of the things I remember are those terrific barbies that were organised throughout the year by the regulars, no matter what the weather we always seemed to have a good time.

Oh yes there was that fabulous street party that was held to celebrate my Auntie Liz being on the throne for 50 years, that was a great day I met so many people that I hadn't met before, it was really nice to see so many young people celebrating as well.

This Christmas there will be live music in the pub to celebrate the festive season; on Christmas Eve we will be entertained by Keith West a very talented local singer, and then on Boxing Day Harry will be playing his guitar and as always he brings a crowd of mates along who all join in and give us a good fun night, then on New years Eve there will be general mayhem when Pete Spence arrives and creates the usual chaos that only he can create so that is something I shall be looking forward to.

On the sporting front our darts and domino teams will have a festive lull in matches but will no doubt resume their winning ways come the New Year so maybe this is the year that you join in with the teams and show off your prowess at these gentler sports – how about it? I look forward to seeing you. Until then I wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

All the best *Colin*



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Saturday 27th April 2013

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I have given it a great deal of thought, and there really is only one reason to have a diesel car... fuel economy, that's it. A petrol engine is just better. Isn't it?? So, if you are spending north of 60 grand on a car, why on earth would you put a diesel engine in it? You clearly do not need the money, and if you are trying to save the planet you would have bought a Prius or something ridiculous like that.

I have just spent a rather pleasant week in a Porsche Panamera Diesel.



Yes, a Porsche diesel! When Mr Audi wasn't looking, Porsche nipped in and stole their V6 3.0 engine and quickly stuffed it under the bonnet of their questionable looking exec. Not long ago Porsche's just had to have petrol engines, beautifully engineered items that sounded superb. They still do of course, but you have to move with the times to sell cars now and there is a market, albeit not a large one, for such a car.

My test car had a few extra goodies such as:

- * air-suspension, which means it rides very well and is definitely worth the extra money
- * a ridiculously small sunroof which isn't!
- * upgraded alloys from the 'not very pretty' alloy catalogue
- * and probably the most comfortable heated front seats in any car (which, apart from the heated bit, I am pleased to say are standard)
- * Oh, and a heated steering wheel, jolly nice on a chilly morning and I am not sure how I will get by without one!

The individual rear seats are superb, and the quality of the cabin has to be seen, to be believed. The whole car gives the impression, a bit like Mercedes did in the eighties before the accountants messed it up, of being "hewn from solid", I am pretty sure that they start with a block of metal and chisel a car out of it! Even the doors

stay open in any position you like because the check strap is properly engineered.

Details like that, are what makes Porsche special and worth the money. It is also a fabulous motorway car although you can feel the 8 speed automatic change down at lower speeds occasionally and the centre consul, lovely that it is, could perhaps do with a few less buttons. Minor gripes, but, I have to mention the styling, it turns heads in an 'I can't believe it' kind of way and people do let you out of side-turnings!.... probably because they can't believe what they are seeing, but I quite like it, it is different and in a same old...same old world, that is a good thing. If you want one, it will cost well over 70 grand depending on what specification you would like and it will be worth something in 3 years time, albeit a lot less than £70,000! That would probably be a good time to buy one, as long as you ensure you get a good warranty.



Would I buy one? No, I would buy a Cayenne, and it would be a diesel because that is the one people want because it's more economical and so it would be worth more second-hand and..... Isn't this where we started?

Alternatively

If you can't quite manage one of those, you could get a 10 year old Audi 'Allroad' V6 Diesel Estate that I have also been driving, the engine of which is not that dissimilar to the Panamera, and has the bonus of 4 wheel drive. It has comfortable heated front seats, air-suspension, 6 speed manual gearbox, is very well made, everything works and it has a complete service history. Showing 119,000 miles, which is average mileage for a ten year old. It has plenty of life left in it and, it will get you through the snow if we get any. The price? A little more affordable at £4,500, which means you could buy 15 of them for the same price as the Porsche! By the way, it's a diesel so it does 35 mpg and at a little over 4 grand that is a LOT more important!

Clubs & Committees



We have read one book since the summer and that was **Patricia Cornwell's "Red Mist"**.

The story centres on Dr Kay Scarpetta, a medical examiner, who is determined to find out what happened to her former deputy chief, Jack Fielding, murdered six months earlier. Kay travels to the Georgia Prison for Women, where an inmate has information not only on Fielding, but also on a string of grisly killings. The murder of an Atlanta family years ago, a young woman on death row, and the inexplicable deaths of homeless people as far away as California seem unrelated. But Scarpetta discovers connections that compel her to conclude that what she thought ended with Fielding's death and an attempt on her own life is only the beginning of something far more destructive.

Having not read any of Cornwell's previous books we were all expecting a riveting read as she is America's most prolific crime writer, selling over 100 million copies. This was the 19th book in the Scarpetta collection. However, the detail of forensic science that she is famous for rather overpowered some of the book and more than one of us found ourselves skipping chunks of the book because the science was just a little too baffling. However, the story was very good and well written with believable characters but we don't think we will be reading another Patricia Cornwell novel.

Our next book is by **Kate Morton**, who we have read before and we are looking forward to reading **"The Distant Hours"**.

I have had to change my dog walking route for a bit as the field I normally use currently looks like the Somme! I have a brown dog and you don't realize how dirty she is until she comes in and walks on the carpet....Suzan is not impressed! So, I walk through the village a bit more often and so far have managed to survive.... just. I have driven racing cars slower than lorries and trucks go through Tebworth in the morning, many of them on the phone! I am not with the nut cases who want 20 mph everywhere but, 30 tons of truck takes some stopping. Luckily the vehicle that demolished the wall at Home Farm was only a car or the family would have had a lorry driver joining them for breakfast in their kitchen! Width restrictions please, now.

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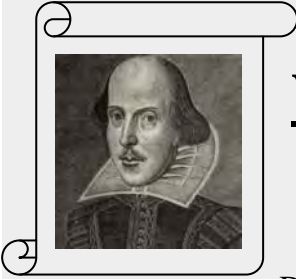
After such a difficult season it was with deep regret that the committee had to cancel the forthcoming Race Night due to a lack of ticket sales. Our commitment had to be to the attendees to ensure that they got good value for money and entertainment and this would not have been possible with the low number of attendees forecast. We therefore took the decision to postpone the event until next year, probably around March/April time.

After two consecutive difficult seasons the committee look forward to next year being much more successful, with hopefully more events and games being played. Such has been the impact on the club finances due to cancelled matches and events that without the support of the local Parish Council we would find it almost impossible to continue. This is something that the committee are working hard to resolve next season and we shall be fundraising in earnest in the New Year to secure the club's future.

As part of this we are looking to recruit a new team for the league (again!) – if anyone knows of a suitable side who are looking to play a few matches in a (mostly) friendly vein on a Sunday afternoon then please put them in contact with our fixtures secretary Andy (fixtures@chalgravesportsclub.co.uk).

And finally, if you or anyone you know would like to play, please contact us via the website (www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk) or pop in to The Plough for a chat with Roger. We are a friendly team, looking for enthusiastic more than committed players. If you haven't played since school (however many years that may be!) and fancy an occasional game during the summer, let us know.

Mike Wells
Vice Chairman.



What did Shakespeare ever do for you?

Do you remember all those hours spent at school learning the words to Julius Caesar or The Merchant of Venice so that you could show off your acting skills at the end of term school play and wondering just who was this bloke William Shakespeare who wrote these seemingly incomprehensible plays that used funny words and expressions and thinking this is all a load of old rubbish that you would never use in real life? I know I did.

But just recently I have been wondering about the origin of some of the expressions we use all the time, such as why is something a 'foregone conclusion' and was surprised to find out that the phrase was 'invented' by none other than that bloke William Shakespeare and it was spoken by Othello in the play of that name. Shakespeare's influence on the English language was quite considerable and here are some of his expressions in use today, over 400 years after he wrote them:-

<i>Phrase</i>	<i>Character</i>	<i>Play</i>
A sorry sight	<i>Macbeth</i>	<i>Macbeth</i>
All that glisters is not gold	<i>Prince of Morocco</i>	<i>The Merchant of Venice</i>
At one fell swoop	<i>Macduff</i>	<i>Macbeth</i>
With bated breath	<i>Shylock.</i>	<i>The Merchant of Venice</i>
Be cruel....to be kind	<i>Hamlet</i>	<i>Hamlet</i>
Brave new world	<i>Miranda</i>	<i>The Tempest</i>
Fair play	<i>Hector</i>	<i>Troilus and Cressida</i>
Wild Goose Chase	<i>Mercutio</i>	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>

There are many more that I have found but those can wait for quiz night!

Mick

Everybody's Entitled To My Opinion

I see we have a new Police Commissioner!

On polling day I looked it up on the internet, and there wasn't one candidate that I wanted to vote for! Never heard of them and as they hadn't bothered to visit me I didn't see why it justified me going out in the cold so they could get 100k a year! However, I did (together apparently with 3 or 4 other people in Bedfordshire)! And voted for a person I had never heard of, to do a job I didn't know anything about! No doubt it will turn out like the last election.....1 day of democracy and 5 years of hell!



We have achieved many great things in Britain, we invented the jet engine, Concorde, we are able to perform amazing surgery to fix people who don't work properly, most Formula 1 race teams are based here because we are pretty good with the technology, and, we have managed to beat the Germans....twice!

So, why is it with all this greatness that we can't get an uninterrupted supply of electricity??!! It's not much to ask, is it? Just make sure it works, ALL the time. People rely on it, and turning it off on a Saturday morning for 2 hours is just not on. You can find out about power cuts in your area on the internet.... but not without electricity you can't! It is not as if it's cheap, which it most certainly is not, so perhaps a bit of customer service might not go amiss? You don't even know how long it's going to be off for! When they can be bothered to fix it I suppose.Not only that....my neighbour couldn't do his porridge!



Computer Corner

Hello again and welcome to the second in our series of articles about computers and technology, written by Mike Wells of Chalgrave IT Solutions.

Many exciting events have occurred in the world of technology since my last article – the new iPad Mini has been released and Windows 8 is now available to purchase on PCs from the major suppliers. Or is it? Although Dell were quite happy to accept our order for a system, it was only in the small print that it became clear that we weren't going to be receiving the machine until the last week of November. Maybe marketing had got a little ahead of the reality? Looking around it became clear that most of the major manufacturers were playing this game – perhaps everyone is getting 'Apple-itis' – you know, that disease where you feel you have to order what you don't really need ages before it is actually available!

But I digress – on to the main topic of this edition's article, **USB pen drives**. This topic came to mind following a visit from someone in the parish whose daughter had been using a pen drive to store all of her school course work. Not a problem you may think – until a fault occurs on the drive and copies of the files on it are not easily available

elsewhere. The beauty of pen drives is that there are no moving parts, so there are very few things to go wrong – and that's their drawback as well. If they do go wrong there's very little chance of recovering anything from it without a hefty bill – after I was unable to recover any data I contacted my preferred supplier for a quotation – this was £200! Fortunately in this instance the person was able to locate and/or recreate most of the data, but you might not be so lucky.

I suggest the following – choose which machine you're mainly going to work on the files and store them there. Then make a copy of the files on to the USB pen drive – primarily as a backup but also so you can take them somewhere else to work on. When you're done copy them back onto the first PC. I know this is boring – but not as boring as losing all that hard work! Of course there are alternatives, like copying your data to and from the 'Cloud' – but that's the topic of my next article so you'll have to wait for that.

If you have any concerns or points you would like to discuss regarding this article please email us on pchelp@chalgraveitsolutions.com. And of course if you need our help call us on 01525 213126 or 07780 002551. We look forward to hearing from you. Until the next magazine.

Mike.

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*Note: Where possible please submit written articles as a **Microsoft Word** document, ready for publication, and photos as a **jpeg**.*

Remember, we welcome your own stories and photos, so please get in touch if you have anything you would like to include in the News.

Kids Christmas Quiz

1. How many wise men are there?
2. What three gifts did the wise men bring for baby Jesus?
3. What did Frosty the Snowman have for a nose?
4. What American Government agency tracks Santa's sleigh on Christmas eve?
5. Name the two Reindeer who's name begins with the letter C
6. In which town was baby Jesus born?
7. Which evergreen plant is it traditional to kiss under?
8. How would you say Merry Christmas in France?
9. What are the songs called that people sing at Christmas?
10. Where does Santa Live?



1. 3
2. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
3. A button
4. NORAD
5. Comet & Cupid
6. Bethlehem
7. Mistletoe
8. Joyeux Noel
9. Carols
10. The North Pole

Christmas Colouring Competition

Colour in the picture below, cut out your entry and return it to Emma Gray @ 5 Woodlands, Tebworth.

When Father Christmas visits on Friday 21st December, he will present the winner with a special prize.



Name: _____ Age: _____

Adress: _____

I cannot remember ever having seen a place which, in proportion to its size, can claim so many thatched cottages as Tebworth. It is no exaggeration to say that you almost stumble over them; every corner of the small place seems to have a cottage a little more picturesque than the one which you saw a moment previously, and they are gay with the brightness of flower-clad gardens.

One of the most attractive of the cottages is now the village Post Office. A new portion has recently been added to it, but the greater part of the house is centuries old. Rumour has it that the building is as old as Chalgrave Church—a story probably without foundation.

But there is a pathetic side to these pretty Tebworth cottages. Most of them, I am told, have been condemned, and it is intended to demolish them and replace them with Council houses. Apparently, the interests of beauty do not merit the additional expense that would be required to restore them.

The history of Tebworth is closely wrapped up with that of Chalgrave, which, although it used to be an important place, is now marked only by its church, which is described in another section of this book. The present Rector is the Rev. A. Loydall-Bee, one of the few men, he tells me, who can claim to have been known as the Vicar of Hell. For many years he was in Canada, where he had charge of a parish as extensive as England. While railways were being laid in this area, the workers were at times

guilty of such dissipations, that the district was christened by the sober-minded with the unflattering title of “Hell.” Mr. Loydall-Bee was its vicar.

Another distinction which he can boast is relation-ship, by marriage, with F. R. Spofforth, nicknamed “The Demon,” one of the greatest fast bowlers that Australia, and the world, have ever produced.

Other notable features of Tebworth include a registered slaughter house, a village pond which does not appear dirty until you contemplate the possibility of bathing in it, and an inhabitant who weighs twenty-one stone twelve pounds, and is still able to enter his front door!

The ramble may be pleasantly broken with tea at Tebworth (necessary alliteration), and back on the road once more, the last stretch is found in the mile and a half over the fields to Hockliffe. Hockliffe provides the convenience of a Luton bus, but Dunstable is not far distant, and if you care to do so, you can walk at least part of the way along the hard high road - very different from the peaceful footpaths used earlier in the day.

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