

CHALGRAVE NEWS

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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
13th April	Race Night	Memorial Hall	6.30pm
23rd April	St Georges Day		
2nd June	Royal Afternoon Tea	All Saints Church	2-5pm
6th July	Chalgrave Games	Memorial Hall	1.00pm

Front Cover: Frosty morning in Tebworth

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Editorial

Mother Nature must have had an egg nogg too many over the festive period as the weather for the first part of 2013 is proving a little confused and challenging. First there was the never ending snow at the beginning of January, then we experienced some short lived glorious sunshine and clear blue skies, now its back to bitter cold and snow flurries. We've all had enough now - where's Spring?

On one such bitter cold and very wintry day, our very own Barbara Jackson did herself proud, as on Sunday 10th March she ran a half marathon. She completed the race in a very impressive 2 hours and 23 minutes, Well done, we at the News were all thinking of you from our sofas!!!

Don't' forget that the clocks go forward on Easter Sunday, the 31st March. Let's hope that this will trigger the start of British Summer Time - fingers crossed!



Finally, we are sad to report the loss of two lifelong residents of Chalgrave, Mrs Audrey Dolemore and Mrs Joyce Inwards, our condolences and best wishes to their families.



Chairman of the Parish Council

Derek Smith.

Having moved to Hockliffe, Derek has resigned from the Parish Council. We are sorry to see him go as he made a real contribution to the Council particularly with Traffic Calming. We wish him well in his new house. We might see him on Hockliffe PC?

We will be co-opting a new Parish Councillor in due course.

Precept.

We have decided not to increase the precept this year (this is the small part of your Council Tax that goes to the Parish Council). However, because Central Beds Council wants to make Parish Councils responsible for some of the services they currently provide, it may mean an increase next year.

Planning.

We are concerned about a CBC proposal for a Gypsy and Traveller site in Harlington (land opposite Dingley Dell Garden Centre). Although it is outside our Parish it is on Green Belt Land and may have an impact on us.

We have come across an advertisement in Kuwait (in Arabic) selling land around Chalgrave Church as an investment. The advertisement said that 140 houses could be built on the land. We are keeping an eye on this - but think that it would never get through planning.

A5M1 Link.

We have found out that when this link is completed we will get a weight restriction through Tebworth. So an end to articulated lorries!

Chancel repair liability.

We need to make you aware of this liability and to let you know that the Chalgrave Parochial Church Council is looking into this. It is a liability on some property in England and Wales to fund repairs to the chancel of their local medieval founded Church of England parish church or Church in Wales church. This responsibility of owners of once-rectorial land (a rectory or glebe) can still be invoked by the church council of some parishes.

It is currently common practice for purchasers of land to check whether the local parish includes a church where such a liability may apply, and if so to take out chancel liability insurance.

Government response *‘Chancel Repair Liability has existed for several centuries and the Government has no plans to abolish it or to introduce a scheme for its redemption. The Government has, however, acted to make the existence of the liability much simpler to discover. From October 2013, chancel repair liability will only bind buyers of registered land if it is referred to on the land register. By that time, virtually all freehold land in England and Wales will be registered. The Government believes that this approach strikes a fair balance between the landowners subject to the liability and its owners who are, in England, generally Parochial Church Councils and, in Wales, the Representative Body of the Church in Wales.*

The Government acknowledges that the existence of a liability for chancel repair will, like any other legal obligation, affect the value of the property in question, but in many cases this effect can be mitigated by relatively inexpensive insurance. It is for the parties involved in a transaction to decide whether or not to take out insurance.’

You are always welcome to PC meetings – the third Tuesday of the month.

Phil Parry
Chairman



View from the House: Andrew Selous MP



Local jobs growth and trusting the people on Europe!

The economy has continued to dominate debate in the House of Commons over the last month. We are dealing with past failure to regulate the banks properly. We have cut the huge deficit we inherited by a quarter already and we are rebalancing the economy. Since the election, unemployment has fallen and youth unemployment has fallen over a fifth in Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Houghton Regis and the surrounding area. That is thanks to companies like BE Aerospace in Leighton Buzzard which have taken on an extra 150 staff in the last three years and GTi Corporation Ltd which is taking on an extra 55 people as they expand their Houghton Regis site.

It is companies like this which have created a million new private sector jobs since the election, which is more than were created in the previous decade ! The UK now has the fastest rate of business creation in our recent history and a balance of payments surplus in cars. Overall, we have more people in work, than ever before. The world does not owe us a living and it is only by recreating an enterprise culture in this country that we will be able to pay our way.

As far as fairness is concerned, the rich are paying more in tax in every year of this Parliament than in any single year under the last Government. Since the credit crunch of 2008, benefits have gone up by 20%, including 5.2% last year when inflation was high. With three years of uprating benefits at 1%, that will be a 23% rise, when wages, have risen by 10%. In cash terms the child element of tax credits goes up by £470 over this parliament, because we increased it by 11% and 5% in the first two years of this Government.

This week I spoke in the debate on Europe following the Prime Minister's decision to offer the country an in out referendum on our membership of the European Union, once the reforms in Europe caused by the Eurozone crisis have been worked through. I very much welcome this and am delighted that the people will now have their chance to express their views in a referendum. For too long these decisions have been taken by political elites and it is right that the public will have their say. Trust the people as Winston Churchill said !

I have helped two businesses recently which have had great difficulty with European regulation. I recognize the real difficulties that cumbersome excessive regulation causes and I am delighted that the Government has secured a commitment to exempt micro businesses from future European legislation. I am sure that the Bedfordshire and Luton Federation of Small Businesses will welcome that. I know also that the workers at the IBC van factory in Luton who make the excellent Vivaro van will be aware that Renault is highly unlikely to have given the Luton factory its present long term contract, if the UK was not in the European Union.

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



All Saints Church, Chalgrave

You are invited to join us for
Royal Afternoon Tea
Sunday 2nd June from 2 - 5pm
as we celebrate the anniversary of our
Queens Coronation.

There will be a children's fancy dress
competition, with the Coronation as the
theme.

Judging 4pm Price - £7.50

I had to go to Leeds the other day. I wasn't entirely sure where Leeds was, but according to the timetables it's via Manchester Piccadilly. I got one of those Virgin trains, do you know they are quite good! Decent seats, buffet car and a toilet with an electric door, it was fast and...on time (the train not the toilet door), and here's a top tip... don't forget to push the lock button or it could be awkward!

As we approached I was disturbed to see some sort of agricultural vehicle on an adjacent line crammed to the gunnels with, what I believed to be passengers, although they must have been animals owing to how many there were? Is there some limit on how many people you can cram into a carriage? There is if they were sheep... so they must have been people.

Thankfully I was on a slightly less crowded 'Trans Pennine Express' during the week so there were no hoards of drunks getting on and off at every station to sample the local ale, I believe this is a popular pastime nowadays. The locals must be delighted! Not that you would know because I was not able to understand them as I was in Yorkshire and they were speaking a language that I did not understand!

Anyway, the point is this, you can use the lavatory on a Virgin Train for free, so use it before you get off because if you want to use the one on the station it will cost you 30p... that's 6 shillings in real money! 6 bob to use the lavatory! I think somebody is taking the p.....!

In loving memory of



Audrey Mary Dolemore

7th September 1918 – 21st February 2013

Thanks from Paul & Debbie Whitton



We would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during Paul's recent illness; it has been greatly appreciated by us both.

You'll all be pleased to hear that Paul is recovering well and making steady progress, he's almost back to his normal Victor Meldrew self!

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to ITU and CCU at Luton and Dunstable Hospital, without whose dedication and excellent care, Paul may not have been with us today.

Once again, many thanks to you all, words can't express our gratitude enough.

In loving memory of



Joyce Inwards

11th October 1924 - 15th January 2013

Joyce was born in Tebworth and she went to the village school and then went to Toddington School. On leaving at 14 she went to work at Waterlows Printers, hand folding pages for books. At the outset of war she worked in a munitions factory in Luton, cycling 8 miles there and back daily.

In 1947 she married George at Chalgrave Church. She was very happy being a wife and mother to Lesley and Nigel. Lesley married Dave Hazzard and they provided Joyce with two Granddaughters, Evonne and Lisa, both now in their 30's.

Knitting was her greatest passion and she kept the family supplied with a variety of jumpers and cardigans. She also enjoyed walking and could often be seen down the lane on a sunny afternoon.

In 2009 ill health meant she had to move to Orchard Lodge Nursing Home, where she was given outstanding care and was very happy.

She will be greatly missed by everyone.

Following the service for Joyce on 31st January, £245 was collected, to be donated to Keech Hospice Care.



Age 4



Age 10 at
Chalgrave School



Joyce, 23 & George, 27 on their
wedding day.
Married at Chalgrave Church
13th December 1947



St George's, Toddington & All Saints, Chalgrave

Dates for 2013

If you'd like to come along and experience Messy Church we'd love to see you. Just turn up, no need to book!

Messy Easter ~ Fri 22nd March

Messy Disciples ~ Fri 26th April

Messy Surprises ~ Fri 31st May

Messy Birthday ~ Fri 28th June

Messy Seaside ~ Fri 26th July



No Messy Church in August

Messy Harvest ~ Fri 27th September

Messy Saints ~ Fri 25th October

Messy Advent ~ Fri 29th Nov

We begin in the Wilkinson Church Hall at 3.30pm

After craft activities we go into church around 4.30pm for a short act of worship, and then back into the hall for tea, ready to finish at 5.30pm



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Ken Green's 70th

Ken Green's 70th Birthday was celebrated at the Queens Head on Monday 11th February and went on to the 12th February (the actual big day!).

Music was provided by Harry Howden and many other singers. There was a big crowd and lots of food, made by Harry's wife, Mary and Lyn and a tasty carrot and ginger cake with candles that Ken successfully blew out first go. Thanks go to the many people who came and made it such a happy occasion.

Lyn



Christmas Lights Winner

This year the prize went collectively to residents of St

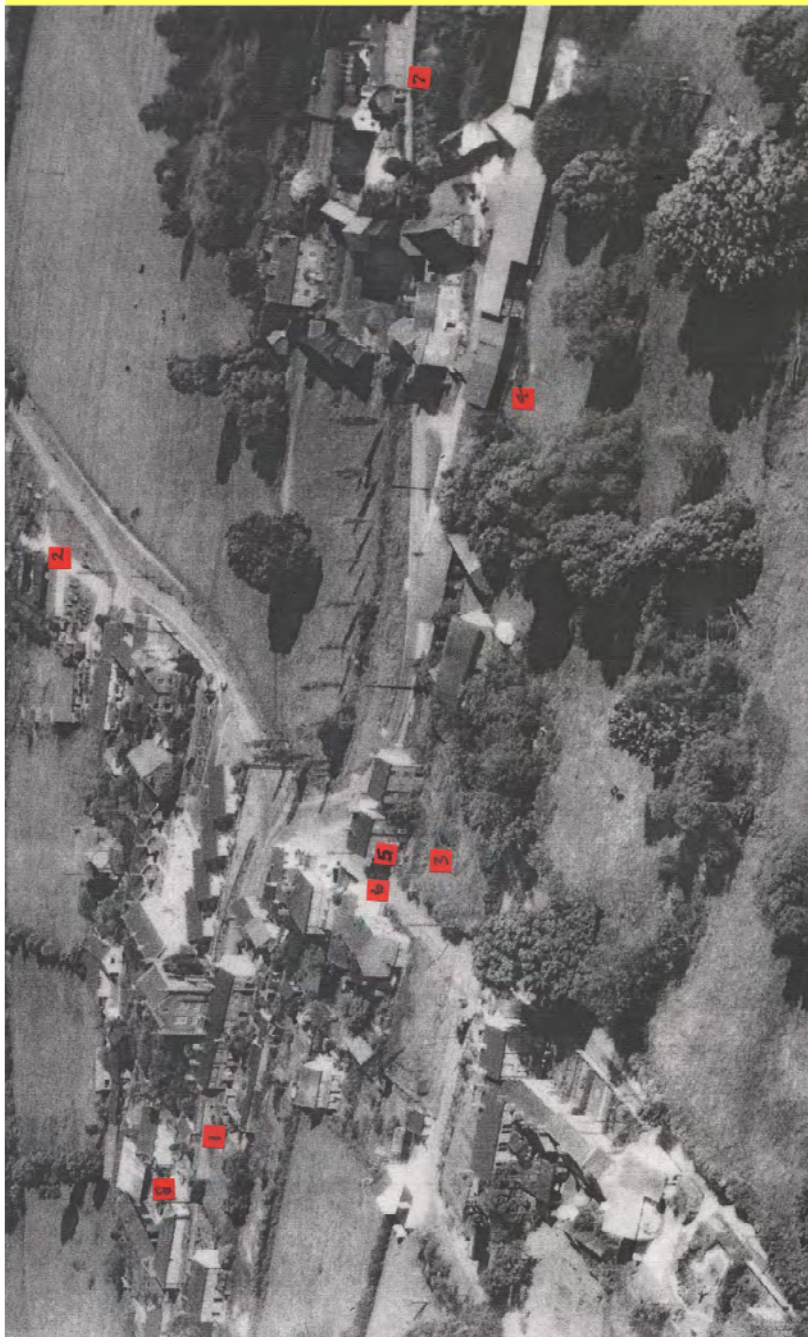
Mary's close who are responsible for creating the fabulous light displays each year that bring everyone in our community so much enjoyment.

Well done!



This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

All Our Yesterdays - No. 11



Tebworth 1967

- 1) Ron Osborn's Butchers Shop and previously a Slaughter house.
- 2) Brown's Woodyard.
- 3) "The Garden" Now 1 The Lane.
- 4) "Slaty's" fair was held on The Green at Park farm circa 1940's and later moved to the Paddock off the Green.
- 5) The PO. "Mrs Moorings"
- 6) The Village Store.
- 7) The Green Grocers.
- 8) "Dolcies" Home Farm.

Well, You Did Ask Us!

Once again we were four venturing up to the Chalgrave Memorial Hall. We have been asked to act as critics, and being outsiders we have no particular loyalties to the community and trust that you will bear with us as we attempt to do justice to the performers.

And so the Show got underway, in the capable hands of Mr. Phil Parry, with a few rousing songs to wake everybody up.

The first Act turned up some great sketches, we loved the old songs: "Soldiers of the Queen" and the "ouses in between" not heard by us for many years, The Edwardian cookery class sketch has been reported to the animal cruelty society and we believe that, that fella Blumenthal....might have something to say, there was definitely something fishy about the presenter?

But that was all cleaned up by Ada and Flo, reminding us how things were in the days gone by. Then a few more rousing songs before the moment we had all been waiting for, it was time for food and what a fine spread it was, certainly up to the usual standard of the Catering Dept. We looked around for Mr.Parry's wonder cure as advertised, but rumour had it that he had no license to sell it on a commercial scale. Then young Colin took us through the trials and tribulations of his chosen vocation, and what a marathon performance from this "Oldie" who always greets everyone with that enigmatic smile. But there was more "waiting at the church" and the "molecatcher" to name just a couple of items out of the numerous sketches keeping us entertained.

We had a second appearance of a guy called The Great Innuendo pretending to be "Daniels", he was entertaining and had a nice easy smile... until one of his tricks went wrong and a young lad won a fiver for getting it right!! The smile quickly disappeared & rumour has it that Daniels tried to claim it back on expenses but the Committee showed him the door.

Congratulations and well done to all who took part in this fine evening of entertainment including all the "unseen helpers" lurking in the background, it was a night to remember!

Hugh thanks and congratulations must also go to the accomplished pianist whose expertise kept the musical sketches in line and made a considerable contribution to the evening, thank you Brent.

Thanks also go to Mill End Nursery and Nisa who were generous sponsors of the Show

Old Time Music Hall

Over the next two and a bit pages you will see a selection of great pictures taken of the acts over the three nights. Well done to all the acts who took part and those behind the scenes that made it all happen, especially Phil Parry and Brent Wilkes whose brain child it was.



All the acts can be viewed on the Media Albums section of the Chalgrave website www.chalgrave.org. There is also a YouTube version, providing better quality recording and allows all users, Mac, PC and all mobiles to access. Most are accessible also directly from YouTube, except where the people involved have asked for the video not to be made public.

Ken





Winter Fun 2012

The snow allowed the kids to get out and enjoy some sledding as well as create some impressive snowmen. Here are a selection we came across, there was also a very festive snow angel.



Angels do exist!



One (snow)man and his dog!





Santa Run

The Santa Run was a bit different this year as we covered Milton Bryan instead of Hockliffe. We started at The Plough as usual but then were taken by bus to Milton Bryan, which although small is quite spread out. We had a few complaints about the lack of sweets as we were told that when Round table used to do the Santa Float they used to give out sweets. Maybe we can look into that next year.

Back to Tebworth & some welcome refreshments from Sheila Osborn and John & Sue Keech, we were getting cold and tired by this time but Wingfield needed us so we headed out into the night again with our sights firmly set on the welcoming fire at The Plough.

Once we had waved the float & Santa goodbye it was all back to Phil & Debbie Parry's house where we partied till late.

Our thanks as ever to The Rotary Club of Flitwick Vale for supplying the float, Chris Osborn for driving, those mentioned above who provided refreshment en route, and afterwards and of course all of you who made donations.

If you would like to join us in December 2013 look out for the date & start time in the Chalgrave News later in the year.



*Well done to Mikey Finch,
age 2 1/2, who was the
winner of the Christmas
Kids Colouring
Competition.*



I have no doubt that Kevin Ash kissed his wife and daughters goodbye and said 'see you later' just before jetting off to South Africa recently.

You probably won't know the name, but he was a very well known (in motorcycling circles) journalist who had the rare knack of being able to relate the abilities, or otherwise, of a motorcycle to all sorts of readers whether they understood the subject or not.



Being a journalist that tests motorcycles or cars has its positive side, you get flown to all sorts of luxurious destinations, plied with alcohol and sent home to say how brilliant the car/bike is. Jeremy Clarkson, who you have probably heard of, always said that this was the most difficult of balancing acts because how could you accept all of this hospitality and then go home and say the car was crap? You probably would not be invited back! It's a bit of a 'catch 22'

To achieve balance you need the respect of the manufacturers as well as your readers, the ability to criticize but in a constructive manner, and the skill to say that a new something or the other is in fact quite nasty, while remaining somewhat neutral. If you are prepared to do this and have the ability to achieve it you will probably be on your way to making a motoring journalist. A press report can destroy a new product or make it a best seller, that is why the press get to see a new car before even the dealers do.

Kevin was just such a writer, he had all of the above as well as a high level of mechanical knowledge that set him apart from his colleagues. He was the Daily Telegraph's Motorcycle Correspondent for over 15 years, ran a website called 'Ash on Bikes' and a family man with 3 daughters. His priorities were in the right place. Family was most important to him and he once cancelled a trip whilst at the airport, returning home after receiving a tearful call from his daughter who was unable to complete her trigonometry homework. A dedicated Family man who was not afraid to put his family first, clearly a "hero" to his daughter.

Kevin Ash died on the 22nd January 2013, he was testing a new BMW motorcycle, the circumstances surrounding his death are currently unknown. His eldest daughter posted a tribute on his website that ended 'one day we may learn to live without him', unfortunately I suspect that day will be some way off.

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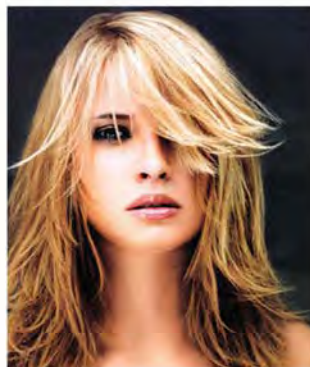
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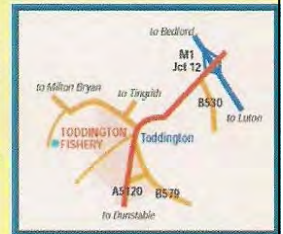
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As we are in a period of austerity, recession, double dip recession, belt tightening, call it what you like plus, the UK's Credit Rating has now been 'downgraded' by some outfit called 'Moody's'... whoever they are? I wonder where they got the authority to decide who is a good risk and who is not? There is obviously money in it. Word is we may even have blackouts next year because we are closing down all the power stations before we build any new ones! Something to do with the EU and Green Taxes I understand.

This Government has really lost its' way, but who else can we vote for? The last lot were useless, this lot is nearly as useless, and I don't think UKIP will get enough votes, so there is only one thing for it, a New Party! I shall call it the 'Common Sense Party' and I think I shall get many members! To get you thinking I am going to give you, dear local readers, a sneak preview of the new manifesto which as you will see will cure our current problems in the short term so allowing us to move on into a new period of prosperity, just for a change!

To start with, instead of giving millions to the stupid banks to spend on lavish partys and unearned bonuses, we shall adopt the following program: (and it will be called the 'over 50's retirement program') There are about 10 million people over 50 in the work force, pay them 1 million pounds each in severance but, with the following stipulations;

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university.....crime rate fixed!

- They must spend at least £100 per week on alcohol and tobacco... there's the money back in tax! (the non-smoking laws in pubs would be axed, that would stop all the pubs shutting)

However, and here is the real genius, with immediate effect stop the 12.6 Billion, YES, Billion in foreign aid (that is more than it costs to run our Police force by the way!!) And re-invest it in this country, a couple of state of the art hospitals that will not be full of scroungers from Europe as, by the way, we will have relinquished our membership of the EU on day one for a start!

Some new airport runways so people can move about and spend some of their new found wealth on holidays (Thomas Cook fixed), re-surface the roads so we are not like a third world country. Build some nuclear power stations (black-outs fixed), scrap the stupid high Speed 2 rail link (we are not in the Victorian age), get rid of the Highways Agency who only know how to close roads rather than keep them open and traffic moving, and get rid of the antiquated 70 mph speed limit that nobody takes any notice of anyway, it is an unenforceable law and therefore pointless! Plus, HGVs would only be allowed to travel at night and certainly not on Sundays, so they can have their own accidents and we can move about a lot better!

Now, that will keep the new party reasonably busy for a couple of weeks or so (parliament will be open all year with only 22 days holiday allowed... just like real people get), but next time I shall announce my plans for putting pensioners in prison and prisoners in nursing homes, plus a simple way to track down all the illegal immigrants that infest this country!

I trust that I can count on your vote!!!!

JP



"Desperate times call for desperate politicians!"

The Plough

Summer time ??? Is nearly upon us. The clocks go forward soon and they tell us the summer is coming. Let us hope so as we have not had a decent summer since 2006. Hopefully we can then take advantage of our garden to the rear of the pub.

Meals are still available 12 noon to 2pm and 6pm to 9pm Monday to Saturday and 12 noon to 4pm on Sundays.



Our take away menu is still operating and our menu includes fish and chips, scampi, burgers etc.. Hopefully everyone should have received a menu but if not there are some available at The Plough.

The quiz night is very popular and is held every other Sunday with the dates in March being 17th, 31st and 14th of April and every other week thereafter. The quiz starts at 8pm.

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

The crib season will commence on April 15th and once again we are running two teams. If there are any budding crib players out there we would be glad to hear from you.

The domino season is nearly over and The Plough sit second in the league. A good run in could secure the title.

The cricket season will be starting in April (weather permitting) and anyone wishing to play cricket will be most welcome.

The golf society will be having their next golf society meeting at the end of March. Anyone wishing to play will be welcome but must have their names down before March 22nd.

Anyone wishing to find out what is happening at The Plough can visit our website. **www.theploughinn.com**

Queens Head Update



Hello everyone out there in the Parish, I hope you all had a very happy and memorable Christmas. We at the Queens Head had our normal festive fun with all the old faces and a few new ones which was nice to see.

Someone has told me that there may be another street party this year if someone can organise it. I believe it is to celebrate something to do with the Queen; it normally is and also there is the imminent birth of our next but two sovereign so that will be a bit of an event.

There are still our live music evenings at The Queens Head every Friday and there is always someone on every other Monday, so all you music lovers are most welcome.

The darts team are flourishing as are the domino team but. as I keep telling you. they are always on the lookout for new players. There is always one or two of the dart team playing of an evening so why not come and challenge them to a game, the same goes for the domino team who are always here on a Saturday night practicing their skills.

I look forward to seeing you here one night, just come in and ask for Colin, most people know who I am.

All the best, *Colin*



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Roger Thomas does not live in the Parish but is a "regular" at the Queen's Head.



The Little Shop would like to thank all the customers that visited us before Christmas. We were delighted to send **£2140 to Women's Aid**, possible because you chose to support us – so thank you customers and volunteers alike.

We have new ranges coming in to stock all the time, including some wonderful new scarves beautiful for spring, some fantastic gardening gifts and wait for it girls, some sweet chocolate trees (it's like receiving flowers & chocolates in one – pure bliss!) and many new toys and treats for the children.

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Cllr Brian Spurr, Executive Member for Sustainable Communities Services at the council said, "We want to encourage you to reduce the amount of waste that is sent to landfill. Composting selected kitchen and garden waste is an easy and effective way of recycling some of the waste we produce every day, while putting nutrients back into our gardens and the wider environment. It is simple to get started and you may be surprised at how empty your black bin is when you compost at home and use all the recycling services.

While the new deal will still offer superb value, I'd encourage anyone thinking of getting into composting to buy a bin before the end of March to save that little bit extra!"

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Clubs & Committees



We had our annual lunch in November last year at the The Bell in Studham. A beautiful grade II listed pub which is apparently over 500 years old.. The food was nice but not brilliant, however, most of us agreed that we would go again, more for the surroundings rather than the food.

Having said that one of our party had been previously for dinner and found the food in the evening of a higher standard than at lunchtime. An interesting feature of the pub was the array of items dotted around the pub which were all for sale, such as ornaments, coat stands and pictures.

Before Christmas we read **The Distant Hours by Kate Morton**. It is the story of Edith Burchill, a young editor in a small publishing firm, who unravels her mother's teenage years as an evacuee from London to Milderhurst Castle in Kent during the war. A long lost letter that arrives for her mother, Meredith, prompts Edith to visit Milderhurst and meets the sisters Blythe, old ladies now, who looked after Meredith when she was evacuated there. Edith begins to uncover secrets hidden within the walls of the Castle and finally exposes a secret that has been hidden for years.

We have read a Kate Morton book before and were all looking forward to reading this one. Mixed reviews though about it, some saying it was too long and dragged on a bit and others really enjoying it. Extremely well written though, cutting between 1941 back to present day several times during the book. This book would be suitable for young readers too.

Next was the absurdly titled **The Woman Who Went to Bed For A Year**. The author, **Sue Townsend**, is renowned for her Adrian Mole stories which began in the 90's. As the title suggests it is about a fairly typical fed-up housewife, Eva, sick of being over-used and underappreciated who indeed decides to get into bed with all her clothes on and stay there for a year. The main characters are Brian (the husband), Brian Junior and Brianne (the twins) and Eva Beaver, with lots of other colourful characters coming and going throughout the book. A very light hearted book, with lots of laugh-out-loud moments, which would probably suit women more than men. Some of us found the main character, Eva, very frustrating and selfish. A good book, however, but apparently not one of her best.

Noeleen Thomson



Chalgrave Sports Club

After a couple of snowy spells which has left the ground rather boggy at the moment, the sun is shining as I write this and the new season will be upon us before we know it.

Our fixtures secretary Andy has been beaver away trying to arrange a league and a few friendly matches, along with the annual 10-10 competition. We hope that we will be hosting Rainmakers (a team we have played at Chiswick House on a couple of occasions) once more and that our away fixture will take place on Hampstead Heath.

As mentioned previously we will be hosting a pre-season race night – the date has now been fixed for **13th April 2013** (lucky for some?). Watch out for posters/flyers with more details in the next few weeks.

And finally, the usual call for players! 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.

Chalgrave Senior Citizens Committee

Hopefully the Chalgrave Senior Citizens Committee have provided something for everyone this year. In November a lunch was organised in the village hall and, as always, Hepworth Catering did us proud with their excellent food and friendly service. A big thank you to Natalie and co. who were on duty that day.

Unfortunately the planned after-dinner entertainment in the form of Billy Keys did not take place as the Jury Service he had started some five weeks prior to the event was still ongoing, however this did not seem to matter too much and everyone took the opportunity to have a good chat in a very informal, relaxed atmosphere, and judging by the amount of laughter a good time was had by all.

As if that was not enough excitement, the Senior Citizens Committee provided free tickets and transport to the Thursday performance of the village variety show which took place in early December. I will not elaborate further as I'm sure this will be covered in other articles, but the 15 people who took up the offer had a good time and it helped to swell the first-night audience.

For those who did not wish to venture out, Christmas bottles and chocolates were delivered as usual, so hopefully everyone was catered for in some way.

A big thank you to the Parish News and the Parish Council for the generous donations to our events and also to the Rotary Club of Flitwick and all involved with Santa's float which raised £245 for the Senior Citizens Committee.

University Technical College of Central Bedfordshire

A rather long and grand name for a school. However, this is not a run of the mill secondary school, but a specialist high school for 14-19 year olds who are interested in Engineering and Product Design. Housed in the fully refurbished old Houghton Regis Campus buildings this is a very exciting new college which is run by a team of incredibly enthusiastic teachers and their principal, Bob Shore.



As local employers who may be interested in employing an apprentice, we were invited to a tour of the premises recently, to see the new modern class rooms and an engineering department bristling with the equipment any small manufacturing company would die for. When I visited, the first 65 pupils had completed two terms. They are sponsored by local business such as B/E Aerospace and Liebherr (manufacturers of large cranes and construction machinery) and they are in partnership with nearby Cranfield University who provide realistic projects for students to undertake so that they can experience what it means to become an engineer in today's industrial world.

Over the next few years the school will increase their intake to 360 pupil capacity from a five mile radius catchment area that includes Chalgrave.

If any students in our parish are interested in working towards an apprenticeship or university degree in engineering and/or product design they would be well advised to investigate.

I was extremely impressed.

Lyndie Lothian

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Chalgrave Village Games

Saturday 6th July
2013 - 1pm



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The Chalgrave Games 2013

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?*
- ♦ *Could you be a sponsor for the Games?*
- ♦ *Sell some draw tickets?*
- ♦ *Help with the children's games?*
- ♦ *Bake a cake?*
- ♦ *Donate Tombola or Grand Draw prizes?*
- ♦ *Do you have any ideas for activities/stalls?*

We are holding a meeting on
Thursday 28th March.

Contact **Fiona Parker** on **874910**
if you have any ideas you would like to put
forward, or would like to be involved.



Computer Corner

Hello once again and welcome to Computer Corner – our regular series of articles about computers and technology, written by **Mike Wells of Chalgrave IT Solutions**.

The topic for this magazine is that most boring but essential of tasks related to computers and technology – **BACKUP**.

For the uninitiated, backing up refers to the process of taking a copy of information stored on your IT devices (desktop, laptop, tablet PC etc.) to a separate device and storing it in case something goes wrong. The information stored can be just data (documents, spreadsheets, music, photos, video etc.) or may be a complete copy of a machine which would allow faster restoration in case of failure. The copy can be made to numerous different types of device – USB pen drives, external hard drives or cloud storage (which is basically a hard drive on the internet!).

Over the years I have had conversations with people, many of whom had no idea that a PC could break and take all their valuable data with them. Quite simply if it's important to you and it's not backed up somewhere it is **VULNERABLE**!

A recent call from a friend in the village illustrates this well. In this case the PC wouldn't turn on, and our investigations showed that the hard drive (which stores the

operating system, programs and data) had failed. It soon became clear that the damage was beyond our ability to recover (which is a bad sign, because we can recover a lot!). At this point the only option was to send the drive away to a specialist firm for forensic level examination – and you're right it sounds expensive and it is! For a 500 Gb hard drive the prices range between £500 and £1000 + VAT. At this price it tends to focus the mind – and fortunately the majority of lost data was found in other places (on old camera memory cards, DVDs etc.). But that it not always the case and I have had instances where data recovery was not possible at any price – and the photos were of the persons late mother's last birthday party with the whole family present – irreplaceable and heart-breaking.

So, please take heed and make sure you have some method of backing up your important data – and that you use it regularly. Having a backup drive and never using it doesn't help!

If you don't know where to start and would like some guidance then please drop us an email or call us on the number below – we would be happy to point you in the right direction, and it doesn't have to be expensive.

If you have any concerns or points you would like to discuss regarding this article please email us on:

pchelp@chalgrave.it. 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.

For all information about the Parish of Chalgrave visit www.chalgrave.org



Clips from old time music halls and old concerts



Memorial Hall



Old Photos



Regularly updated with news and events



All Saints wall paintings



Chalgrave Heritage Trail



History

Deadline for next edition: 5th June 2013

Please submit entries by email to:

thechalgravenews@live.co.uk

Or by phone to:

Emma: 877327/ Su: 873963 / Debbie: 877149

*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.

Puns You Will Love

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

Broken pencils are pointless.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in New York's police station have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

When chemists die, they barium.



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COMING TO A PLACE NEAR YOU

This is a simulation of the view from along featherbed Lane just north east of Grove Farm

- The plans for the first stage are in. It is all on existing green belt.
- We find the wording deliberately misleading when it says -"The boundary of the Green Belt :-
- "EXCLUDES THE URBAN EXTENSIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY"
- The Parish council and GAPP are still fighting against this but realistically all we can do at this stage is to mitigate the damage.
- The saving grace is that the 1st phase is to the east of the A5120 and that Bidwell Hill and the Thorn turn are not in this 1st Phase

WVS has moved to new undercover premises - still in Bletchley (see address below).

* Don't forget our special offers on servicing and repairs for local residents. Call John Parker on the number below. *

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