

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

Front Cover: 'Phil Cool' at the Coronation Street Party

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Editorial



Finally!!!! Yes, after the doom and gloom of Spring, Summer has finally arrived, bringing with it a heatwave - we go from one extreme to the other!

The Coronation Street Party was held on 1st June and the sunshine ensured it was enjoyed by many, pictures on pg 22-23

The day of the Village Games dawned hot and sunny too, which certainly made amends for the unfortunate cancellation last year. At the end of the day the kids certainly enjoyed the cooling water sports. Photos of this fantastic day will appear in our next edition.

Enjoy the weather, hopefully it will last for the school summer holidays. If you need ideas for entertaining the kids, check out pg 32 where there are details of Central Beds Councils 'Summer Survival'.

Happy holidays!

In loving memory of John Kirwin

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of John Kirwin, 66, who passed away on Monday 15th July 2013.

John and his family lived in Wingfield for several happy years and he was an active member of the community. As chairman of the reformed Chalgrave Sports Club he was instrumental in making it a success and continued to take an interest even after he moved to Wing.

He was much loved by everyone here and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts go to his family: Pauline, Lucy & Matt. Rest In Peace.

Johns funeral is to be held on Friday 26th July at 10:45am at Amersham Crematorium, followed by food & drink at Leighton Buzzard Golf Club from 1 pm.

Chairman of the Parish Council

Annual Chairman's Report

The Parish Council consists of myself as the Chairman, and I am also one of the Council representatives of the West Trust; Ken Green who is the Vice Chairman and heads up the Footpaths Committee and has responsibility for the Website; Daniel Osborn who is on the Planning Committee, is our Police Liaison as well as the second Council representative on the West Trust; Debbie Hampson also on the Planning Committee and will be co-leading the Pond Project; Roger Mence who is able to attend many external meetings on our behalf; Sharon Brown who sorts out any fly-tipping and along with Debbie will be co-leading the Pond Project; we have a new co-opted member Mike Wells.

Derek Smith stepped down from the Council earlier this year as he has moved out of the Parish. Mike is going to take over Traffic Calming responsibilities and will be looking for people to help and work with him. He will be operating our speed monitoring sign at various locations in the Parish. And of course the most important member of the Parish Council, and this is Lesley Smith who is our Parish Clerk.

As always the past year has been a very active one for the Parish Council. In case you are not aware we do a lot of work behind the scenes. We work on a

voluntary basis trying to do as much as we can for our local community.

As well as our monthly meetings and individual responsibilities we attend local and area meetings where decisions are made that can affect our Parish. We lobby MP's and local councillors, we defend the rural nature of our community, we encourage and support local activities, we look for ways of improving facilities and the infrastructure, we strive to keep our community spirit and, as your representatives, we listen to you.

This year's precept - in the breakdown of your Council Tax it would appear that the Parish Council have increased the precept by over 6%. At our meeting in February we decided that we would not increase the precept this year 2013/14. The increase has come from Central Beds Council. CBC calculates the amount householders pay for the precept by dividing what we ask for by the number of Band D properties in the Parish. There are, however, some Band D properties that, because of special circumstances, will get a reduced rate and be charged at a band C Rate. In the past Central Government has paid the difference direct to the Councils. Central Government has now stopped this. Now CBC calculates the tax base by dividing the number of Band D properties paying

The accounts can be viewed via the Clerk, as can all Parish Council documentation – minutes of meetings, correspondence, accounts, etc. - if you are a resident of the Parish.

Planning is one of our many concerns, both at a Parish and County level. Within our Parish, we will see all planning applications and we can make comments and objections for Central Beds to consider. We are also keen to make sure residents abide by the planning rules.

At a County and National level we are very vocal in our determination to protect the Green Belt. We look to our Central Beds Councillor and our MP to represent and support our views at local and National level.

Speeding vehicles and articulated lorries coming through our Parish are always a problem.

Mike will doing speed checks using our mobile speed sign in both Tebworth and Wingfield. When the M1/A5 link road is open we have been told that we will get a weight ban through Tebworth. We will also press for a 20 mph zone through the Parish.

We continue to pressure Highways to repair our roads which have suffered over the winter. We are particularly concerned about Hill Close and The Lane. We have had some of the potholes around the Parish filled but there is more to do. It has also been brought to our attention the poor state of the pathway

from the Queens Head and down The Lane.

We have successfully applied for the Queens Head to become a Community Asset. Central Beds have a scheme whereby a piece of land or building that is central to the community and is used by the community can become an asset. This means that whoever owns the land or building cannot dispose of it without consulting the community. There is a six month consultation period. So if Colin decides to retire, Charles Wells cannot immediately sell the building and land or apply for a change of use. There is a small 'working group' exploring ways to keep the Queens Head.

The pond in Tebworth is getting into a poor state. Debbie and Sharon have agreed to lead a pond project to look into dredging it and tidying up the surrounds but they will need help. Please can we have volunteers so that we form a working party.

A lot happens in our Parish and we should be proud of our community spirit. We have had the Rogation Walk, Coronation Street Party in Tebworth on 1st June, and of course the Village Garden Fete on 6th July.



You are invited to any of our meetings. The next meeting is on the third Tuesday of the month at the Memorial Hall at 7:30.

View from the House: Andrew Selous MP



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Improving the NHS

In April Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group took over the running of the NHS in Bedfordshire. The Chief Clinical Officer is long serving Dunstable GP Dr Paul Hassan. I am delighted that for the first time in my 12 years as an MP, I now see a doctor to discuss Bedfordshire NHS issues rather than an NHS manager, even though many have been excellent in the past.

In a recent speech in the House of Commons I said how pleased I was that in Bedfordshire, Dr Paul Hassan has told me that there will be unannounced GP visits to the wards of the Luton and Dunstable hospital and other hospitals to which Bedfordshire sends its patients. There will be

private Trip Adviser style patient reports coming back—not report forms handed by a sister to a patient and filled in while the sister is leaning over them, but done genuinely in privacy so that GPs can get a proper report of what is happening.

There will also be real-time alert buttons on the keyboards of GPs and clinicians so that they can flag it up immediately if things are going wrong. That is the way to get an early indication of what is going wrong to make sure that we never have a repeat of what happened at Mid Staffordshire hospital in the NHS.

The number of patients waiting more than a year for treatment has fallen from over 18,000 in May 2010 to just 842 patients which is very welcome. MRSA rates are down by half and 400,000 more operations per year are being performed than before the general election. Resources have also been redirected to the front line with 7,000 fewer managers and 7,000 more frontline clinical staff, including nearly 6,000 more doctors.

A number of important reforms are being implemented to ensure compassionate care throughout the NHS in response to the Mid Staffs scandal. We are creating a Chief Inspector of Hospitals and the introduction of Ofsted-style ratings to embed a culture of compassionate care and zero harm. We are also increasing funding for hospices by £60 million and extending the family nurse partnership programme which will give more young and disadvantaged parents one to one support to bring up their babies.

The government is also committed to increasing the proportion of people who get a diagnosis for their dementia from the unacceptably low 39% at the time of the election. Prompt dementia diagnosis means drugs can be prescribed to slow down the progression of dementia.

We are working to make the NHS paperless by 2018 by increasing the use of digital medical records through locally determined solutions. We also want to

COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION

Link Road, Traffic and Development



I continue to meet with CBC officers on the traffic implications of the 2,500 new homes east of Leighton Buzzard. Although the A5-M1 link road is a welcome development and will no doubt improve the current traffic situation, the concern is that its benefits may be negated by the thousands of new homes proposed for both Leighton Buzzard and Houghton Regis. The formal planning applications for the 7,000 homes north of Houghton Regis and the 2,500 east of Leighton Buzzard are expected this summer/autumn and I will continue to represent the views and concerns of Chalgrave parish.

Buses, Planning and the Queen's Head

I have been supporting the parish on many issues, such as buses, planning applications and recently, giving my support at Central Bedfordshire Council to ensure the parish council's application to have the Queen's Head made a community asset is approved, which it was last month.

This means that if the pub is ever put up for sale, the community have the right to bid on it before it potentially becomes something else. This is the first asset to have made use of this new legislation and I am proud Chalgrave is leading the way within Central Bedfordshire.

I hold a ward surgery every month, which is advertised on village notice boards and CBC's web site, and I attend the monthly parish council meetings of each of the six parishes I represent. I can also be contacted **on 01525 234 000 or mark.versallion@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk**.



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??? Quiz Night ???

The annual quiz night took place in March and was very well attended, and the fish & chip supper went down well at the half way mark.

The competition was a close run thing but the eventual victors were team Gravy, who were pipped to the winning post by a small margin last year. As the picture shows, Liam was somewhat pleased to have



Liam Gray modestly accepts the prize money on behalf of team Gravy!



Joe Drummond and his share of the winnings







Congratulations to two local herds who both took first prize at the Herts Show, which took

place on the last weekend of May.

Pictured top are the Watergate Farm cattle from Hockliffe and bottom shows William Ludgate, from Tebworth, who was showing the



TODDINGTON ROVERS

Pictured with their awards for this year's football season are Laura and Daniel Jackson. Laura plays for the Under 18 Girls team who reached the final of the League Cup for the second year running.



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We are looking for someone to join the team who will be responsible for attracting new advertisers, as well as maintaining those that have continued to support us.

The revenue that they provide is vital in order for us to be able to keep the News running. We currently have a healthy balance, but to ensure this remains the case, we need to keep up the momentum.

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Chelsea Flower Show

A good day out was enjoyed at Chelsea Flower Show, despite the rain. One of the highlights of the day was meeting



Gardener's World presenter Carol Klein, here is a picture of her with Carol Hale from Toddington who is also a professional gardener.



All Our Yesterdays - No. 12

30 years after the closure of Chalgrave School in 1983

Please contact Ken Green on 874107 or mail [kenandlyn@tinyworld.co.uk]
if you know other names



Kerry Smith	???	Kevin Ludgate	Sarah Horn	Evon Hazard	Natasha Baker	Gavin Cleaver	Rebecca Skevington
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Mrs O'Kines	Miss Cleaver	Mrs Buckle	Mrs Shearer	Jean Ludgate
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Charlie Dokk-Olsen	Steven Cherry	Wesley Baker made up the 20 but is not in the photo	Craig Ambury	Barry ??
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School's out — forever

Class of '83 the last to learn

A CENTURY of tradition comes to a sad end this month with the closure of one of Bedfordshire's smallest schools.

The Secretary of State for Education has given the thumbs-down to the future of Chalgrave village school.

The 20 Tebworth village children will leave their school for the last time at the end of the summer term on July 22.

Farewell

The staff and children are now preparing for a farewell concert and presentation day two days before the end of term, which is expected to be attended by children and parents past and present.

"We had great hopes the school would remain open," said acting head teacher Pamela Buckle. "I came here four years ago when there were 12 children on the roll."

The school has a capacity of 26, and Mrs Buckle was confident that small private developments in the village and nearby Wingfield would increase school numbers again within the next two years.

But that is not to be and Chalgrave joins the 11 other schools condemned in last year's survey of the county's small rural schools. The



● The last class at Chalgrave School. They leave for good at the end of this term. Picture by Jim Parrish.

future of Eggington school still lies in the balance with the Secretary of State.

Pupils from the village will now attend Toddington's St George of England school. The move is expected to save the county around £6,300 a year.

"Like the parents, the children are very sad the school is closing," added Mrs Buckle. She and a part-time teacher will be taken back into the county staff.

The school building is owned by the Diocese of

St Albans, and dates back to 1854.

"The school will be closing because the diocesan education committee have agreed not to oppose any closures other than those made on purely financial grounds," said a spokesman.

"The board of finance will take it over and almost certainly seek to dispose of it."

The building is likely to be the subject of a planning application to convert it into a private house.

Notes on the article **"Rambles around Luton"**, published in the December '12 issue of the Chalgrave News.

- Nobody can tell me anything about the many thatched cottages that were to be demolished to build council houses. Any Ideas?
- There was a thatched cottage between Buttercup farm and Park farm, where Cherry Tree cottage is now.
- The post office was at the village shop at 2 The Lane, Roger & Frances' place
- The slaughter house was run By Chris Osborn's dad Ron, as shown on the "All Our Yesterdays No. 11.
- The fellow weighing 21 stone, twelve pounds and "is still able to enter his front door" was Corrie Neil who was Pat Stringer's mother's brother. Apparently he worked as a "night soil" collector and grew the most delicious tomatoes but you wouldn't want to know what he put on them!
- Tea at Tebworth was at The Shoulder of Mutton



Mrs Green is fed up with the congestion and has found a new way to travel!

For a full view of her new skills go to YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/> and key in "Mrs G Broomstick"
Direct link is

Everyone's Entitled To My Opinion!

I've decided, after my recent visit to France, that they do indeed do many things right. For example, they just nod at the EU bigots when they invent some new law that is even more stupid than the last, and then just carry on regardless!! An example: absolutely everybody from 4 years old upwards smokes, wherever they like. Yes, 'they' might say to the European jobsworths that they have outlawed it in certain places but quite frankly that's cobblers, they smoke wherever they like, whenever they like. Entering a hotel is like running the gauntlet of smokers, crowds of them... who would have smoked inside but have been ushered out by hotel staff in a feeble attempt at 'abiding by the law'.

Another example: a friend and I parked our motorcycles on the pavement opposite a Police Station in Gap - Southern France, to visit a very pleasant café. Several Police Officers came out whilst we were there, totally ignoring our bikes which were causing no obstacle and instead, got on with some proper Police work relaxed in the knowledge that some British biker johnnies were paying over the odds for coffee and croissants while sitting on the pavement. Now, not so long ago, I parked my bike on a very large pavement outside a café in St Albans and guess what, the "froth" hadn't settled on my cappuccino when some overweight traffic warden in an ill fitting blue jumper rushed over to inform me that 'you can't park there'.

After a long conversation, by which time my coffee was cold, I moved the bike...just to avoid a fine. Now can you tell me who was right here?..... Obviously the French.

They do not mind people parking, especially if it brings money to their town! If you visit our towns we are only interested in taking money off of you! That's why people don't go there and that is why town centers are like ghost towns... doesn't take much working out does it? If you mug the tourists, tourists won't come....simples!

And another thing, Bikers aren't treated like second-class citizens over there, they are welcomed at hotels and restaurants just like real human beings and nobody minds that they are in 'bike gear'. Do that over here and you will be treated like something stuck to the bottom of your shoe. I beg to remind anyone who is interested, that motorcycling (as apart from cycling, which is for the clinically insane) is a recreational hobby.

Many motorcycles cost more than the average car and the gear that goes with them must be made from some of the rarest fabrics known to man - judging by the prices charged, and we can stand up on two legs and eat with a knife and fork! The French know this and charge us accordingly, the British, well they are not sure and think we are all outlaws and should be living in a cave!

Oh, and their roads are much better, and they don't shut them for hours when there has been a small bump... and the scenery is better, and usually the weather and normally the food and some say the wine.... and it's less crowded and... I could go on but, there is a snag. There are French people living there and, well, they don't really like us do they?,

I think I understand: if you sit in a café in Paris, or Nice or Milan for that matter, or anywhere and watch people walking by, they are well turned out, presentable, not wearing trainer bottoms and weighing several tons... try that in Milton Keynes!

PARKFIELDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parkfields Middle School in Toddington celebrated its 50th anniversary in grand style on Saturday 27th April.

The all-day celebration was the culmination of an extraordinary whole school focus and particularly due to the efforts of a very hard working group of parents who have been preparing for this day for many months.

Toddington was brought to a near standstill as around 2000 visitors flocked through the doors of the school to enjoy a thoroughly nostalgic visit. Many ex-pupils and ex-members of staff travelled from far and wide to visit their cherished school and to meet up with old friends and teachers, many of whom they had not seen since they left. In fact, they were bowled over by the quality of the school, the presentations given by the pupils in song, gym and dance, and indeed the wonderful pupil guides who proudly showed them around their school.

The headteacher David Brandon-Bravo, pictured here with his predecessor, David Calcott and current pupils from Parkfields, said ***"the day has surpassed our wildest expectations; it was truly moving to have so many return to Parkfields and to share such happy memories"***. The evening party and hog roast was also a terrific success with the willing band of helpers finally leaving the school at 1:00am. Mr Brandon-Bravo added "There are few occasions in the history of Parkfields that can match this in scale and impact.



Friends reunited on school's golden day

BY SALLY-ANNE STEWART
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Nearly 2,000 visitors flocked to a huge school reunion on Saturday to mark the 50th anniversary of Parkfields in Toddington.

Work to organise the event had been going on for months, and headteacher David Brandon-Bravo praised the hard work of the parents who had made the event happen.

He said: "Toddington was brought to a near standstill as nearly 2,000 visitors flocked to the school to enjoy a thoroughly nostalgic visit. Many ex-pupils and ex-members of staff travelled from far and wide to visit and to meet up with old friends and teachers, many of whom they had not seen since they left."

The day saw gym, dance and singing performances from pupils, tours of the school and displays of memorabilia from over the years.



PUPILS WITH David Brandon-Bravo and former head David Calcott

'The event surpassed our wildest expectations'

Mr Brandon-Bravo continued: "It was truly moving to have so many return to Parkfields and to share such happy memories."

"The evening party and hog roast was also a terrific success. There are few occasions in the history of Parkfields that can match this in scale and impact. Our slogan 'Proud to be at Parkfields' could never have meant more."

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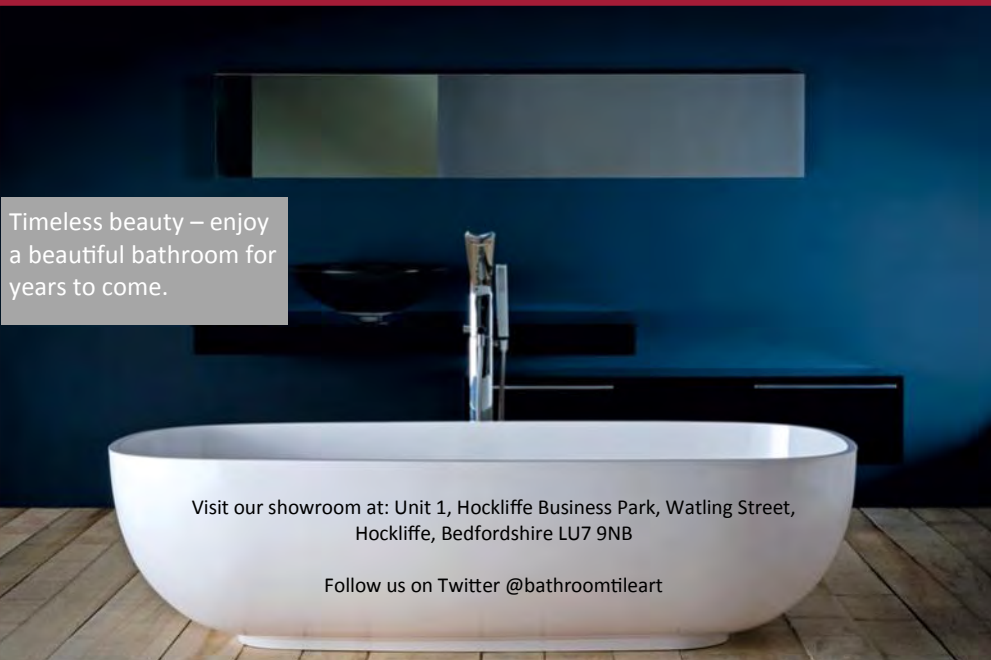


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Queens Coronation

In 1953 my parents were living abroad and were pleased to receive a letter from my aunt telling them about the coronation.

The following is an excerpt from the letter:

Fiona Parker

“Joan and I had a most marvellous view of the coronation procession and saw it extremely well three times as we were just the Trafalgar Square side of Admiralty Arch. We were only the 5th row so could see right into the coaches. It was icy cold and poured with rain at intervals, but there was so much to see one just did not notice the weather. We had to be in our seats by 6 am, but it was our lucky day as Jock, from the garage underneath the flat, took us right to our stand in the Rolls on his way to pick up some customers from the Savoy. We felt serene swishing along in our Rolls past all the grey faced people who had been camping on the pavement all night in the rain. Nobody can have mistaken us for Abbey guests as we were swathed in coats and macs and clutching picnic things!

“By the third time, one knew just who one wanted to look out for. The Queen looked radiant going to the Abbey but rather weighed down by crown, sceptre and orb on the return. Margaret looked very wan and drawn – perhaps accentuated by the Queen Mother beside her. Marina looked wonderful and Alexandra is a lovely child, very like her mother. ... You wouldn’t have thought there was a socialist in England from the cheers that greeted Winston! He looked rather like a Xmas Tree and his face looked like a freshly powdered baby’s. It was so nice to see the army not in khaki again, except for the Home Guard. There seemed to be thousands of troops marching by and after a time the whole of Trafalgar Square seemed to be swaying. We almost wanted Kwells!

“Apart from our Royal family, quite the most popular person in the procession was Queen Salote of Tonga. She is 6 foot 3 and had the most enormous bare arm I have ever seen. Why she didn’t catch pneumonia I can’t think as she was in evening dress in an open carriage with pink feathers sticking up at the back of her head rather like Widow Twankey. The Queen left the Abbey later than expected and the whole procession was halted 15 – 20 minutes waiting for her. The weather chose that moment to deluge. We had Queen Salote sitting in this downpour in the middle of Trafalgar Square and she was the only one who refused to have her carriage closed. The enormous crowd gave her round after round of cheers and she sat soaked through smiling and waving. According to my newspaper, she has a sense

Coronation Street Party

The Chalgrave Coronation street party was held on Saturday 1st June 2013. This was our third street party and, again, we had glorious sunshine.

Events were launched at 3pm by our local celebrity actor and radio star Mr Colin Edwynn, landlord of the Queen's Head and music was provided throughout the afternoon by Joe Inzani and his daughter Frankie. Soon tables were overflowing with cakes, sandwiches, trifles and all sorts of goodies people had brought along, and the Barbeque was turning out delicious hot dogs and burgers.

Both children and adults joined in with the old fashioned games including treasure hunts, pass the parcel (which Roger & Phil seemed to enjoy!), and musical statues. A raffle was held which raised £95 toward the cost of fireworks at the Queen's head on bonfire night.

This year's theme was the 1950's and Phil Parry certainly got into the swing of things with his fine 'Teddy Boy' outfit complete with Brothel Creepers! This event really provides an opportunity for villagers to meet, socialise and share food [and drink] together, so a big thank you to everyone who helped organise activities, deliver flyers and set up the tables and marquees on the day.

After our third successful year perhaps we should make it an annual event, maybe with a 'swinging '60's' theme next year?







The Plough

We will start off with the bad news. The sale of the pub fell through and you will all have to put up with me for sometime yet.

So nothing has changed apart from the fact that I am getting older.



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 July being 21st and then 4th of August 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 is just over halfway and the best I can say about both teams is that we are not bottom - yet!

The domino season will commence in early October and we would welcome some local players on a Monday evening.

The cricket season started in April and so far we have come off rather ignominiously (it means we haven't done any good).

The golf society will be having their next golf society meeting at the end of August at Wellingborough golf club. Anyone wishing to play will be welcome but must have their names down before **August 10th**.

Anyone wishing to find out what is happening at The Plough can visit our

Queens Head Update



Hello again everyone, I hope this edition of our famous little magazine finds you healthy and happy, I know that some of you are happy because I saw you all enjoying yourselves at the recent street party and at the Chalgrave Games.

As for myself I'm afraid I haven't been enjoying the best of health recently it must be something to do with my increasing age, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies who have virtually run the Pub for me whilst I was incapacitated, they did a fantastic job. I have now taken some of Dr Wells's life-giving elixir and I suddenly feel marvellous, so I am back in command and manning the pumps as only I can, which is probably why standards have dropped but I promise things will improve!

We continue to have live entertainment on Friday nights and every other Monday which is a great night of fun and music where many people come to relax and have a sing song, why don't you come and join in I know you will be made very welcome.

For those of you with a sporting disposition you would be welcome anytime for a game of darts, there are usually one or two chaps in playing with each other I am sure they would welcome someone new to join them, the darts team are also looking for new players as it is holiday time and sometimes they are short.....but not as short as Su P!

Those Domino players still come in on a Saturday night to hone their skills, it must be doing some good 'cos I can't remember the last time they lost, but then I can't remember much these days.

I look forward to seeing you in the pub sometime soon, until then keep healthy,

All the best, *Colin*



Computer Corner

Hello and welcome once more to Computer Corner, written by Mike Wells of Chalgrave IT Solutions.

This month's topic concerns a most important part of maintaining any computer system – **INSTALLING UPDATES**. This process is critical to keeping your PC running smoothly and safely.

Everything that you do on a computer requires software – whether this is the Operating System (most commonly Windows) which is what controls the various pieces of hardware in a computer, or an application such as Microsoft Word, Excel or Internet Explorer. Every piece of software inevitably contains errors – these errors could stop part of the software from working properly (or at all!), or could make part of the machine able to be exploited by viruses or malware (What's the difference? Simply put a virus is designed to cause malicious damage, whereas malware is normally designed to mislead, misdirect or obtain personal information from you and supply it to others).

Originally malware was designed to exploit these errors (or vulnerabilities to use tech speak) in Windows. But as time passed and Microsoft got better at fixing and preventing these errors, the malware writers cast about for alternative avenues of attack. So nowadays they also exploit many other software programs, some of which you'll have heard of (e.g. Java, Adobe Reader) and many that you

probably don't (e.g. Adobe Air, Microsoft .Net framework).

So, what to do about all this? Most software these days has an auto-update feature which checks regularly for updates and prompts you to install them, normally in the form of 'pop-ups' down by the clock. Microsoft has a regular update slot (the 2nd Tuesday of each month, known as Patch Tuesday) when they release their latest security updates. In general if you are prompted to install updates, and you recognise where they have come from then they should be installed.

But what happens in reality? People either forget them, ignore them or don't install them because they are scared that it could be malware designed to look like these updates (you see they get you any way they can!).

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If you have any concerns or points you would like to discuss regarding this article, or are interested in subscribing to

Su Parkers' 50th Birthday Bash



June 15th saw Su host her 50th birthday party at the memorial hall. The sun shone, the wine flowed, the lamb roast was greedily devoured and plenty of embarrassing photos of Su growing up were shown to amuse everyone. A great night was had by all.



Clubs & Committees



The Life of Pi, written by Yann Martel, has sold over ten million copies worldwide, won many book awards and was eventually turned into a film which was released last year. The film apparently is very much better than the book, due mainly to the brilliant visual effects. It tells the story of Pi, Pi being short for Piscine Molitor Patel, who lives with his family in Pondicherry, India. The book is split into three main sections, the first part is Pi as an adult reminiscing about his childhood and growing up with a keen interest and understanding of animals mainly due to the fact that his parents own a zoo. The second part of the book centres on the family's decision to sell the zoo and most of the animals and move to Canada. They set sail on a freighter, bringing some of their animals, but unfortunately the ship sinks during a storm. Pi's family die but he is left stricken on a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger, a hyena, a zebra and an orang-utan. As you would expect the hyena, zebra and orang-utan don't last long and Pi is left with the tiger. They both survive and Pi is picked up on a Mexican beach, the tiger disappears into the undergrowth. The last part of the book, and look away now if you don't want to know how it ends, sees Pi in a hospital bed giving the authorities an account of what happened, but instead of animals being with him he tells them that it was his mother, a cook and a sailor who were shipwrecked with him, because he does not think they will believe his story. Eventually he does tell them about the animals and gives them the option of which story to believe – which kind of makes you wonder yourself which version to believe.

This is a book you could analyse all day; were the animals real or were they an indication of his state of mind? Believability seems to be the key theme running through this book.

Most of the Book Club enjoyed the book, but a few found it disappointing in that it did drag on a bit, especially at the beginning. Quite savagely brutal in some places when the tiger attacked the other animals.

The Book Club are currently reading a Stephen King novel, The Stand and a review will appear in the next edition.



Chalgrave Sports Club

The most important date is our 10/10 cricket competition held at the cricket ground at Hill Close, Wingfield on Sunday 21st July starting at approximately 11.30am.

There will be a bar, barbecue and a safe children's area. Hopefully the sun will shine on us and we will all have a good day.

We look forward to seeing you there on the day as it is always a fun event.

Not much else to say except the cricket season is going ahead and it looks as though the Road Runners will win the league.

We will be having a further event at The Memorial Hall in October or November. Whether this will be a race night or a famous sporting celebrity giving a talk we have not decided. So WATCH THIS SPACE

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Memorial Hall wins Preen vouchers in Community Challenge

Chalgrave Memorial Hall has been awarded £150 of Preen vouchers as a result of Chalgrave Parish Council taking part in the Preen Community Challenge.

The Community Challenge rewarded parishes and towns by giving points for furniture, white goods and household items that residents donated for reuse and points for items bought from Preen Centres in Dunstable and Biggleswade. Councils could earn additional points by displaying banners and arranging reuse events.

The highest point scorer won a cash prize; cash and vouchers were also awarded to winners and runners up in the communities that donated the greatest tonnage per capita, with the highest percentage of households taking part, and where donations raised the most money. Despite Chalgrave not winning a prize, Preen offered the council the opportunity to nominate a local good cause to receive vouchers as a Thank You for taking part and helping to make the Community Challenge a success.

The vouchers can be used to purchase a range of items or to hire space for meetings or events in Preen reuse centres. Items include reused house and office furniture, white goods (e.g. TVs, electric cookers, fridges and freezers); small electrical appliances (e.g. vacuum cleaners, coffee machines); a large selection of fiction and non-fiction books, plus clothes, toys and bric-a-brac. A new “Resource Area” is soon to be launched in Dunstable, with a selection of materials and other bits and pieces that can be used in games, arts and crafts.

Preen, a registered Community Interest Company, collects donations of furniture and bulky household items free of charge and sells a wide range of reused items from its shops in Biggleswade and Dunstable. Discounts are available for elderly people and those on income related benefits.





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Being a parent with young children can be tough at any time, but in this current economic climate the pressures on families are even greater and for those already struggling to cope with illness, disability, isolation, bereavement or just the challenge of parenting, life can seem overwhelming.

Before being matched with a family, volunteers attend our Preparation Course which is free, informal, fun and informative.

If you are considering a job in Health or Social Care then volunteering with Home-Start can help you to get on that career ladder. You don't need to be a super nanny to help parents with young children and with your help parents can gain confidence to manage on their own and give their children the best possible start in life.

We welcome all enquiries but are particularly keen to recruit people who have experience of autism.

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Your guide to surviving the Summer holidays

Worried about how you're going to keep your children busy and entertained during the schools holidays? Well fear not, we've got lots of information and tips on activities, places to go and holiday schemes to keep boredom at bay, and give you the chance to have a well-deserved breather.

We've created a dedicated 'Summer survival!' page on our website – www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/summersurvival, which is crammed full of ideas on how to fill the summer break, and keep you and your children entertained. To kick things off we've just posted our top 10 summer activities on the page, but as the page is dedicated to you, we want to find out what you get up to in Central Bedfordshire. So, whether it's ideas for rainy days, activities that don't cost a thing, or your very own hidden gems, we want to know.

You can get in touch with us via: Facebook - www.facebook.com/letstalkcentral, Twitter - @letstalkcentral or by emailing whatson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk. We'll be updating the page throughout July and August.

In addition, our 'Schools out' booklet is packed with information on holiday schemes and clubs running across the whole of Central Bedfordshire. You can pick up a copy at any of our libraries or find it on our website - www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/schoolholidayschemes.

If you would like details of registered childminders, who can provide childcare during the holidays, simply call 0300 300 8119 or email fyis@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.

Cllr Mark Versallion, Executive Member for Children's Services, said:
"Summer is a great time for families to have fun and explore new things – and that's exactly what's on offer from the huge range of things happening



Calling all cyclists!

The East Anglian Air Ambulance is calling on all two-wheeling enthusiasts to help raise vital funds for the charity by taking part in Millbrook Cycle Day.

The event will take place on 26th August 2013 at Millbrook Proving Ground in Bedfordshire and will include an off-road course (for daredevils), a high speed circuit (for the fast and furious) and a gentle 1.2k family ride for all ages and abilities.

Price for riders is £10 per person or £20 per family for the 1.2k ride.

Kay Marter, Deputy Fundraising Coordinator for Bedfordshire: “We really hope that all cycle enthusiasts, old and young, will come along to make this a really amazing day whilst enjoying the facilities of Millbrook. The success of this event will provide much needed funds to help keep the East Anglian Air Ambulance flying.”

It is a great opportunity to enjoy cycling without the worry of traffic and all courses are spectator friendly. With a bouncy castle, children’s entertainment and a flying visit from the air ambulance helicopter, it will be a great day out for all the family. So come along, have fun and help the East Anglian Air Ambulance continue to save lives in your area. Just don’t forget your helmet!

For more details and to book your space, call Kay Marter on 01525 718517 or email kay.marter@eaaa.org.uk

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

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