

CHALGRAVE NEWS

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Dates for Your Diary

Day/Date	Event	Location/Contact	Time
3 rd 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	Queen's Head	7.30pm
Wednesdays	Darts	Queen's Head	
Thursdays	Dominoes	Queen's Head	
Weekdays	Book Club	Noeleen Thompson	
2 nd Tuesday of each month	W.I.	Memorial Hall	8-10pm
Saturday, 22 March	Chalgrave News Quiz	Memorial Hall	6.30pm
Sunday, 29 June	MG Car Rally	Plough Inn	3.30pm
Saturday/Sunday, 28/29 June	Beer Festival	Plough Inn	
Saturday, 5 July	Chalgrave Games	Memorial Hall	Afternoon
Sunday, 13 July	Classic & Prestige Cars	Plough Inn	3.30pm
Saturday/Sunday, 12/13 July	Beer Festival	Plough Inn	

Front Cover: Flooded Tebworth Levels, 12 February 2014

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Editorial

Wow! – what a wet few months we’ve had. Hopefully no one in the parish has suffered any damage to property, although the fields look saturated which can’t be good news for our farmers. But at least Anglian Water will be hard pressed to impose a hosepipe ban this summer, assuming we get a summer, that is.

We have another packed edition for you, full of news and photos of local events, as well as the usual features—and, of course, a few jokes and funny stories.

The last edition went to print in early December, before many of the Christmassy events had taken place. So, in this copy, you can read about the Senior Citizens’ Christmas Party, the Santa Run, the carol singing party at the Grand Chapel, and more carol singing in The Plough. Also included here are the results of the children’s colouring competition and the Christmas lights competition.

As well as the regular features, we also carry a story about Chops, also known as the beast of Wingfield. Some of you may already be acquainted with Chops but those who aren’t can enjoy reading of his exploits in the pages that follow.

But there is also a sad note, as this edition carries a moving tribute to a dearly loved husband, father and resident of Tebworth—Joe Inzani, who died on Christmas Day. He was known throughout for the parish for his musical talents, his charitable works and, above all, for his friendliness to everyone. He will be sorely missed by all and our thoughts are with his family.

If you would like to send any items for inclusion in the magazine the contact details are given on the opposite page.

Digital copies of any of the photographs in the Chalgrave News are available free of charge. Please email thechalgravenews@live.co.uk with details of what you’d like.

Don’t forget the Chalgrave News Annual Quiz on Saturday, 22nd March—see the advert on page 33.

Santa Run

On a damp and blustery evening in December, Santa and his trusty helpers, coordinated by the Rotary Club of Flitwick, set out to visit the residents of Tebworth and Wingfield, stopping at Milton Bryan on the way. In fact, Santa had so many helpers they couldn't all fit on the bus to Milton Bryan!

With Christmassy music playing in the background, Santa waved non-stop from the chimney of his house as he slowly toured the villages. Meanwhile, led by an efficient Rotarian, his helpers rang bells and knocked on doors. As always, all were warmly welcomed and the residents dug deeply into their pockets.

Tired from the walking and the increasing weight of their collecting tins, Santa's helpers were pleased to arrive in Woodlands, Tebworth, where they knew that by tradition John and Sue Keech would be waiting with homemade sausage rolls and mulled wine. They were not disappointed! The sausage rolls were to die for and made the long trek well worthwhile.

After continuing on their weary way to visit Wingfield, everyone eventually retired to the home of Roger and Frances Masters for a wonderful party with ample drink and accompanied by a well-earned and delicious chilli.

As well as the Keeches and the Masters, thanks go to the Rotary Club of Flitwick who provided the float and extra helpers, all the Chalgrave helpers, and, of course, the generous residents who gave

donations along the way. Half of the proceeds go to the Rotary Club and the other half help to provide a Christmas lunch for the elderly of Chalgrave.



It's a Dog's Life! ...

I am virtually an expert on dog breeding now, unfortunately my dog isn't!

We thought we might breed from her (we need a new boiler and the pups fetch quite good money). After contributing to our vet's 'New Range Rover' fund for eye tests, hip tests and goodness knows what else tests, we took her to the breeder where we got her. He had the ideal dog, apparently, unfortunately he forgot to mention this dog was gay, therefore several visits were a complete waste of time and resulted in a lot of standing about in the rain waiting for some 'action' shall we say.

He suggested at this point that he might get 'the old boy' out of the kennel (thank goodness). He had sired dozens of pups and was clearly up for the job, or so we thought, if a little long in the tooth. We left her there for a sleepover, to no avail, the CCTV cameras detected no 'action' apart from the possibility of some 'slipping' (don't ask).

So several weeks and a scan later – blank, no little Cookies, pity had some interested parties too. We may give it one more go, let's hope the boiler lasts!

JP



A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. "My dog is cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?" "Well," said the vet, "let's have a look at him." So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then he checks his teeth. Finally, he says, "I'm going to have to put him down." "What? Because he's cross-eyed?" "No, because he's really heavy".

A man goes to the doctor, with a strawberry growing out of his head. The doctor says "I'll give you some cream to put on it."

Tommy Cooper

Rotary Club's Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

On Saturday 7th December the annual senior citizens' Christmas party was held at Parkfields Middle School in Toddington, arranged as usual by the Rotary Club of Flitwick Vale, with Tebworth's Chris Osborn being one of the principal organisers. Nearly 200 guests from neighbouring areas, including some from Tebworth and Wingfield, sat down to a full Christmas lunch cooked by the

untiring efforts of four ladies in the school kitchens. A

band of jovial waitresses and waiters served the food and accompanying drinks to the diners. Postprandial entertainment included a sing-song led by Dave Johnson. Thanks go to all of those who took part—guests, organisers, donors and volunteers—

for making it an enjoyable and memorable afternoon.



Chalgrave War Memorial

The Memorial Stone on the wall of the Chalgrave Memorial Hall lists those members of our community who lost their lives in the two World Wars.

We were recently contacted by Colin Glendinning of Leighton Buzzard who has researched all these names.

The name, rank, regiment and other details have been put together, framed and are now in the Memorial Hall. If anyone has any pictures of those remembered

we would be pleased to copy them and put them alongside the information that Colin has researched.

Please contact Colin Glendinning on 01582 705597 or a member of the Hall Committee.

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Do you find it a problem to get to Luton, Dunstable or Houghton Regis shops? Without a car this sort of journey has been nearly impossible, until now.

Centrebus, a local bus service provider, is now operating along the much advertised Busway between Luton and Toddington via The White Lion Retail Park (Sainsbury's) and Houghton Regis (Morrison's). You can also get to the L&D Hospital and even Luton Town FC if you wish—it starts/finishes on The Green in Toddington and finishes/starts at the Galaxy in Luton. The journey takes about 25 minutes and costs £3.50 for a single and runs from 7.30am until 7.30pm. There are various other routes and ticket deals to suit most people, and you can find a lot more information at www.centrebus.com or phone 0844 357 6520.

Christmas Lights Competition



There were a lot of contenders and the colourful displays certainly brightened up the villages on those wet and windy nights leading up to Christmas. Unfortunately, there's only room to show a few of the spectacles but well done to everybody.



The winners were declared to be The Farmhouse, Home Farm, Tebworth (*top left*), for their wonderful display. However, special mention must also be given to St Mary's Close (*left*), last year's winners, for their magnificent tree decoration. Another special mention goes to Lark Rise, Wingfield (*right*), who, despite having only moved in shortly before Christmas, still managed to put on an enviable show of lights.



Book Club



We have read two books since the last review, **Merry Christmas Alex Cross** by James Paterson and **The Sea Change** by Joanna Rossiter. The Alex Cross book is one of 19 in the series and tells the story of Alex Cross, a New York

policeman, and the incidences he has to deal with over the Christmas holidays and the impact that has on his family. The first is a robbery on Christmas Eve at his local church, the second a horrific hostage situation and the third a potentially catastrophic terrorist attack.

A fast moving action packed novel that many of us liked very much, one you find hard to put down once you start reading. However, a couple of us thought it felt like two separate books and struggled with it in the second half. The characters were all very believable and the writing good, as you would expect from James Paterson.

The second book, **The Sea Change**, was a completely different read, but again enjoyed by most of us. A moving novel about a mother and daughter, one caught up in a tsunami in India, the other in her memories of having to be forced to leave her home in an idyllic village in Wiltshire at the start of the second world war.

The book skips back and forth from the present, 1971, to the Second World War; some of us thought it skipped a little too often which made it a little disjointed. However, beautifully written, very descriptive, and a nice story about relationships and lost love.

Noeleen Thomson

View from the House: Andrew Selous MP



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

NHS UPDATE

Last month I met with all the Leighton Buzzard GP practices to ask what additional medical services would be provided in Leighton Buzzard and Linslade after the GPs decided to enlarge some of their surgeries in preference to providing a community hospital in the town.

After that meeting I travelled to Buckingham, a town half the size of Leighton Buzzard which has a much loved and fully used 16 bed community hospital. The NHS in Buckinghamshire is subject to similar constraints to the NHS in Bedfordshire. I have asked Dr Paul Hassan, a local GP and the lead Clinical Officer for us locally and the Leighton Buzzard GPs, to make known publicly the additional medical services that will be provided in Leighton Buzzard and Linslade as a result of the local GPs decision to enlarge some of the surgeries in the town.

I also gave a speech this month in Dunstable about some of the practices that went on in the Orthopaedics Department at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital between 2006 and 2010. As a result of being contacted by constituents and from Freedom of Information requests I discovered that the Luton and Dunstable Hospital had undertaken a particular type of spinal implant for lower back pain which Milton Keynes Hospital, Bedford Hospital, High Wycombe Hospital and Stoke Mandeville Hospital were not using. In addition, I also discovered that our local specialist orthopaedic hospital at Stanmore not only wasn't undertaking this implant operation but had also had to take over 30 of these implants out.

I think the Luton and Dunstable Hospital is generally a very good hospital and I do not think that this pattern of behaviour just related to the Luton and Dunstable. I do think it important that lessons are learnt from this episode and that there is a much greater level of clinical challenge and co-operation for our surgeons. I have been involved in promoting the "Getting it right first time" Report which lays out a way in which the NHS could achieve this greater level of clinical challenge and co-operation amongst orthopaedic surgeons throughout the whole country. It has been produced by Professor Tim Briggs the President of the British Orthopaedic Association who is a local resident living in Totternhoe.

The third health issue which has also concerned me relates to the charge for letters demanded by some local GPs. I have no problem with a wealthy business executive being charged for a letter certifying the vaccinations he or she has had before undertaking overseas travel. I do strongly object to my constituents who are on benefits or very low incomes for example being charged for GP letters to Central Bedfordshire Council pointing out that their current housing situation is not ideal as far as their health is concerned. One constituent on benefits had had to pay £10 for such a letter from her GP recently. I think that is wrong and I would challenge all local GPs not to ask for any payment from people in these circumstances. GPs are very well paid, rightly so after their long training, and I do not think that they should be charging for letters like this. I very much hope I do not come across any further examples of GPs asking for money to write letters of this nature.

Councillor Mark Versallion

Cllr Mark Versallion is our Central Bedfordshire Councillor, representing the ward of Heath & Reach, which includes Chalgrave.



Besides working on our behalf at planning committees and other meetings, he continues to work on issues brought to him at his regular ward surgeries or when contacted through his office. He also attends the monthly parish council meetings of the seven villages he represents. If you have any questions or concerns Mark can be contacted on 01525 234 000 or via www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/markversallion which also lists his upcoming surgery dates.

Give your garden an extra splash of colour

There has been a rapid rise in the popularity of the Colour Splash decorative flora mixtures over the last couple of years. These low maintenance flower seed mixtures have added colour and brightness to many amenity areas including parks, roundabouts, golf courses, and countless roadside verges, and it has been this versatility that has allowed such mixtures to be introduced to domestic dwellings.

Many mixtures last more than a year, flowering from mid-June to mid-October, containing many plant varieties, selected for their ability to attract bees and insects and give ground coverage for small animals such as hedgehogs. The various mixtures contain annuals, bi-annuals and perennials, giving a robust, but equally aesthetic pleasing appearance, and even come the autumn and winter certain plants as they die back will allow for plentiful seeds for the birds to feed.

So incorporating a flora mixture into an area of the garden will give many environmental benefits, as well as adding a cost effective and low maintenance splash of colour for a large part of the year.

Benefits of introducing a flora seed mixture to the garden include:

- Low maintenance and cost effectiveness
- Splash of colour throughout the summer months
- Pollination for bees and insects
- Winter feed for the birds.

Gardening advice from TruGreen

Chairman of the Parish Council

Police. We have a new PCSO – Dougie Peklinvanas. He can be contacted via 01582 473411 or by email

LPT.LeightonBuzzardLinslade&Rural@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

This email can be used to contact any PCSO if Dougie is not available.

There has been an increase in rural crime. We need to report all crime so that the true figures come to the attention of the Police and Government. This might lead to an increase in funding for policing in rural areas. In the past, funding has gone to dealing with urban crime.

We met our PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner) Olly Martins. He confirmed that there will be an increase of 10–15 PSCOs in Bedfordshire by June of this year. Also, by April 2014 there will be an increase of 80 PCs.

Precept. We once again have agreed not to increase our precept (this is part of your Council Tax that comes to the Parish Council). When you receive your Council Tax bill it will appear that we have increased it, but the increase goes to Central Beds and not to the Parish. Central Beds calculates the amount you pay by dividing what the Parish Council asks for by the number of Band D properties in the Parish. However, some Band D properties get a reduced rate (because of circumstances) and are charged a Band C rate. This means that the number of Band D properties in our Parish has decreased – hence the increase. We are supposed to get the money back through a Council Tax Support Grant. Unfortunately, Central Beds is one of the very few Authorities that have decided to keep the money – against Government wishes.

Flooding. The amount of rain we have had over the past weeks has caused flooding in many parts of our Parish. Most of the gulleys have been cleared and we continue to ask for all gulleys to be cleared but our drains could not cope with the volume of water. We spent money on dealing with drainage at Parkview Lane. The system



works reasonably well in normal circumstances but again it can't cope with the recent storms.

We are aware of the flooding at the top of Hill Close and have contacted Highways to try and resolve the issue.

Pot Holes. The recent weather has created pot holes in our roads. Please report any pot holes to CBC Highways. You will get a reference number from CBC. It is important to make a note of the number so that it can be followed up. Alternatively, contact the Parish Council Clerk.

Road Signs. Most of signs in the Parish are very dirty and some of them are impossible to read. We are arranging for them to be cleaned.

Millennium and Community Awards. We need nominations for these awards. The Millennium Award is for 18 years and under, recognising an achievement – sporting, academic, charitable, dealing with adversity, community spirit, etc. There is a shield and small amount of money presented at the Village Games in July. The Community Award is for over 18s recognising community spirit – service to our community.

Please give your nominations to the Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors.

The Tebworth Pond. To help us with our grant application we need short letters from residents commenting on the state of the Pond. Please give your letters to Debbie Hampson who is leading the Pond renovation team or to the Clerk. The more letters the merrier!

Litter. We are aware of the litter in many of the ditches and verges. CBC should clear the litter every other Thursday. Their last visit, at the time of going to press, was 13th February. We are not convinced that they go through the whole of the Parish. Please let us know if litter is not being picked up.

Please report any fly-tipping.

Finally you are welcome to attend any of our meetings. They are usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall.

Phil Parry, Chairman

Computer Corner

Hello and welcome to the first edition of Computer Corner in 2014, written by **Scott Abraham of Chalgrave IT Solutions**. In this edition we say goodbye to a tried and trusted friend...



Farewell to Windows XP

In April this year Microsoft will end support for its most successful operating system to date. Nearly all of us have had, or still own, a computer running Windows XP.

Since its release in 2001, Windows XP has evolved into the trusted and reliable piece of software we all know and love today. It soon became a favourite with home and business users alike for its simple and colourful interface compared to the previous grey and boring interface of Windows 95 & 98.

But all good things have to come to an end, and after 13yrs of loyal service – the time has come to say goodbye.

So what does this mean for those still using Windows XP and what are the risks?

Let us reassure you that the ‘end of support’ for Windows XP **DOES NOT** mean your computer is suddenly going to stop working or have to be replaced. In fact any computer running XP will continue to run all of the software and games it has always done. **NONE** of your personal data or files will be lost and you will continue to be able to do everything you always have done in the past.

However, from April you need to be aware that:

Microsoft will no longer be developing or releasing Windows Updates or Security Updates for Windows XP and this could leave your computer open to attack and your personal data at risk.

Secondly, new software and hardware will no longer be written to be compatible with Windows XP, making upgrades increasingly difficult.

So what are the options?

If you are happy with your Windows XP computer and only use it for

playing games or non-confidential emails then you can continue as you are, bearing in mind the issues raised above.

However, if you use your XP computer for web surfing, social networking, online shopping or banking, then we strongly advise you to either consider upgrading Windows on your current machine to a newer and more secure version like Windows 7 or 8, or to consider purchasing a new computer which will come with the latest version installed.

Newer operating systems such as Windows 7 or 8 are significantly more secure by design and include the latest enhancements such as superior graphics and multimedia capabilities. Improved hardware device handling makes it easier than ever to connect your digital world.

If you require any advice or assistance with the matters raised in this article, please feel free to contact us at pchelp@chalgrave.it. And of course if you need our help on any other matter please call us on **01525 213126** or **07780 002551**. We look forward to hearing from you.

Until the next edition, Scott

Teacher: If I give you two rabbits and two rabbits and another two rabbits, how many rabbits have you got?

Jenny: Seven!

Teacher: No, listen carefully again. If I give you two rabbits and two rabbits and another two rabbits, how many rabbits have you got?

Jenny: Seven!

Teacher: Let's try this another way. If I give you two apples and two apples and another two apples, how many apples have you got?

Jenny: Six!

Teacher: Good. Now if I give you two rabbits and two rabbits and another two rabbits, how many rabbits have you got?

Jenny: Seven!

Teacher: How on earth do you work out that three lots of two rabbits is seven?

Jenny: I've already got one rabbit at home!



Christmas Colouring Competition

The two winning entries in the Christmas colouring competition are those of 3½ year old Zoe Gray and 8 year old Millie Parker.

Congratulations to both girls for their excellent works of art (Zoe's shown *below left* and Millie's *below right*).



Went to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Panto in Milton Keynes just after Christmas, I have to say it was very good, the only problem was they wouldn't let Suzan leave as they thought she was one of the cast! Still, made for a peaceful weekend.

JP

Carol Singing in The Plough

The 18th December saw the **All Saints Church Choir** leading carol singing in The Plough. The pub was packed and an entertaining evening was had by all.

And with songbooks provided, there was no excuse for customers not to join in.



Many thanks go to all the members of the choir, young and old.



Carol Singing in the Grand Chapel

A great party was held in the Grand Chapel in Tebworth on 19th December after Anneliese, Mike and Sassy had extended an open invitation to everyone in the parish to join them for an evening of carol singing. The trio did themselves proud and in the magnificent setting of the old Methodist chapel a large gathering lustily sang along to music played on the grand piano, and enjoyed mulled wine and cider, along with mince pies and nibbles. It was a super evening and thanks go to Anneliese, Mike and Sassy for their generosity in organising this event.





Appeal to all dog owners

Why is it that some disgusting dog owners think it is perfectly acceptable to leave their

dog's poo all over public footpaths and rights of way?



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farmers and local residents.

Please respect this & clear up after your dogs.

Remember—the clocks go forward on 30 March!



One day, an Englishman, a Scotsman, and an Irishman walked into a pub together. They proceeded to each buy a pint of Guinness.

Just as they were about to enjoy their creamy beverage, three flies landed in each of their pints and got stuck in the thick head.

The Englishman pushed his beer away from him in disgust.

The Scotsman fished the offending fly out of his beer and continued drinking it as if nothing had happened.

The Irishman, too, picked the fly out of his drink, held it out over the beer and then started yelling: “AH BEGORRAH! SPIT IT OUT, SPIT IT OUT!”

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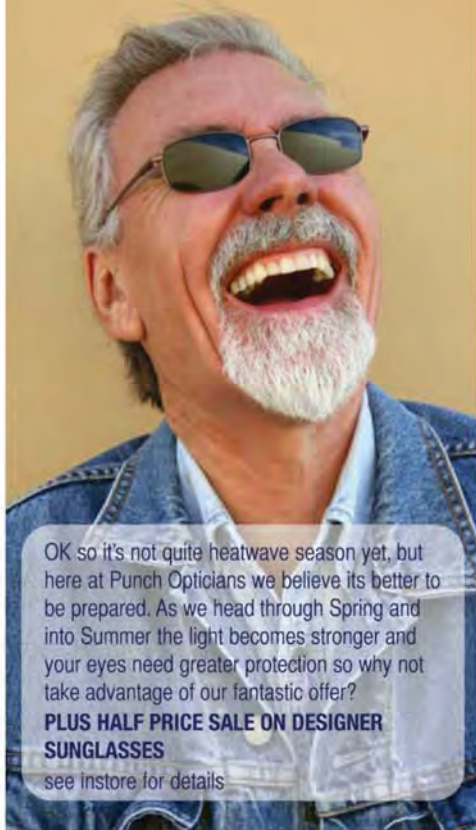
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FRIDAY			
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PRESERVES & CORDIAL

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BAKING

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BREAD & PIES

Traditional Harvest Sheaf ~~~~~ Bread – any recipe, any shape ~~~~~ Sausage Rolls x 4 – any pastry ~~~~~ A Traditional Bedfordshire Clanger – recipe will be provided ~~~~~ Fruit Pie – any pastry, any fruit filling

HANDICRAFT

A handmade Remembrance poppy brooch – any medium ~~~~~ A hand knitted sheep ~~~~~ New for Old – any item up-cycled from something used

PHOTOGRAPHY

A photograph that captures 'Sharing With Friends' ~~~~~ A photograph that captures 'Harvest Around The World'

PAINTING & DRAWING

Landscape ~~~~~ Still Life

CATEGORIES FOR AGE 10 – 16 YEARS

Table centrepiece floral arrangement – any theme ~~~~~ Carved pumpkin / squash ~~~~~ Brownies x 4 Bread – any recipe, any shape ~~~~~ New for Old – a carnival headdress made from recycled materials ~~~~~ A photograph that captures 'Sharing With Friends' ~~~~~ A photograph that captures 'Harvest Around The World' ~~~~~ Fruit/Vegetable/Flower Still Life ~~~~~ Collage - theme 'a Caribbean festival'

CATEGORIES FOR AGE 6 – 9 YEARS

Floral arrangement in a mug – any theme ~~~~~ Create a potato person ~~~~~ 4 baked and decorated fairy cakes ~~~~~ Jam Tarts x 4 ~~~~~ Friendship bracelet / wristband – any medium ~~~~~ A photograph that captures 'Sharing With Friends' ~~~~~ A photograph that captures 'Harvest Around The World' ~~~~~ Fruit/Vegetable/Flower Still Life ~~~~~ Collage of a farm animal

CATEGORIES FOR AGE 5 & UNDER

Floral arrangement in a jam jar – any theme ~~~~~ Most creative 'Cress-Head' ~~~~~ 4 iced and decorated biscuits ~~~~~ Cheese Straws x 4 ~~~~~ Pasta necklace, to wear to a carnival ~~~~~ Fruit/Vegetable/Flower Still Life ~~~~~ Collage of a fish

Joe Inzani, 1957 – 2013

We were shocked and deeply saddened by the news about Joe, who died in a road accident. He will be greatly missed.



Joe was known by his fellow musicians as the 'Big Man'. And indeed he was a big man, in every sense of the word. He was big hearted, using his musical talent to raise money for Help the Heroes and Macmillan Nurses, as well as playing every year at the Oxjam event in Leighton Buzzard raising money for Oxfam. As Managing Director for Lawsons he organised coffee mornings at all the branches as well as other events – this raised £50,000 for

Macmillan. He led a team of managers to Romania to landscape a garden at a Children's Hospice. Joe was an active member of the Round Table and then later with the 41 Club.

He was big hearted in our own community – he played at the yearly Tebworth Street Party – accompanied by his daughter Frankie. He played at the Village Games with his folk group 'Beats Working' and with Frankie. He and Frankie have had the Friday Night gig at the Queen's Head on occasions. He played with his folk friends at the recent Beer Festival and was down to play again at the next Festival. He recently launched a monthly Folk session at the Queen's Head – these have proved popular with the musicians, the locals and the pub. These sessions will be continuing in his memory. All of this – and more – Joe did for free (except for a beer or two!). My last conversation with Joe was him volunteering to become involved with the Friends of the Queen's Head.

Joe had a big life – true cockney, Italian background, keen footballer in his younger days, golfer, Spurs fan, Managing Director, fund raiser, practical joker and musician.

Joe's funeral in January was testament to his big heart and big life. The church was packed as was the car park outside. Probably over 500 people were there to pay their respects and celebrate his life.

And, of course, Joe was a big family man with his children Daniel, Jessica, Rosanna and Frankie and his wife Bernadette. Our thoughts go out to them at this difficult time.

God bless Big Man

Phil Parry



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Solution

3	5	8	9	4	9	1	7	2
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1	8	7	5	6	4	3	2	9
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3	5	2	8	1	4	9	7	6
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Also there are a few past editions still available that can be requested.

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I suppose it was only a matter of time, cost-savings, cutbacks call it what you will but, my 'dog' is now black and white!

No, not Cookie, she is very brown. That little picture at the top of 'my' column, more commonly known as a digitally originated graphic, is I understand now in monochrome... what a cheek! The new Editor broke it to me gently....'if you don't like it I shall have to 'edit' you into the bin'!

Charming!! However putting a positive spin on it, someone pointed out to me that I see life in black and white anyway....no grey. Now they could have a point there?

JP

Everybody's entitled to my opinion...

I used to like Waitrose, until last week that is. My 8 year old daughter was selecting some croissants when the lady assistant standing next to her suggested that she got one for 'Grandad' as well! Grandad, if you please! I know I have had a very difficult life and it is amazing that I have turned into such a well - rounded individual, but to suggest such a thing! I thought I had aged quite well, a pity she didn't. Obviously, she is looking for alternative employment..., may I suggest 'help the aged'?



JP

It seems that this old couple were having trouble remembering things, so they sign up for a memory course. The course is wonderful; they come home and tell all their relatives, friends, and neighbours about it. Some months later, a neighbour approaches the man as he tends the garden. Neighbour asks, "Say, Ed, what was the name of the instructor of that memory course you liked so much?" Ed replies, "Well, it was...hmmm...let me think a minute...What's the name of that flower, you know, the one that smells so nice, but has thorns on the stems...? Neighbour says, "You mean a rose?" Ed replies, "Yeah, that's it!...(shouting toward house) Hey, Rose, what was that memory course instructor's name?"

A primary school teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

The Plough

Forthcoming events.

1. Sunday June 29th we will be hosting a MG car rally at The Plough starting about 3.30pm. This is in memory of Tony Smith who was a great MG enthusiast.

2. Sunday July 13th we will be hosting a classic and prestige car event also starting around 3.30pm. This will be in the field next to The Plough car park with many thanks to Mr and Mrs Scanes who are letting us use their field.



On both days we will have a barbecue and a beer festival will be held over both weekends. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

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 2nd and 16th 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.

Our three domino teams have had varying degrees of success but are currently doing quite well.

The crib season starts in April and anyone wishing to play should contact Roger or Theresa at The Plough.

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

Queen's Head



Hello everyone, time for another episode in the exciting life I lead being the landlord of The Queen's Head. All the usual events are still going on such as the Friday night musical evenings and the Wednesday night Folksy evenings. And even though Joe Inzani is no longer with us I am very pleased and grateful that all the others are still willing to come along on the fourth Wednesday of the month and entertain us so well.

As I have mentioned Joe and although I know there will be many tributes to him in this little magazine I just wanted to say that in all my long life I don't think I have met a more fun, ebullient and genuinely nice guy, I shall miss him a great deal, particularly on those Wednesday evenings.

The Queen's Head Darts team are doing well in the league and the Domino team are sweeping the other teams aside in their league, at least that is what they tell me!

Those kind people who call themselves 'Friends of the Queen's Head' have once again surpassed themselves by setting up another beer festival at the Memorial Hall. It is to be on the 1st March and will run from 12 till 12. I believe there has been a leaflet drop to all the houses in the Parish so you probably know more than I do. I may even be telling you all this when it may have already taken place in which case I hope you all attended and had a jolly time, if not – why not.

Well now we have the summer to look forward to and it is time to drag out the barbeque and deck chairs to check they are still in a serviceable condition which is more than can be said for me but we can still dream, can't we?

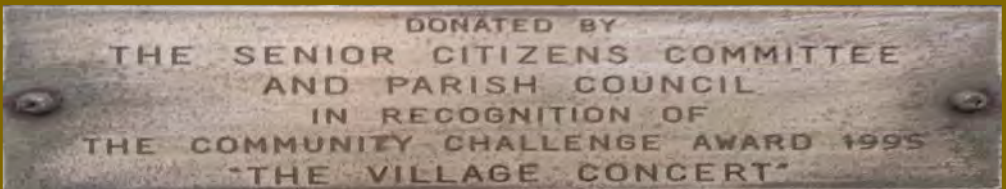
I wish you all well and I hope to see you in the near future.

All the best, *Colin*

All Our Yesterdays – No. 15

A more modern one this time but still 19 years ago!

Chalgrave won the community challenge award in 1995 for "The Village Concert". The winning proceeds were used, to the obvious satisfaction of Marion Boutwood, Cecil Brinklow, Gladys Brinklow, and Ernie Stringer, to install the bench at the corner of St Mary's Close.



Sadly all these much loved seniors have all passed away. I think maybe the bench has also just about reached the end of its life! Perhaps we will win another award and be able to replace it.

This is the Finale of the 1995 concert held at the old hall with "Brian the Lion" as Maid Marion taking a curtsy. Who else can you recognise? A bit difficult due to the poor quality I'm afraid.



Viewed as a video it's still poor but watchable. One of these days I will get round to putting it, other old "concerts" and other performances on the website www.chalgrave.org . Some are already there. Contact Ken Green on 874107 or kenandlyn@tinyworld.co.uk with any comments or questions.

At a popular docking port all the crew applied for leave except one. "What's the matter with you!?" asked an officer. "Are you the only sailor who has no a wife in this port?" "No," replied the sailor, "I'm the only one who has."

— — — ooOOoo — — —

A young man reported for his first day of work at a supermarket. The manager greeted him with a warm handshake and a smile, gave him a broom and said, "Your first job will be to sweep out the store." "But I'm a university graduate," the young man replied indignantly. "Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know that," said the manager. "Here, give me the broom – I'll show you how."

Everybody's entitled to my opinion...

Has anybody else wondered how the road works to the roundabout at the top of the A5 near Bletchley could take so long? It's the one near the new two-storey McDonalds. They started last August and at the time of writing they are still there! How on earth have they managed to drag it out for such a time? All they have done is widened it a bit and put in the most sophisticated footpath I have ever seen, together with many

traffic lights. Problem is, I have never seen anybody walking

around there, ever in the 12 years I have been driving through! But, the point of all this is, if it takes that long to

do – frankly not much, how long will it take to build

the new link road planned just down the road

from us? By the time they have finished it, checking first for any rare 'earwigs' that may

have a preservation order on them of course, the traffic will be as bad as it was when they

started!



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And another thing, you would be amazed at the amount of rubbish we find in the cars we take in part-exchange, half-empty water bottles, fast-food containers, some with fast food still in them, various assorted sweets, some half eaten and some things I shall not mention here!

However, at least they keep the rubbish in their cars, unlike the pond-life that throw it out around our village! The Chalgrave Road running through Tebworth, the other day was awash with the stuff. I have noticed that the Council would appear to have cleaned most of it up since, which had nothing to do with me mentioning it to an esteemed member of the Parish Council and was just coincidence. However, when I get to power such people will be executed (just after being made to clear up all the dogs' mess people can't be bothered to clear up, without gloves and one hand tied behind their backs)!



JP

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Beastly Tales.....

Despite making Houdini look like an amateur, it is with tentative optimism that I can report that the beast of Wingfield appears at last to have been contained! I say this with reservation however, as if I had a penny for every time I had heard somebody say 'He'll never get through there!!' I would have enough money to buy Toddington Manor without recourse to a mortgage! His long suffering neighbours will be extremely relieved to learn that his reign of terror may at last be at an end, having watched helplessly as their gardens were ransacked in search of anything he considered edible, whether it came under the generally agreed definition of such or not. Having a predilection for beer and the ability to open and crush a can and drink the contents before it even hits the floor, I suppose he cannot be blamed for hot-trottering it down to the Plough in the hope of a swift half, but it appears that he is not the sort of customer that the pub encourages, since his belligerence and general antisocial attitude towards their other clientele earned him a ban before his trotters had even crossed the threshold. A new and hopefully pig-proof fence has been erected, and all garden gates have been chained and padlocked in Fort Knox-like fashion in an attempt to keep him on the premises; I can only apologise unreservedly on his behalf to our neighbours (you all know who you are!) and thank them for their tolerance, understanding and considerable forbearance whilst I tried – and failed – to keep him under control! Let us hope that his trail of destruction and self-appointed traffic marshalling duties on Tebworth Road are now permanently a thing of the past!

There is an epilogue to this tale; days turned into weeks, and despite my heart (still) jumping into my mouth every time there is a knock at the front

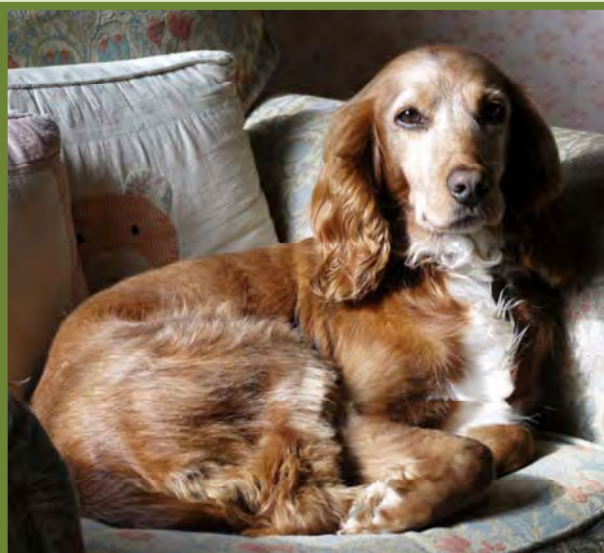
door, I was relieved each time to see the red post van parked outside and the level of my blood pressure slowly subsided... UNTIL...I came home to a message on my answerphone saying that a black pig had been spotted wandering in the ditch near the 30



mph sign going into Toddington near Country Blooms Florist. In a complete spin, my mind was racing as I considered my options: do I try to entice him home and walk miles with him along a main road, do I try to get him into the car somehow, could I even manage to drive with him rampaging around? None of these options seemed remotely appealing, let alone practical. I raced outside calling 'CHOPS!!!!!!' and to my surprise and considerable relief the beast of Wingfield came trotting up the garden towards me! In a state of some confusion, I assumed he must have wandered home again, so having treated him to an extra handful of pig nuts in gratitude just for being there I scrutinised the garden with a fine toothcomb in search of his escape route...nothing obvious, so a complete mystery....but too much of a coincidence that an identical black pig was wandering around near Toddington.....OR WAS IT??? Before going back to the drawing board AGAIN with the fencing I decided, without much conviction, to drive down to ask around at Country Blooms Florist, just to be absolutely sure. Me: 'This might sound like a strange question, but do you own a black pig?' The florist: 'Yes!!' Me: 'And did it escape today?' 'Yes!!!' 'Oh thank God!!' I uttered in my relief that it was not the beast of Wingfield out on the main road holding up the traffic, and then had to explain my comment! Apparently this pig is a dead ringer for our resident porcine, except it is a she and is called Ruby! So it appears we have a Houdina as well as a Houdini in our midst! Just as well Chops has had the chop.....

To my knowledge there is only one living creature on the planet that has any control whatsoever over that pig; tiny, orange and hairy, her cute looks belie her ferocity, and she made the best decision of her life the day she was introduced to him, took a notch out of his ear and established who was boss. Even the vet was forced to make a hasty retreat on his sole visit. I have only one word of advice for anybody tempted by photos of those cute little teapot pigs ... **DON'T!!!!!!**

Julia Marsh





Chalgrave Sports Club

The season will be upon us soon. The fixtures are on The Chalgrave Sports website and we are looking to have a good season if the ground ever dries out. It is resembling a paddy field at the moment. The only thing missing is the rice.

Hopefully when we get some better weather and the ground is fit we will be able to get some practice in before the season starts.

We are currently in negotiations with a local company to purchase some portacabins to replace our clubhouse. Hopefully this will be completed before the season starts.

We are still looking for players over 16 who would like to play and anyone who wishes to play please contact Roger at The Plough. Please note that ability does not come into this. It is just an enjoyable Sunday afternoon hopefully in the sun.

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