

CHALGRAVE NEWS

The free community magazine delivered to homes and businesses in the Chalgrave Parish



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Dates for Your Diary

Day/Date	Event	Location/Contact	Time
3 rd Tuesday of each month	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Every other Sunday	Quiz Night	Plough Inn	8.00pm
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
Sunday, 22 nd June	Afternoon tea	All Saints' Church	2.30pm
Sunday, 29 th June	Tony Smith Classic Car Event	Plough Inn	3.30pm
Saturday/Sunday, 28/29 th June	Beer Festival	Plough Inn	
Saturday, 5 th July	Chalgrave Games	Memorial Hall	1pm
Sunday, 13 th July	Classic Car & Bike Show	Plough Inn	3.30pm
Saturday/Sunday, 12/13 th July	Beer Festival	Plough Inn	

Front Cover: A Chalgrave lamb with its mother, April 2014

Deadline for next edition: Monday, 18 August 2014

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Editorial

It seems less than three months ago that the last edition of the News was being assembled and here we go again! Winter, such as it was, has gone, spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner. We didn't have much of a winter—lots of rain, admittedly, but temperatures were above the average and frosts were few and far between. And where was the snow? This must have been the first winter for many years when there has been no snow.

But that's enough of the British passion for discussing the weather. Let's talk about this edition of the News—as well as all the regular features, we carry reports on a number of events over the past quarter, including the Parish Assembly, attended by our local MP, a second beer festival in aid of the Queen's Head, a race night in support of the Chalgrave Sports Club, and, of course, the annual fund-raising quiz in aid of the Chalgrave News.

There is also an account by Julia Marsh of the dietary requirements of Chops, her pet pig, whose appetite for the odd and bizarre seems insatiable. We also carry an amusing article by a new contributor, local vet Peter Harding. On a more serious note, one of our Parish Councillors, Mike Wells, has written a piece to explain the Community Speed Watch campaign, intended to educate passing drivers into obeying the speed limit in Tebworth and Wingfield.

There are more events coming up over the summer, including a couple of classic car rallies which are timed to coincide with beer festivals organised by The Plough. And, naturally, there are the Chalgrave Games, which this year has a theme of remembering the World Wars.

We are also running a Garden Competition over the summer so keep making sure your gardens look immaculate!

Remember, we welcome your own stories, (clean!) jokes and photos, so please get in touch if you have anything you would like to include in the News. Contact details are given opposite.

This edition of the Chalgrave News, as well as past editions, can also be read online at www.chalgrave.org. Also visit this website for information on the Parish Council, parish history, the Memorial Hall, local organisations, and much more.



SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH 2014

TONY SMITH CLASSIC CAR & BEER FESTIVAL

Bar open 12.00–23.00

Barbecue 16.00

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TEBWORTH ROAD, WINGFIELD
BEDFORDSHIRE, LU7 9QH
01525 873077
www.theploughinn.com**

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Everyone welcome**

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PLOUGH INN CLASSIC CAR AND BIKE SHOW, WITH BBQ

Sunday, 13th July

Pitches are available at the show to sell your goods
(but, sorry, no food or drink pitches)

All in aid of Keech Hospice Care

For more details, and to book your car, bike or pitch,

please phone Ken on 07813

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Don't mention the war

CHALGRAVE GAMES



2014



Memorial Hall
Tebworth
Saturday 5th July
at 1pm



- ◉ Welly Wanging
- ◉ BBQ
- ◉ Pimms Tent
- ◉ Water Sports
- ◉ Rifle Range
- ◉ Side Stalls
- ◉ Children's Games
- ◉ Beer Tent
- ◉ Tea & Cakes
- ◉ Vintage Vehicles



GRAND PRIZE DRAW
1ST PRIZE - £100

**PERIOD COSTUME
COMPETITION**



Dog Show
Starts at 1pm
Registration
12.30pm



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

AN NHS WE CAN BE PROUD OF

A very important part of my job as a local MP is to make sure that our NHS is delivering really good care for local people. We are fortunate to have a very well regarded Luton and Dunstable Hospital as well as dedicated GPs and community health staff. Of course from time to time things go wrong, as they do in any organisation and I am always available to my constituents to take up any particular concerns they may have.

I have raised concerns in the past about aspects of orthopaedic care at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital and I believe that improvements have been made since then.

There were concerns before last winter that our accident and emergency departments would not be able to cope but it is very good news that A&E targets have been met both for the last quarter and for the last year as a whole despite there being over 100 more admissions each week since the previous year. On average, waiting times in A&E have fallen from more than 70 minutes under the last government to 30 minutes now. Our A&E departments are treating on average 2,000 more people every day within four hours compared to what happened before 2010.

Across the whole of the NHS 800,000 more operations have been carried out every year under this government and at the same time mixed sex wards have been virtually eliminated and hospital infections halved. In addition, waiting times are lower at 18, 26 and 52 weeks than at any time under the last government. Many patients have also benefitted from the new Cancer Drugs Fund.

The reforms which we have introduced are enabling £1 billion in back office savings to be redirected into front line care enabling 1,700 more nurses and 7,000 more doctors to be employed.

The direction the coalition government has taken in England is in sharp contrast to what has happened in Wales where the Government there has cut NHS spending and with a result that a third of Welsh patients are now waiting more than 8 weeks for a scan compared to just 1% in England.

The government is determined that the lessons of the Mid Staffordshire Hospital scandal will be learnt. We now have a Chief Inspector of Hospitals who has put 14 hospitals in special measures. These hospitals are being turned around. MORI polling shows that the number of people who feel they are being treated with dignity and respect by the NHS has gone up by 10% to the highest level ever.

Councillor Mark Versallion

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



North of Houghton Regis — I continue to meet with CBC officers on the implications for the parish of the 7,000 homes north of Houghton Regis. The A5-M1 link road is a welcome development and will no doubt improve the current traffic situation. Construction of the road begins this summer. However, I will continue to work on mitigating or avoiding altogether any adverse impacts upon Chalgrave Parish.

East of Leighton-Linslade — These two planning applications for 2,500 homes are progressing. The first half, known as Clipstone, was approved at CBC's development management meeting on 28 February, and as usual I spoke at that committee representing our concerns and achieved two conditions to the approval. Refusing the application was simply not an option; the opportunity for that was a decade ago but we can still, and have, mitigated some of the consequences of the development: that routing of construction traffic avoids the villages where possible and the easing of one particular point of traffic flow in and out of the developments. The former condition will of course be more easily achieved when the A5-M1 link road comes into service. The second half of the planning application known as Chamberlain's is expected at June's committee.

Mile Tree Road — Some good news on this continuing saga of an attempted traveller site. I have fought this unlawful tarmacking of a field in Green Belt since it began in October 2012 but after CBC did everything legally possible to stop it, including 24-hour security, Secretary of State Eric Pickles granted two years temporary permission last Autumn. So disgusted with his decision and at my behest, CBC initiated a High Court Action to have his decision overturned. Just as our date in court was arriving, the Department acquiesced, acknowledging the decision was flawed and has now referred it back to the Planning Inspector. So, we will now see a new set of dates later this year where another Planning Inspector will visit Bedfordshire for a few days and attempt to come to a new decision, which he will then recommend to the Secretary of State. This is such an important issue, not just for Bedfordshire but for the country, that I believe it is one of the basic duties of local government to defend the English countryside and apply the same rules of fairness to everyone, whether settled or traveller.

No Council Tax Increase — Since 2009 when Central Bedfordshire Council was created central government funding reductions, as a result of the national debt crisis, has meant £45 million has been taken out of Central Bedfordshire's budgets. However, CBC is determined not to pass on this funding problem by raising tax on residents. Instead the Council has made efficiencies and savings throughout its 100+ services. I have been representing our concerns, as rural communities do have some unique differences to towns, and I am grateful for the supportive correspondence from residents, which has helped me to argue for our villages.

Besides working on our behalf at planning committees and other meetings, Mark 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.

Chairman of the Parish Council

2014 Chairman's Report—presented at the Annual Parish Assembly on 22nd April 2014

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 leads the Pond Project; Roger Mence who is able to attend many external meetings on our behalf; Mike Wells who leads the traffic calming measures including Speedwatch. Sharon Brown stepped down from the Council earlier this year – we thank her for her contribution to the running of the Council. We will be looking to co-opt someone new onto the council. And 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 can be made that 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.

Once again it would appear that the Parish Council has increased the precept – this year by 1.5%. This is the amount that the Parish Council gets from your Council Tax Bill. At our meeting in February we decided that we would again not increase the precept this year. 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 Band D rate. This has meant that the number of Band D properties paying the Band D rate has fallen and hence the increase. Central Government has provided funding to local authorities to cover any loss of revenue from the reduction of Band D properties. Central Government expected Local Authorities to pass down this funding to Town and Parish Councils so that there would not be an increase in the precept. Central Beds is one of only 17 Authorities not to pay back the increase.

Our precept is £6,500 per year. Between a quarter and a third of our precept we receive from you goes straight back into our community in the form of grants and awards. We keep a third for contingencies and the rest is used in the running of the Council activities.

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. At a County and National level we are very vocal in our determination to protect the Green Belt. We want to maintain the rural nature of our Parish so we are keeping a careful watch on the housing development that will be coming toward our Parish from Houghton Regis. The A5/M1 link road will be the barrier to the development. Once the A5/M1 link road is opened there will be a weight ban on traffic through Tebworth plus we might get other traffic calming measures.

You also need to be aware that there may be a Planning Application for a Solar Panel farm at Chalgrave Manor Farm.

We are concerned about the provision of Traveller and Gypsy sites. Whilst our Parish is not directly involved, our neighbouring Parishes are involved. We saw only recently in Harlington and Toddington the negative impact that some sections of the Traveller community can cause. However, we are heartened by the questions raised and debate in Parliament about defining a traveller and questioning why there appears to be one set of planning laws for the travelling community and another for the rest of the country. We are pleased that our MP Andrew Selous is central in raising these issues.

We will be doing more to monitor speeding through the Parish. Mike is working with the Police on the Speedwatch campaign. This involves speed checks using a mobile speed sign in both Tebworth and Wingfield.

Registration numbers of speeding vehicles are noted, we can send the numbers to the Police and they send out a letter to the owner of the vehicle. If they are reported a second time they get a stronger letter – the third time they get a visit from the Police. Other Parishes are also involved in Speedwatch and registration numbers are coordinated by the Police.

We continue to pressure Highways to repair our roads which have suffered over the winter. You will have seen that some work has been done but there is still more to do. We also concerned about the temporary patching. We trust the Central Beds will apply for funding from the money set aside by the Government for road repairs after the extreme wet weather.

The unprecedented amount of rain that we have had at the end of last year and the beginning of this year has led to flooding in Parkview Lane, Hill Close, Hockcliffe Road and down The Lane. We are getting all the gulleys cleared and we are in contact with Highways to look for solutions to Parkview Lane and Hill Close. You may remember we spent a considerable amount on Parkview Lane a few years ago and the flooding was cured – it may be that the soakaway has silted up or we may have to find a way of channelling the excess water.

There has been an increase in crime in our Parish. Please be vigilant and lock up sheds, windows and doors. If you see anything suspicious please report it to the Police or to Dan, myself or any of the Parish Council. We get information about crime in our Parish from the Police – we would like even more information particularly the percentage increase or decrease.

Finally the Millennium Youth and the Community Awards for 2013. We have some nominations which is great. Both awards are to recognise a significant achievement or community service. The Millennium Youth Award is for 18 years and under and is a 'well done' for academic or sporting achievement, contribution to the community, overcoming difficulties, or other significant achievement. The Community Award is for over 18's and is a 'thank you' for service to the community. If you have a nomination please contact the Clerk, Lesley Smith, or any of the councillors asap.

You are invited to any of our meetings. They are usually on the third Tuesday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7:30.

Phil Parry, Chairman

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a new Councillor. It will be a co-option. If you are interested please inform the Clerk – Lesley Smith (chalgravepc@btinternet.com).

Computer Corner



Hello and welcome to the latest Computer Corner column, written by **Mike Wells of Chalgrave IT Solutions**.

Whilst casting around for topics for this edition I looked through what we'd covered previously – and many of the topics are as relevant now as when we first wrote about them.

So here's a quick reminder of what we've covered:

1. USB pen drives – great for local, portable storage of data but do NOT use them as the only place you store data – they are too liable to loss and damage.
2. Backup – if there is the only one word you remember from this column make it this one – we are STILL having this conversation with people. If you care about your information, photos, music, etc, PLEASE make sure you have it backed up somewhere. The pain of the cost of the backup (which could be hard drive, cloud storage, writable CDs/DVDs) is nothing compared to the loss of the data - and neither Scott nor I enjoy the phone call telling people that the data is unrecoverable!
3. Updates – keep your software up to date – whether it's Windows, your anti-virus solution or any of the many tools you have installed on your machine it is important to keep them up to date. Many of them have automatic updating facilities – but they still need to be actioned and checked. If you want assistance with this then you could consider our inexpensive monthly service Chalgrave Total Care which can check and perform these updates for you.
4. Scam phone calls – yes, they're still happening – and on my home phone number which always makes me laugh! I haven't answered yet (it's always been Nicola) but I intend to lead them a merry dance if I do... expect an update in here when it happens.
5. Ransomware – malware which encrypts your data (effectively making it useless) unless you pay for a key to unlock it. The main guard against this is vigilance – your anti-virus solution may not help! Primarily distributed through email attachments which look like they've come from a reputable organisation, e.g. Royal Mail, Fedex, Paypal, HMRC.
6. Windows XP – end of support by Microsoft. I thought I'd make you aware that although official support ended on 8th April 2014, Microsoft released a patch on 2nd May which was made available for Windows XP as well. This is a reflection of the severity of the vulnerability – and at least they did the right thing on this occasion. But bear in mind that they didn't have to – and next time they might not. So if you're still using Windows XP make sure you're 100% up to date with Windows Updates – and consider whether it's time to update...

If you should 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 IT related matter please call us on **01525 213126** or **07780 002551**. We look forward to hearing from you.

Until the next edition.

Mike

Annual Parish Assembly

The 22nd April saw the Annual Parish Assembly, otherwise known as the “Annual Get-Together”, taking place in the Memorial Hall. This is an informal occasion when everyone from Chalgrave is invited to come along and hear what has been happening in the Parish over the past year, and what’s planned for the following year. It also provides a great opportunity for questions to be asked, and for any grievances to be aired.



Phil Parry, Chairman of the Parish Council, took charge of the meeting and set proceedings going with a report from the Council (*see earlier in this edition for Phil's report*). Next up was the special guest for the evening, our local MP Andrew Selous, who gave a parliamentarian's overview of issues affecting the area, such as employment, crime and health. Jim Tombe, Head of Transport Strategy & Countryside Services at Central Bedfordshire Council, followed with an account of transport issues, including the building of the A5–M1 link road which is due to start in earnest this summer, for completion by early 2017 at the latest.

An issue that generated much interest amongst the audience concerned the speeding of vehicles, including HGVs, through our villages. Mike Wells, from the Parish Council, has written a separate article on





this elsewhere in the News. The possibility of having traffic lights installed at the junction of Tebworth Road and the A5 was also raised as this is a dangerous junction, and the site of past fatal accidents. However, the responsibility for making this junction safer lies with the Highways Agency which was not represented at the meeting.

The evening also saw brief reports presented on behalf of local bodies

and organisations, including the Sports Club, the Book Club, the WI, the Plough, the Queen's Head, the Chalgrave Memorial Hall Committee, the Senior Citizens' Committee and, of course, the Chalgrave News.

Regrettably, as in previous years, the attendance this year

was disappointingly low. It is a great pity that more locals don't drop in



for this annual event. Especially as the evening is always rounded off with copious amounts of delicious sandwiches and cakes, complemented with wine, beer and soft drinks – all free of charge!

The Church of England



All Saints Parish Church, Chalgrave &
St George of England Parish Church, Toddington
www.stgeorgetoddington.org.uk / www.allsaintschalgrave.org.uk

Rector ~ The Rev'd Anne Crawford 872298

Sunday Worship

All Saints, Chalgrave

9.30am ~ Parish Eucharist

St George's Toddington

8am ~ Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays)

11am ~ Parish Eucharist

A warm welcome awaits you at all our services. St George's Church is open every day during daylight hours, offering a peaceful place for personal prayer and reflection. All Saints, because of its more isolated location, cannot be left unlocked, but a key is available from Church Cottage or from either churchwarden or the Rector.

For information about christenings, weddings, funerals, affirmation of marriage vows, house blessings or any other special celebration services, please contact the Rector. General information is available on both churches' websites.



Messy church happens in the Wilkinson Church Hall on the last Friday of every month (usually!) from **3.30pm - 5.30pm** and is open to everyone from babes in arms to grannies and grandpas. Crafts, worship, food and lots of fun. See church website for up-to-date info. Our next Messy Church ~ 27th June.

Messy Tea & Toast ~ 2nd Friday each month in the Wilkinson Hall from 9am. Just drop the kids off at school and then come along with friends and enjoy a cuppa and one of our famous toasted teacakes. All welcome!

22nd June ~ Afternoon Tea at All Saints, Chalgrave
2.30pm-5pm



Details of all our fundraising events are available elsewhere in this magazine and online



All Saints Church
Chalgrave,
LU5 6AJ



Afternoon Tea
Sunday 22nd June 2014
2.30p.m. - 5.00p.m.



A wonderful selection of afternoon teas will be
served in our beautiful church

We look forward to seeing you there



One more step along the road I go.....

Summer is here at last and for lots of people it's time to dust down the suitcase and prepare for that longed-for holiday in the sun. For Christians the early summer months can be a time when thoughts turn to the possibility of pilgrimage and there are lots of opportunities to join in some of the large festivals in this country and further afield.

A pilgrimage is a journey of faith—a journey with God, to God. Many Christians express this inner journey of faith through symbolic action, they make a physical journey to a holy place, taking time out to travel to a place which holds spiritual significance for them personally and for the Christian Church. People often make a mini pilgrimage as part of a holiday, to a cathedral perhaps, or another ancient place of worship; they may even visit the final resting place of a family member. Pilgrimages can take many forms, the important thing is that a physical journey is involved to replicate the inner spiritual journey we make with God.

For many people of faith a structured pilgrimage journey, taken over several days or weeks, is an experience which enriches our relationship with God, it provides lots of time for thinking and praying without being hemmed in by the usual responsibilities of everyday life, and it gives an opportunity to journey with people we wouldn't normally encounter. There is time for walking and talking and sharing experiences of God, of working out problems, of wrestling with doubts and confronting fears. It can be a time of great personal discovery as well as a time to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God. It's true to say that the more we learn about God, the more we discover about ourselves.

Pilgrimage journeys to the world's traditional holy sites, eg, Jerusalem, Rome, Lourdes, Lindisfarne, are always popular and can be taken at any time of the year, but in June and July many Christians take time out to walk one of the most famous pilgrim routes, that of the Camino, the road to Santiago de Compostela in Northern Spain. Pilgrims walk hundreds of miles from across all parts of Europe to reach the city's great cathedral in time to celebrate the feast of St James, the patron saint of pilgrimage, on the 25th July. For many it's a life-changing experience. It's a tough journey, walking hundreds of miles over difficult and often hostile terrain, but dealing with the physical and emotional challenges of pilgrimage, especially when battling against bad weather, coping with sore feet and struggling across mountainous terrain, encourages pilgrims to rely more deeply on the compassion and support of fellow travellers. And it's in the vulnerability and powerlessness of human exhaustion and basic need that God's presence is most keenly felt.

One of the great pilgrimages in this country will take place on 21st June, when Christians from all over the world will gather to celebrate the life and witness of St Alban. For those of us living in this part of Bedfordshire the journey will

be easy in terms of time, distance, terrain and physical resourcefulness, but the effect that the journey will have on us may be profound all the same.

Alban was a British citizen who lived towards the end of the 3rd century in the Roman city of Verulamium, a city which now bears his name. The story goes that one night Alban gave shelter in his home to a Christian priest who was being hunted down by Roman soldiers (it was against the law at that time to be a Christian in Britain). Alban had never heard of Jesus, but after listening to the priest and being moved by what he learned about him, he wanted others to have a chance to hear about Jesus too. When the soldiers finally caught up with the priest, Alban swapped clothes with him, giving the priest enough time to escape. Alban however was arrested and, after refusing to worship the Roman gods and then declaring himself to be a follower of Jesus Christ, he was condemned to death. He was led out of the city and marched across the River Ver and up the hill where he was ceremoniously beheaded. And it's on that hillside, and in the great cathedral dedicated to his memory, that Alban's life and faith will be celebrated. St Albans has been a place of Christian pilgrimage for 1,700 years and on Saturday 21st June people will gather at his shrine and lay red roses there in memory of his love and faithfulness to Jesus Christ. If you would like to be part of this vibrant, colourful, awe-inspiring pilgrimage, then come along to St Albans and prepare to be changed just a little by the experience. More details can be found on the cathedral website www.stalbanscathedral.org.uk or on our church noticeboard or website.

With every blessing,

Anne

PS ~ If the heading of this little exploration seems familiar, then that might be because you recognise the words from a popular 20th century hymn written by Sydney Carter, folk musician and poet. His life will be celebrated in a play written by Chris Rowe and performed at St George's Church Toddington on Sunday 6th July at 5pm. There will be a light supper after the performance, with all proceeds being divided equally between The Keech Hospice and All Saints and St George's churches. For more information see our website at allsaintschalgrave.org.uk. Tickets may be purchased on the door. We look forward to welcoming fellow travellers!

Toddington & Chalgrave Harvest Show

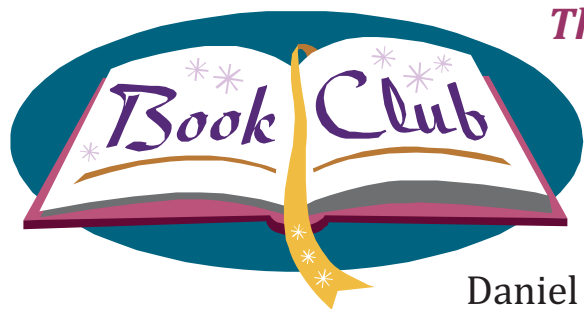
Saturday 4th October 2014
All Saints & St George's Church

There will be a **Craft & Produce Exhibition** in St George's Church, Toddington.

Entry forms are available from July.

Please see the last edition of the Chalgrave News for details, or email toddingtonvillageharvestshow@gmail.com.

Book Club



The Lie by Helen Dunmore

We have read two books since the last review and this was the better of the two. Written by Helen Dunmore it is set in Cornwall in 1920 and tells the story of

Daniel Branwell, a young man who has returned from the war, which has left him emotionally scarred, particularly from seeing his childhood friend, Frederick, killed. He has no family but an old woman, Mary Prescoe, gives him food and shelter in return for him working on her small holding. Mary is dying and makes Daniel promise he will bury her on her land and not involve any of the villagers. This is only one lie Daniel has to live with. He meets up with Frederick's sister and spends his days with her but is tormented by Frederick's ghost at night.

On the surface this book has very little going on, it is not a suspense thriller nor an action packed novel, but it is very moving and extremely well written. We all found ourselves deeply engrossed in this book that showed not only the horrors of war but also how others who are left behind are affected.

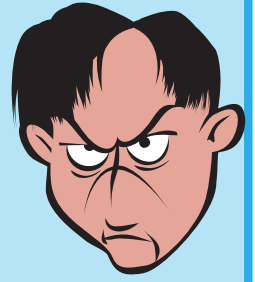
The Girl From Station X — My Mother's Unknown Life by Elisa Segrave

In 1991 when Elisa was struggling with her own health problems as well as her mother's, she comes across some of her mother's diaries dating back to the 1930's and 50's. Elisa and her mother, Anne, had not had the best of relationships, the early years were, however, idyllic with a privileged lifestyle in Surrey, but with the death of her brother in 1955 that all changed and her mother slid into alcoholism. The diaries opened up a whole new world and vision of her mother's early life. Anne's youth was one of travel, hunt balls and shopping, however, when the war broke out Anne was quick to join the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and spent many years working in various posts within intelligence, notably Station X at Bletchley Park.

This was a very disappointing book, we were expecting an insight into the fascinating work done at Bletchley Park during the war, but this was not detailed until well into the book. It was mainly about the mother/daughter relationship, the resentment felt by Elisa which very often stood in the way of her mother's story. Not one to be recommended unfortunately.

Noeleen Thomson

Everybody's entitled to my opinion...



It was a great plan, get Dog pregnant, sell puppies, buy new boiler! Regular readers will know that there was a small problem with the 'puppies' part of this which I will not go into again here. However, Suzan had decided we were having a boiler so that was that!

It was duly ordered, fitted and commissioned (I think that means switched on) and it all works jolly well. The problem is you spend all that money and on the face of it nothing has changed, still heats water, etc, etc, ... at least you can look at a new suite and think how nice it looks? However, point is, through no fault of the installers (who were excellent), we had no water one evening when I returned home. A problem with the stop-cock in the garden apparently, wouldn't turn back on! We were promised that a man from the water board would turn up later and fix it, which I didn't believe, and I was wrong, he did turn up and got it back on. He then sprayed the cover pink (not really my colour) and left saying other men would return in a day or two to make a permanent fix. Guess what? They did, 2 men in a van (I think they were from Liverpool so I made sure the garage was closed obviously!). They immediately started to dig up my drive and point out that I had had a 'kink' in my pipe since the house was built! They fixed it and left, leaving a hole with plastic fencing around it for 'health and safety' reasons. I did enquire before they left what happens next and I think he said more men would come? They did, and filled the hole in, they left saying more men would come to replace the block paving, they did! They left saying men would come to collect the plastic, which was a pity as it made a very good tennis net for Millie and me to practise our Tennis! They did! And we were back to normal, they made a very good job as well, and everything was exactly as it was before!

Now you know what I am going to say don't you? Does it really need all those visits, different workmen, etc, etc, or could it have been done more efficiently and therefore eventually saved money on my water bill? Don't know, but at least it all works!

JP

So I rang up British Telecom and said 'I want to report a nuisance caller'. He said 'Not you again.'

—ooOOoo—

I saw this bloke chatting up a cheetah and I thought, 'He's trying to pull a fast one.'

Tim Vine

Further Adventures of Chops

The exploits of the Master of Mayhem appear to have mustered a degree of enthusiasm from our readers, several of whom have pressed me for a sequel, therefore by popular demand he is back to regale you once again!

There is never a dull moment for the mother of a porcine surrogate son, but make no mistake, such a role is not for the faint hearted! A year ago I was forced to finally relinquish my fantasy that Chops could ever fit the description of a house pet and banish him, having replaced two sofas (thank goodness for ebay) which he had



destroyed along with numerous coats, a school blazer and other sundry items of clothing....books, towels, dishcloths, cupboard handles, the list is endless. Even now he rips the end of the occasional towel off the washing line in a small gesture of defiance! It was like having a tank-sized toddler in the house with the strength of Samson! Child locks had to be fitted to the kitchen cupboards although he regularly got the better of those, and if I succumbed to the luxury of a lie-in at the weekend the price to pay was dear..... utter carnage would await me in the kitchen, which would be strewn not only with dried pasta, rice and sugar (what was left of it!) but chewed up washing tablets, cleaning fluids and the bottles and packaging they had arrived in totally annihilated! There was the time I made the mistake of leaving a box of coca cola on the table.....22 cans, crushed and drunk all at once in the blink of an eye. Or the sole occasion he broached the staircase and chewed up a tube of mustard coloured hand cream with the consistency of butter, smearing it liberally over the pink carpet – he ate a whole tube of hand cream once! Or the 8 Easter Eggs, wrappers and all, my Green & Blacks birthday chocolate.....I could go on! I must be the only person who goes out to buy a new fridge freezer and the most important

criterion is not its cubic volume or its energy rating, but that it should have no door handles for snouts to get around and open!! His all-time favourite snack is a used J cloth, the dirtier the better, and he would climb on his hind legs and lean into the sink to get to it. When I came down for the second morning in a row to find the floor covered in thick gluey flour and the deep fat fryer pulled over to boot, he had cooked his metaphorical bacon, or well and truly shot himself in the trotter, and it was curtains for his comfy bed on the kitchen sofa.

With the onset of Winter and in view of his escapology phase I relented somewhat and cleared out the porch for him to sleep in, but definitely behind a closed door! As a result he has far fewer opportunities for domestic destruction these days, but still manages the occasional victory if I let my guard down, his most recent dietary supplement being bazuka verruca ointment! Potted plants in the garden are a thing of the past and it is hanging baskets all the way for the foreseeable future! He certainly made short work of those pretty little art nouveau solar lamps I had dotted around the flower beds.

There is not much that hasn't been sampled by Chops in his eternal quest for food.....'The Ibuprofen Incident' springs to mind, but that is a story for another day.....and another issue!!

To be continued.....

Julia Marsh

A message from Peter and Anne Warburton ...

We just wanted to thank the Chalgrave News for the welcome message that appeared in the December edition and for the warm personal welcomes of those we have met at the Remembrance Service, New Year's Eve at The Plough, the annual village get-together and not forgetting Race Night. We are gradually settling in to our new abode and acquainting ourselves with local customs and festivals. Can we just ask, does everyone's greenhouse take flight five days after taking possession? We look forward to getting to know many more of you over the coming weeks and months.



WI

We currently have 34 members. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month from 8-10pm at Chalgrave Memorial Hall, Tebworth. The annual subscription is £34.70 – cheques made payable to Chalgrave WI.

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We have had a go at flower arranging, seen a canine partner (a retriever called Chester) help someone undress themselves and load a washing machine. We have experienced Sound Healing and learned about Mindfulness and women's self defence! We have enjoyed two cheese and wine evenings.

We have been to the V&A to see the David Bowie Exhibition, to Newmarket races where Meatloaf was playing and been to the Dogs at Henlow. A group of us attended the Toddington Scout ball and a Burns night supper.

So quite light on jam and Jerusalem so far.....We don't take things too seriously – the emphasis is on making friends and having fun and on that basis I think we have been very successful so far.

If you are interested please feel free to pop along to one of our meetings or phone me for a chat. More information can be found on our Facebook page (Chalgrave WI).

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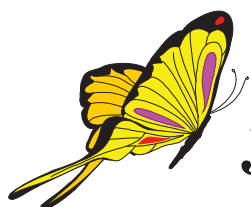
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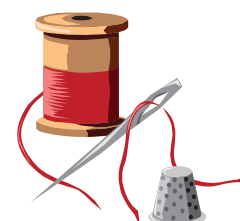
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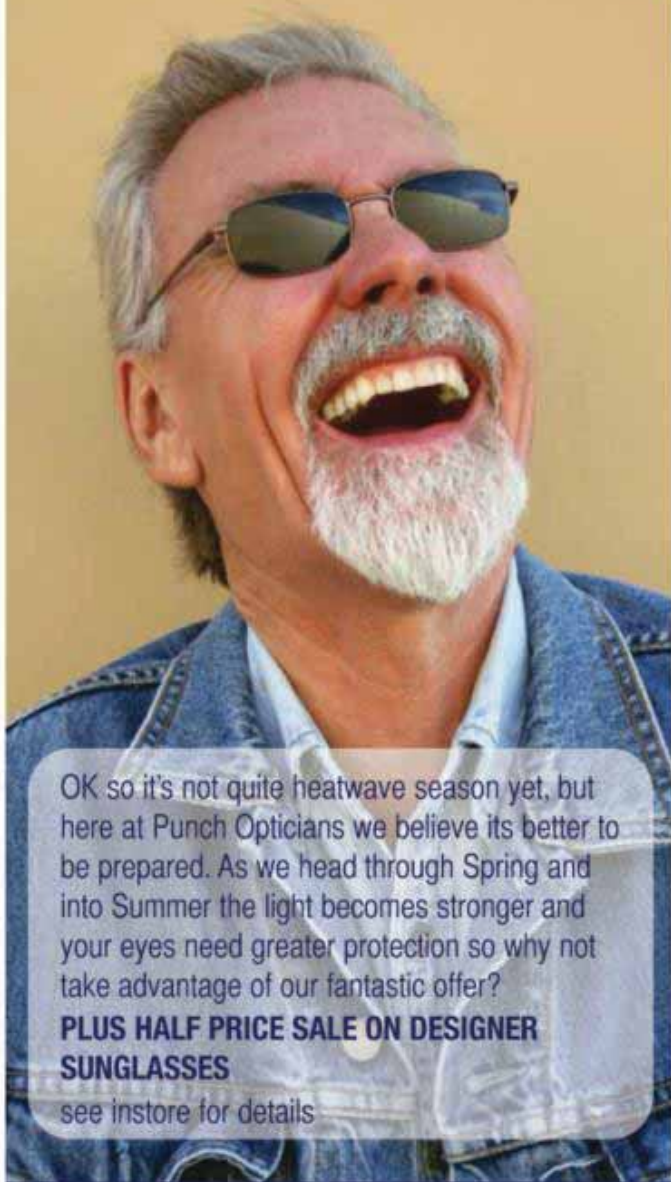
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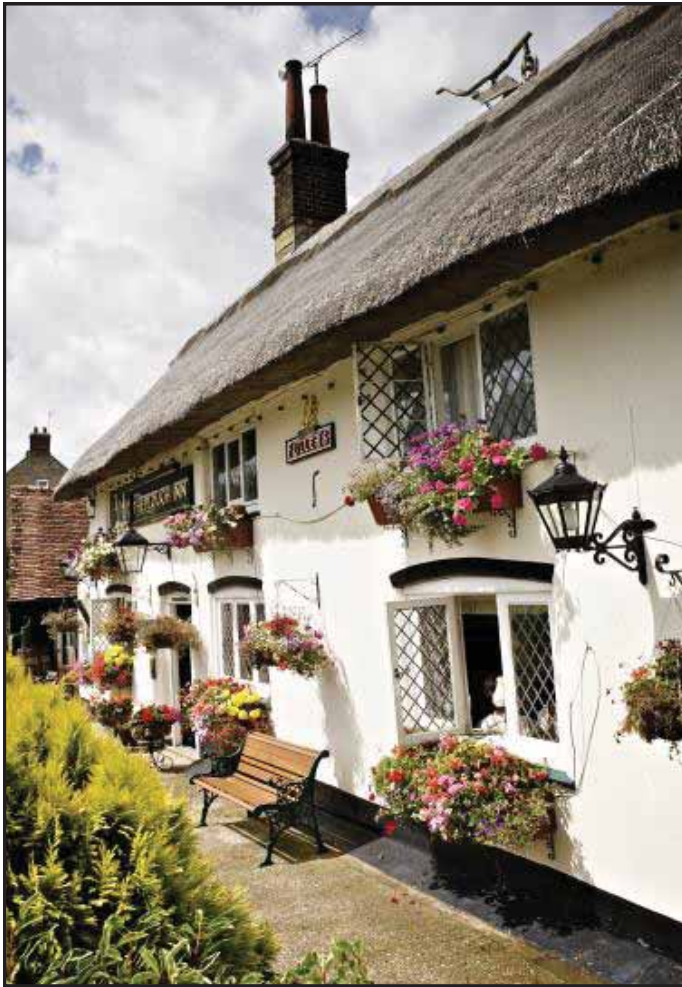
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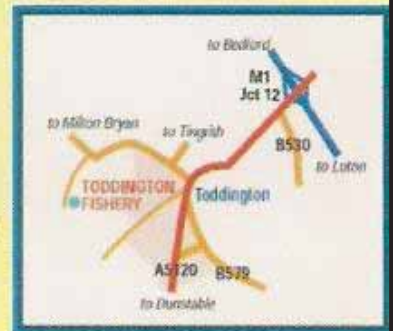
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Had to laugh when I heard a man who had been sentenced to 13 consecutive prison terms (that means 13 years and not 13x13 by the way) strolled out of an Open Prison the other day, not long before he was due to be released. He was caught a few days later, [*allegedly!*] robbing a bank! If this person who obviously had a tiny brain had waited a bit he could have robbed many banks and probably not been caught as half the Police force would not have been looking for him! It's nice to know that prison works in 'rehabilitating offenders' Not! Now, another murderer has been let out on 'Day Release' and guess what? Apparently, the Government have ordered an emergency review, have they really? Well let me speed things up a bit, DON'T KEEP LETTING THEM OUT! That should do it!

JP

West Charity Deadline

Please remember to complete and submit your applications by **30th June**.

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

Full details and application forms can be found at **www.chalgrave.org**.

Please send to completed forms to the Clerk, **Mr N B Costin, Pond Farm, Wingfield, LU7 9QJ** (07896 290530), from whom copies of the form are also available.

(Please take note of the new address given above for Mr Costin. Pond Farm is on the corner of Tebworth Road and Hill Close in Wingfield, opposite the post box and the telephone box.)

Chalgrave Community Speed Watch

As, hopefully, many of you will be aware the Chalgrave Community Speed Watch has been active recently with a presence on the Toddington Road, and Tebworth and Wingfield Road in the past few weeks. We have been pleased to note the effect on passing traffic is quite dramatic and also elicited feedback from a number of local residents. I would like to take the time to make clear the scope of Community Speed Watch so everyone understands what we can hope to achieve.



Community Speed Watch is an initiative whereby members of the community volunteer to address speeding issues identified within the local community. Following concerns from local residents about speeding in the village we are looking for volunteers to become a part of Community Speed Watch. Speed is a contributory factor in some road collisions and experience from other Police areas show that Community Speed Watch activity can reduce traffic speed.

Community Speed Watch groups monitor traffic speeds using Speed Indication Devices at locations that have been checked and approved by the Local Policing Team.

The group wear high visibility jackets and are clearly visible to the speeding motorist as they monitor the speed of traffic at specific locations. Standard procedures will then be used to identify the registered keeper and cross reference it against previous records. For the speeding motorist who passes through the device travelling at 35 mph and above, for the first offence a warning letter will be sent, for a second offence a final warning letter will be sent. Persistent offenders will be targeted for police enforcement. Offenders who have been recorded at travelling far in excess of the speed limit will be visited by a member of the Local Policing Team.

Community Speed Watch is designed to be part of an awareness and education programme around speeding vehicles and no enforcement action is taken by the volunteers. It is complementary to, and not a replacement of conventional Police speed enforcement that continues to take place in the village.

There will be some training provided on equipment and Health and Safety, etc. which will take place at a convenient time and location. Please feel free to contact me on the details below if you would like more information about Chalgrave Community Speed Watch or wish to join this new group.

So the main message here is that Community Speed Watch is about education

and NOT enforcement—we are not there to catch speeding vehicles, but to educate them that we care about our parish and villages and wish to ensure the safety of our residents. If our Speed Watch campaign shows that we have a major problem then the police are committed to providing the enforcement that Speed Watch cannot.



At the moment we have four members of our Speed Watch – all parish councillors. Recently, I had conversations with two parishioners who wish to volunteer to help and participate – and this is critical to the success of the group. We need more volunteers who are willing to undergo the required training, which has been much

simplified and made more accessible by Beds Police, and who are willing to form part of a team of three to conduct a Speed Watch ‘activity’ on a regular basis. If we can gather together twelve people then we can do this once per week, every week, but each person only needs to turn out once a month – by the way we intend to cover both morning and afternoon rush-hours so it’s not all early mornings! If we can achieve this level of consistency then the passing motorists will inevitably come to associate our parish with Speed Watch and hopefully the average speed of the passing motorists will decrease accordingly.

If you wish to volunteer or discuss how you can help please contact me on the details below.

Michael Wells
Tel: 01525 877098
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Everybody’s entitled to my Opinion....

I notice there is a report that G4, some security outfit - with let’s be honest, not the best reputation, has recently been putting Asylum Seekers in 4 Star Hotels as there are not enough beds in local hostels! Well, let’s hope that the hotels come up to scratch, we would not want anybody claiming ‘compensation’ for inadequate accommodation while their, no doubt dubious claim is investigated? Perhaps a small car to use, or free bus passes, perhaps a trip to Spain for a week or two?

Is it me or are we just gullible idiots in this country?

JP

Annual Chalgrave News Quiz

On the evening of Saturday, 22nd March, the intelligentsia of Chalgrave and its environs once more gathered in the Memorial Hall to pit their wits in the Annual Chalgrave News Quiz. Eight teams with fitting names as diverse as “Limpy’s Eagles” (one of their members was on crutches) and “Skippy” (see page 39 for a clue) fought against each other in the seven round contest, pausing only in their ponderings to tuck into a fish and chip supper, the fish understood to have been especially bred to have the right balance of essential fatty acids to replenish the overworked neurons of

the worthy competitors.



Su Parker and Barbara Jackson had spent countless hours eruditely researching questions that would challenge the mighty intellects present that evening.



And, as is customary, it fell to John Parker to serve as question master and as

usual he painstakingly articulated and enunciated each question with immense precision, and was always ready to defend the correctness of the answers in front of him, even in the unlikely event that they should prove to be wrong. Paul Levy, using complex algorithms that would have baffled Einstein, and working without the aid of calculator, abacus or fingers, displayed remarkable mathematical aptitude in keeping tabs on the team scores, which in some cases had unbelievably entered treble figures by the end of the evening. Meanwhile, Su and Barbara, since they knew all the answers, were confined to working tirelessly behind the bar replenishing the fluids lost





from the sweaty brows of the contenders as they struggled to solve the perplexing problems put before them.



Long into the evening the battle raged, with the fiendishly difficult questions

repeatedly testing the undeniable wisdom of the learned contestants. After the completion of the last round the



teams were forced to wait nervously while Paul performed his complex calculations. A hush descended in the Hall as, at last, the undisputed champs were declared to be "After 8" with a



magnificent score of 118, narrowly beating “Wooden Tops” with their excellent score of 116. “After 8” therefore scooped the first prize of £100, generously donated by **Wright Vehicle Solutions**, the main sponsors of the quiz. Thanks also go to those who provided the raffle prizes—Gary at Nisa in Toddington, Sue and John Keech, Barbara and Bill Jackson, and Fiona and Roger Parker.

Readers must be wondering where the Editor’s team came in this clash of the cerebral giants. Regrettably this information has had to be withheld to protect the egos of those concerned!



Queen's Head Beer Festival



On 1st March a second, and successful, beer festival was run by the Friends of the Queen's Head in aid of — you've guessed it — the Queen's Head.

Six different and very enjoyable real ales were on offer, five of them back by popular request from last year's event. As well as the beers, there was also the potent Old Rosie cider, plus, of course, some delicious hot food from the kitchen.

In the early part of the evening, musical entertainment was provided by a number of talented local folk musicians, co-ordinated by Richard Chatterley.

One young man, 13 year old Sam, made his début performance, and very good he was.



Later in the evening, songs and music were provided by the ever popular Onyx.

A Vet's Tale ... An apology to Morag

It was the aroma of silage that made me look at the man alongside me at the bar. Silage 'lingers' and I just knew he was a farmer.

"Evening," he ventured in a soft West coast accent. "Up here on holiday?"

"Climbing on Ben Nevis for a few days," I replied.

"Willie the farmer," he said, extending a hand.

"Pete the vet," I responded inadvertently. I rarely volunteer my profession to strangers as it usually ends up with me offering an opinion on their pet.

Willie it transpired had been in Fort William on business and had popped into the bar to while away the time until the ferry came back across the water. The ferry ran every 20 minutes on a tight schedule from the jetty beside the conveniently placed hostelry. Willie's teenage son was dispatched from the bar to check on the return of the ferry. He re-entered the bar declaring that the ferry had been and gone.

Willie and I had another drink and chatted about farming on the West coast of Scotland. Fortuitously I was interested in the breeds of cattle which he kept on his farm. We were soon engrossed in the pros and cons of various breeds and their suitability for the exposed environment of the area. Another ferry came and went, another pint came and went, we were getting on very well.

Willie checked the bar clock, 8.18pm, he bade me farewell and left the bar only to return a couple of minutes later. Missed another ferry. He didn't seem at all upset.

More drinks were procured and more farming chatter and banter followed. The bar phone rang (this was pre mobile phones) and the barman answered, "Aye, he is here." "Willie, it's Morag for you."

The bar hushed as Willie took the receiver. "Hello Sweetheart," he spoke quietly.

Morag (AKA Mrs Willie) was clearly upset by his non-arrival at home, his dinner was in the dog and just how much alcohol had he taken? The entire bar heard exactly what she said as she vented her spleen.

The barman mouthed to me that Morag was a 'formidable' woman. Well done for that, Hercule Poirot.



Willie replied saying that he was, in fact, in a meeting with an eminent English Veterinary Surgeon, a Professor no less, discussing a breeding programme for the farm.

Morag was somewhat sceptical as to the truth of this. Willie called her bluff, he offered for her to speak to me, thankfully she declined. Clearly feeling he had the advantage Willie asked me how much longer my 'presentation' would take. Stifling a guffaw I replied loudly, "At least another 40 minutes."

It was 'high fives' all round the bar as the call was ended. Willie's son/driver was sworn to secrecy and Willie enjoyed another hour and a half of rest and relaxation.

After they had finally left the bar and actually caught a ferry I glanced at my watch and noted the bar clock was 5 minutes slow. I pointed this out to Andy the barman. He winked and replied "Well would anyone want it any other way?" You cannot fault his logic!

So, Morag, I apologise unreservedly for my part in this deception.

Peter Harding

Everybody's entitled to my Opinion....

Distressed to read the other day that there are schools in Peterborough, and no doubt many other places, where there are 20 different languages spoken as a 'first language' ! 20! How are the teachers supposed to deal with that then? Would it be fair to say that many children, especially ones who would dare to have English as their first language, may well be left behind? What strain does this put on schools? Do the politicians give a monkeys? Would you send your child there? The answer to the last two questions is of course, NO! But what if that was the only school in the area? What would you do? There is only one answer at the moment, until I get to power and all children would have to have a good grasp of English before going to any school, you would have to sell an important organ, your car and anything else you can find and send them to a private school, sadly, in many areas now there is no option.

In case anyone has not noticed, this country, mainly because of uncontrolled immigration and membership of the EU, is in a dreadful mess!

JP

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. There will be a beer festival on this weekend and a barbecue on the Sunday.
- 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. There will also be a beer festival held on this weekend and a hog roast on the Sunday.



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 June being 8th and 22nd and every other week thereafter. The quiz starts at 8pm.

The Thursday whist and tippie society is still popular and anyone who fancies a game of cards is welcome. Starting time is 9pm. The domino leagues have finished with the Thursday side winning the K.O. Cup. The crib season has started with the A and B teams having contrasting starts so far.

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

Birthday wishes

Belated congratulations to Debbie Whitton who celebrated her 60th birthday with a party in The Plough on 18 April. Not that anyone would have guessed from her youthful appearance that she'd reached this milestone!



Queen's Head



Hello again, all you lovely parishioners and potential customers, Colin here. "Oh heck, I hear you say, here comes some more drivel from old Col" well you're right. I keep saying roughly the same thing every time this smashing little magazine comes out and will probably continue to do so until they ask me to stop producing these small but beautifully crafted epistles to my multitude of avid readers.

Well, The Queen's Head continues to operate on much the same basis as it has always done with much of the sporting teams doing rather well in their respective fields, I'm pleased to say.

The folk/country music scene is still going strong and is well attended each session and there is always room for more musicians if you feel the need. I know you will be more than welcome to join in with the regulars.

The darts and domino teams will also welcome 'new blood' as the holiday season is nearly upon us and they will need as many reserves as possible.

Those kind folk who organise the annual street party have decided to make it every two years now as there is too much going on at that time of year, I suppose they are right as the Chalgrave Games is in the first week of July and all these events have to be arranged so as to coincide with school holidays but I'm sure we will have a BBQ or two in the garden over the summer. Any announcements will appear on the black chalk boards outside the Pub so keep an eye out for them.

I hope to see you as some time over the summer, until then keep safe and have a restful holiday.

All the best, *Colin*

Race Night

Saturday, 10th May, saw many people willingly (in some cases *very* willingly) sacrifice the customary joy of watching the Eurovision Song Contest in favour of backing losers at a Race Night in the Chalgrave Memorial Hall. All money lost, however, went in aid of a very good cause—the Chalgrave Sports Club.

John Parker did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies, enticing people to part with their hard-earned cash in exchange for ... well losing it. To one side, a team of bookies, Tori and Nicola Wells, and Dave Britton, efficiently swapped punters' money for scraps of paper which offered the vague promise, invariably unfilled, of wealth beyond the dreams of avarice. And then Mike Wells performed his technical wizardry in flawlessly projecting each race onto an enormous screen so that everyone could see their horses lose in a larger than life format.

Losing money is thirsty work so naturally there was a bar, ably run by Dave Worsley and Roger Burden, which included a delightful real ale from Tring Brewery. And as drinking alcohol stimulates the appetite, there was also an enjoyable fish and chip supper rustled up by Nev Andrews.

Of course, not everyone lost their money and there were some very happy punters who had studied the form and backed the right nags, including those

who had purchased a winning horse and were rewarded not just with a bottle of bubbly each, but also with their very own equine—fortunately of the hobby horse variety.

Barbara Jackson won a tie-breaker in the competition, sponsored by Paul Whitton,





to find the link between the eight horses in Race 3. Not to be outdone, Bill Jackson led a successful bid in the auction in the last race and bagged the



winning horse and the biggest price of the night.

A great evening was had by all and thanks go

to the sponsors of the eight races —

The Plough Inn, D & I Butchers

(Dunstable), Paul Whitton, Chalgrave

IT Solutions, Peter

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(Dunstable), K & K Pet Foods, and Wright

Vehicle Solutions—as

well as to all those who helped out on the night.



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Karen Murphy	Back/Neck/Shoulder Massage, Leg Massage	
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Anjana Peacock	*Reflexology, Threading 1 SLOT LEFT AT 7.30PM	*20 minutes / £10
Christina Griffiths	Deep Tissue Neck/Shoulder Massage or *Back Massage FULLY BOOKED	*30 minutes / £10
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Name of Guest	Beauty Therapist	Treatment required	Preferred hour slot (7.30-8pm / 8-9pm / 9-10pm)

All Our Yesterdays – No. 16

Here are a couple of photographs from the old hall concerts that were held just about every year from 1971 through to 1998. They were started by Mrs Marion Boutwood and Colin Rose as a Senior Citizen's venture and took



off from there with Roger Mence producing in the later years. This is one of the more professional acts organised by Sue Dokk-Olsen as the W.I. contribution.

The ladies above [Valerie Griffin, Lyn Green, Liz Wing, Sue Dokk-Olsen, Jenny McGarry, Marilyn Tilcock, and, Carol Higgs] were “commissioned” to perform at several other local functions that year. We think around 1980?

The photo on the right was from the Circus Theme year. Not sure when that was. You will I'm sure recognise Roger Masters and long term residents will remember Brian Gridley who was the star of our shows in the old hall from 1973. Sadly he died in 2004.

Comments or more information to Ken Green, 874107 or kenandlyn@tinyworld.co.uk.





Chalgrave Sports Club

The race night held at The Memorial Hall on Saturday 10th May was a great success and makes our hopes of buying a new clubhouse that much higher.

We would like to thank our race sponsors who were, in no order of preference, as follows:-

Wright Vehicle Solutions, D & I Butchers, K & K Pet Foods, Chalgrave IT Solutions, The Plough, Paul Whitton (AKA The Grumpy Farmer), The Victoria Pub and Peter Harding.

We also received three donations, one from Wright Vehicle Solutions and two who wish to remain anonymous. Thank you all from everyone involved at the Sports Club.

Thanks must also go to those who helped out on the night especially Dave Worsley who worked manfully behind the bar, Mike Wells who worked out the winning odds, Nicola and Tori Wells and Dave Britton who sold the race tickets, and Nev Andrews who organised the food.

It was a great evening enjoyed by all. It was especially pleasing to see a lot of local people involved in the evening.

As previously stated we are now in a much better position to go ahead with a replacement clubhouse. Watch this space.

www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk



Grumpy old man ...

People who shop in Waitrose take their rubbish home with them, people who shop in McDonalds don't! Why is this?

JP

Here's a warning!

Beware of skips! Some model of skip can 'leap' and end up damaging your car on the driveway! One way to prevent this is to make sure your hand brake is applied correctly, this phenomenon has been particularly common in the Wingfield area. **BEWARE!**



JP

Major road works in Wingfield last month would inevitably have caused chaos for motorists, with the likelihood of ensuing road rage, had the contractors not had the foresight to install traffic lights to manage the predictable Bank Holiday congestion.



Garden Competition

The **Chalgrave News** is again running a **Garden Competition**. Our team will be out and about inspecting and photographing the colourful flower displays in your beds, borders, baskets and window boxes, as well as your carefully manicured lawns and trimmed hedges.



Last year's runner-up

We look forward to viewing your efforts. The results will be announced in a future edition of the News.

If you would like to submit your own photographs, please email them to: thechalgravenews@live.co.uk.



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