

# CHALGRAVE NEWS

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



# Dates for Your Diary

Day/Date	Event	Location/Contact	Time
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month	WI	Memorial Hall	8–10pm
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September	WI – Swishing event	Memorial Hall	
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September	WI – Sing-a-long-a-Grease – Interactive showing of the film, £15	MK Theatre	
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September	WI – Clay Pigeon Shooting	Hockcliffe	
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	WI – Hair styling/Beauty	Memorial Hall	
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November	WI – AGM and social	Memorial Hall	

*Front Cover: Councillor Ken Green sits in the stocks at the Chalgrave Games.*

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# Editorial

Hello, once again!

It's been another good summer, both with the weather being half-decent (well, it was until shortly after the schools broke up!) and also in terms of all the village events that have kept us busy. In this issue, as well as our regular updates and features, we include reports of the Rogation Day Walk, of car rallies, ukulele players and a cheese and wine evening at The Plough, of BBQs at the Queen's Head, and, of course, of the world-famous Chalgrave Games. We also carry another tale from Julia Marsh relating the adventurous life of her adorable pet pig, Chops, plus a further account from our local vet, Peter Harding, illustrating the lighter side of his professional life and also with a porcine theme.

In this year when we are remembering the start of WWI we are fortunate to have been given access to notes kept by a Sgt Abraham Ball, the father of Chalgrave parishioner, Tony Ball. These notes relate a three day visit that Abraham made to the Holy Land in 1918 where he saw, and vividly described, the places and sights that we read about in the Bible. A transcription of his notes is being published in the News, starting in this edition.

The News Team has also been out and about photographing your gardens and we were overwhelmed by the colourful displays and arrangements that we saw. Choosing winners to reward was difficult and we're sorry that our funds do not extend to giving out more prizes. The only consolation is knowing that your gardens have done much to cheer up the villages these past months.

With a bit of luck, there may still be some more sunny days to come but our thoughts will soon turn towards autumn and thus to Halloween and Bonfire Night. After that it will be the run-up to Christmas and naturally we are expecting the Flitwick Round Table to assist Santa in paying his usual visit to Tebworth and Wingfield some time in December—although when we went to print the exact date was not available.

Finally, warm thanks are extended to Councillor Dan Osborn who, as Phil Parry explains, has taken it upon himself to clean our filthy road signs, Central Beds Council having deemed that this task was too low a priority for them. Well done, Dan!

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](http://www.chalgrave.org). Also visit this website for information on the Parish Council, parish history, the Memorial Hall, local organisations, and much more.

# 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](mailto:andrew.selous.mp@parliament.uk) or 01582 662 821**

At the beginning of the last session before the recess the Queen came to Parliament to announce what Parliament would be doing over the next year. It's a good opportunity to take stock and look back over the last year as well.

I am really pleased that in the year to April there were 843 fewer people claiming Jobseekers Allowance in South West Bedfordshire than there were a year ago. With the preliminary works now underway for the A5/M1 Link (Dunstable and Houghton Regis northern bypass) I believe there is an even brighter future for south Bedfordshire. I am also particularly pleased that there were 870 more apprenticeships in South West Bedfordshire in 2013 compared with 2012. Nationally there have been 1.7 million more apprenticeships as we continue our quest to provide the best skills and schools for everyone. In Central Bedfordshire as a whole there are now 514 fewer pupils who are persistently truanting from school.

As we are all living longer it's really important that we have good pensions in a later life. Parliament will pass laws to give people complete control over how they access their pensions including whether they want to buy an annuity or receive a lump sum payment. We are also going to allow employees to contribute to collective pension funds which have given people higher pensions in other countries around the world where this type of pension scheme operates.

We are going to help small businesses by putting more pressure on late payers which often cause business cash flow problems. We are also going to help smaller businesses to bid more easily for public procurement contracts.

In order to help working people we've already cut tax by raising the personal allowance and 42,800 South West Bedfordshire residents are benefitting from this tax cut which is coming on top of the money the Government has given to Central Bedfordshire Council to enable it to freeze council tax for 3 years in a row.

We will be paying up to £2,000 a year towards childcare costs for each child under the Childcare Payments Bill and we will also ban 'zero hours' exclusivity clauses which are wrong and unfair. We will also raise the maximum fine for those employers who are illegally paying less than the minimum wage.

I know that crime remains a big concern for my constituents and I continue to ask Bedfordshire Police to station more officers in Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable

and Houghton Regis. Crime has fallen over the last 4 years in all three of these towns. I am pleased that the Serious Crime Bill will strengthen powers to seize the proceeds of crime and I was pleased to see the Connors' family who were convicted of slave trading being fined £230,000 last week. Unbelievably there are more people in slavery today than when William Wilberforce abolished the slave trade which is why the Government will be bringing in a Modern Slavery Bill to step up our efforts to eradicate this deeply evil crime.

In respect of my own role in Parliament and Government, I have been appointed as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice, with special responsibility for HM Prison and Probation Service, in the Prime Minister's recent Government reshuffle. I was very pleased and honoured to be given this appointment by the Prime Minister.

## Councillor Mark Versallion

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

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](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/markversallion) which also lists his upcoming surgery dates.



### 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.

Please see the March edition of the Chalgrave News for details, or email [toddingtonvillageharvestshow@gmail.com](mailto:toddingtonvillageharvestshow@gmail.com).

# Chairman of the Parish Council

August is a quieter month for the Parish Council although our work continues. We welcome a new Parish Councillor to the team – Cllr. Paul Whitton. His responsibilities on the Council will be decided in the next few weeks.

Cllrs. Hampson and Wells are working on our response to the Central Beds Development Strategy. Our concern is the housing development north of Houghton Regis and the impact on the Green Belt. We recognise the need for housing but we want as much of the Green Belt protected as possible. We don't want an urban sprawl. You may have seen the Compulsory Purchase Orders for land at the bottom of Lords Hill – this is for the construction of the A5/M1 Link.

We asked Central Beds Council to clean our road signs, many of which had become difficult to read. They told us it was 'low priority' – which meant that it was unlikely that it would ever be done. So Cllr. Osborn has been going round cleaning the signs. Most have been done but there are a few more to be cleaned.

There was a digger laying a water pipe along Featherbed Lane and Tebworth Road. We discovered that the work was 'private', had no permission and was illegal. Central Beds Council has been alerted and is looking into the matter.

Our Speedwatch team have been out over the past two months monitoring traffic along Toddington Road and Wingfield/Tebworth Roads.

We invited a representative of the Highways Agency to discuss the junction of Hockliffe Road with the A5. We raised again the possibility of traffic lights or a roundabout. Neither of these were feasible. But they will look into further traffic calming measures.

We have also had a 'walkabout' with Central Beds. Highways Dept. (Amey) to point out the work needed on roads in our parish – i.e. potholes, drainage, verges, etc. You will have seen some work has been carried out. More will happen over the next few weeks.

We are expecting a planning application for a Solar Farm at Chalgrave Manor Farm. If this happens we will ask the developers to attend a Council meeting to talk to us about the impact on the parish and answer questions. We will make this an open meeting.

Finally, there has been an increase in rural crime. Please make sure your property is secure – sheds, outbuildings, vehicles, etc – and report anything suspicious.

You are welcome to attend any of our meetings. They are in the Memorial Hall, usually on the third Tuesday of the month.

*Phil Parry, Chairman*





## **“Last of the Summer Ukuleles”**

Lunchtime diners at the Plough Inn on 21<sup>st</sup> May were treated to an enjoyable couple of hours of entertainment by a group of enthusiastic ukulele players from Dunstable. To the great delight of everyone

present, and without the benefit of a lamp post to lean on, nor windows to clean, the musicians, who at times were more than a dozen strong, fervently sang and played a variety of well-known tunes selected largely from the latter part of the 20th century.



Their splendid performance was in aid of charity—a bucket was passed round and the proceeds went to Yawn, a Bedfordshire organisation supporting a club for sociable young adults between the ages of 16 and 30 who have learning disabilities. This musical extravaganza has since become a regular monthly lunchtime event at the Plough.



## Garden Competition

The Chalgrave News Team has been out photographing your gardens and flower displays and, frankly, we were stunned with the quality of what we saw. Your amazing efforts do so much to brighten up the villages and everyone is thanked for the hard work they put in. Some of the photos we took — just some because of space limitations — are shown here.

Of course, choosing winners was not easy but, after much deliberation, we've decided to award two prizes, one for the best garden and the other for the best containers. The prizes go to Mike Finch in The Lane for his quintessentially English garden and to the residents of 15 Toddington Road for their colourful barricade of containers and baskets.







# The Ibuprofen Incident

My afternoon's work at Mill End Nursery was abruptly curtailed one Friday by a phone call from No. 1 son: 'Chops has eaten a packet of ibuprofen!!' I felt quietly confident that this latest dietary experiment would have no effect whatsoever upon the beast of Wingfield – after all, the animal is built like a Panzer tank, and it would surely take more than a mere packet of ibuprofen to derail him!

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, following a quick phone call to the vet I hotwheeled it over there in search of a remedy. I raced into the empty surgery to find a group of people standing behind the desk eyeing me questioningly. Upon my 2 word response - 'PIG!!!! - IBUPROFEN!!!!' recognition dawned and everybody sprang into a frenzy of activity. A large Tupperware container was produced, filled to the brim with what looked suspiciously like soot from the fireplace. 'Will he find it palatable?' I enquired and was informed that no, he would not. As regular readers will be aware, Chops's culinary tastes range from the sublime to the ridiculous, and the vet, not being fully cognisant of the rich diversity of his diet, profoundly underestimated the range of delicacies that he has the capacity to view as 'palatable'.

Before leaving the surgery I telephoned ahead and instructed No. 1 son to prepare a large bowl of porridge and add plenty of sugar, milk and anything else that might entice the Beast to gobble up (as if he has ever needed any encouragement!), and to have this ready for the addition of the final magic ingredient immediately upon my arrival. This he achieved, and a large bowl of jet black gloop was duly placed in front of Chops, who thought that all his Christmases had come at once and piled into the concoction with great relish, blowing the vet's definition of 'palatable' straight out of the window; video evidence of the event was taken in there the following week for their entertainment! Apparently the fact that he never stops eating proved an advantage on this particular occasion since it would have lined his stomach and diluted the ibuprofen, at any rate he appeared entirely unscathed by his experience, and probably didn't suffer from a headache for quite a while!

I can list on the fingers of one hand the things that Chops has ever turned his snout up at: celery, mushrooms, raw sprouts and blackcurrants. In contrast chicken feed, old cooking oil, used J cloths, the contents of the kitchen bin, worms, dead mice and dog vomit are all on his ideal menu. A surreal incident involving the latter occurred when my brother had brought his new partner over for the first time and



we had just sat down to dinner. The only advice I could offer them was to avert their eyes....amazingly they were brave enough to return again for dinner on a subsequent occasion at which thankfully there was no such repetition!

I can recall only one occasion ever when Chops's indestructible constitution was challenged, he was still a piglet at the time and consumed the entire contents of the kitchen bin. He lay around looking

miserable for the whole day and it is the only time I have ever known him to lose his appetite. I was becoming quite anxious, whereupon late in the afternoon, for the only time in his entire life, he vomited. I have never smelt anything quite like it before or since – the smell wafting from the back of the dustbin cart should you have the misfortune to be downwind of it during a heatwave, mingled with the smell of vomit bears some approximation to the extraordinary aroma. The fact that he somehow managed to vomit down the back of the skirting board so that it could not be properly cleaned and the smell lingered on for days was an added bonus. Fortunately by the following morning he had made a full recovery and was back to his usual self. He has eaten many strange things since but thankfully nothing else has ever got the better of him, and he remains hale and hearty to continue entertaining us with his weird foibles!!



*Julia Marsh*



## Old News

*Luton Times and Advertiser, 1<sup>st</sup> March 1895 –*

### HOCKCLIFFE

THE LITTLE AUK – Mr. Whinnett, of the neighbouring village of Wingfield, the other day was lucky enough to “bag” a specimen of this interesting variety peculiar to the Arctic zone and a victim to a misplaced confidence in coming South. In future it will appear within the narrow confines of a glass case, which is being provided for the purpose by the eminent naturalist, Mr. Fortnum, of Leighton Buzzard.

How attitudes have changed!



# Tony Smith MG Car Rally & Beer Festival



The unbeatable combination of a car rally and a beer festival attracted huge crowds to The Plough Inn on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. Undeterred by the light showers that dotted the afternoon, many people were outside enjoying the cars or partaking of the real ales. The



rally was in memory of the late Tony Smith and his lovingly-constructed blue MG TA, fondly christened the “Tebworth Special”, took pride of place amongst the many MGs on display in the car park.

Six real ales were on offer, including the ever popular Timothy Taylor’s “Landlord”,







but with some more unusual ones, such as the football-themed, and presciently-named, "They Think It's Ale Over" from the Titanic Brewery. No beer festival is complete without food and this was no exception, with Adam using his culinary skills on the BBQ to feed the masses, young and old.



## Classic and Prestige Car Day & Beer Festival

Wingfield looks set to become the car rally centre of England with two events being held within a fortnight. Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, saw the second of these two occasions, with a show organised by Ken Wright and Steve Junke in aid of Keech Hospice Care.

Roger and Theresa Burden at the

Plough Inn laid on a super beer festival and hog roast to accompany the event.

Following the success of the similar show last year, more space was needed for vehicles and Rob and Lisa Scanes came to the rescue by generously allowing their large field adjacent to the Plough car park to be used. All manner of vehicles were on display, including a 1941 fire engine, a 1951 Riley with caravan, ancient tractors, and a good assortment of more







modern, yet still classic, cars. Despite an early afternoon shower, visitors were not discouraged and large numbers turned up to wander around the field.



The beer festival exceeded expectations with an amazing nine real ales on offer, plus, of course, the potent Old Rosie cider which can be almost guaranteed to put in an appearance at any Chalgrave festival. The hog roast didn't disappoint either, with the succulent meat proving so popular that by 5pm only the skeletal remains of the pig were left as a monument to alert latecomers of what they'd missed.



## Cheese and Wine Evening

By way of a change, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, Roger and Theresa at the Plough Inn ran a delightful cheese and wine evening where the lucky participants could sample six different wines that are not usually on offer at the pub and indulge in a range of delectable cheeses sourced from a specialist deli in Hitchin.

Of the wines, two that went down particularly well were a white Rioja and a Pinot Grigio rosé. Amongst the cheeses, two favourites proved to be a mouth-wateringly ripe brie and an unusual, but very moreish, cheese containing horseradish. It is to be hoped that the evening will be repeated before too long.



## Old News

*Luton Times and Advertiser*, 18<sup>th</sup> October 1907 –

### TEBWORTH

**A REMARKABLE COW.**—At a sale of farm stock held by Messrs. J. Cumberland and Sons, at Tebworth, on Friday, the auctioneers sold an in-calf cow and also her twenty-third calf. The former owners, Messrs. D. and J. Osborne [*sic*], said the cow still gives a nice lot of milk per day.



## Computer Corner



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

Firstly, a reminder about those scam phone calls purporting to be from Microsoft offering to help you fix your computer's security problems. The point here is that they can come across as very plausible – I have said it before but just **HANG UP**. Remember that Microsoft will **NEVER** phone you to report a problem with your PC.

Since the last issue of the Chalgrave News I have helped a parishioner who had received the above call and the caller connected to his machine and effectively locked him out of it – it was necessary to change all his online passwords and advise banks, credit card companies etc. I was able to make a repair, but this is not always possible and it could have been necessary to reinstall Windows.

On a lighter note – we're all so used to connecting to wireless networks now with our various devices: mobile phones, tablets, PCs etc. without thinking about the security implications that it's easy to become blasé.

*WarDriving* is a term used in the IT industry to describe someone who drives around hunting for open (i.e. insecure) wireless networks, which they can then abuse (maybe to download illegal material, or to take over or infect their machines).

That's now old hat because cats can become hackers too! Security expert Gene Bransfield in the US revealed that he has adapted a special cat collar to help locate exploitable wireless networks. He apparently came up with the idea during a presentation and one of the audience members offered to lend him their GPS equipped cat tracking collar. He equipped this with a WiFi sniffing device, put it on his cat and send her out to patrol the local area. After a few hours roaming around gardens, delivering presents without covering them up, she returned with a present for Gene – a dead mouse – plus a load of information on the local WiFi networks. The information he gathered allowed him to know the location, name and security level of all of these networks, making it easy to exploit if he chose to...

Now while the above is an amusing story, it does have a serious side – if you don't know whether or not your wireless network is secure you need to find out and make sure it is, even in our environment. Someone could be sitting in a car outside using your internet connection without you knowing...

And finally – did you see the news about the Russian crime ring who have accumulated over **1.2 billion** internet credentials (usernames/passwords), including access to **500 million email addresses**? Make sure you change your passwords regularly!

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](mailto: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*

# Chalgrave Memorial Hall

Firstly, let me take this opportunity to thank the Hall Committee and the many other people who made the Chalgrave Games such a success again. Special thanks go to Fiona Parker of Wingfield for taking the lead in the organisation of this year's event.

We have already started to plan for next year and the theme suggested is 'Medieval'.

Just to remind everyone that the Hall is here for the benefit of all residents of the Parish and as such we ensure the rate charged to individuals, charities and organisations in the Parish is heavily subsidised. You will find a copy of the fees and charges in the Hall, from any member of the Committee or on the notice boards around the parish.

Currently the Hall is well used. Apart from weekend hires for weddings, parties, various fund raising events and conferences, the Hall is also used regularly by the Parish Council, the Chalgrave WI, the MacIntyre Charity and Central Bedfordshire Council for local and national elections. Various local groups use the Hall during the week and we have a regular Tai Chi class on Thursday evenings beginning in September.

Sadly, over the last few months and for a variety of reasons, the Hall has lost the services on the Committee of Su Parker, Debbie Hampson, Debbie Whitton and Fiona Parker. I am sure the Parish will join me in thanking them all for the voluntary work they have put in to the running of the Hall.

However, we are fortunate to have been able to recruit Velda Cooke and Frances Masters from Tebworth who will I know bring a lot of fresh impetus and enthusiasm to the Committee. Velda has volunteered to take on the role of Bookings Secretary and can be reached on the Hall booking line 07831 482556.

Finally and unfortunately, we have recently experienced some minor acts of vandalism to the Hall and play area. I would remind everyone that whilst the Memorial Hall and grounds are there predominantly for the benefit of the parishioners of Chalgrave, they are not a public area but managed and run by the Trustees (Committee) of the Hall. We do however love to see their use by children so long as the play equipment and Hall are all treated with due respect.

Best wishes to you all,

*Roger Masters*  
*Chairman*

# Everybody's entitled to my Opinion....

**Now listen carefully .... I shall say this only once!**

Whilst I was in France in June I stayed at a very nice 'gite' which I believe is what the French call houses. This particular gite is owned and recently beautifully refurbished by a friend who now lives there. Over pre-dinner drinks I learned some interesting facts about France. One of the more fascinating is: Why, after investing their pensions and savings in a property and moving all their belongings to what is a foreign country, many of our fellow countrymen return to Blighty? Why on earth would they do this? In France the weather is better, there is much more room, and the French pick and choose which of the petty and usually quite stupid laws from the EU they choose to bother with.



The answer it would appear is the language! We cannot speak theirs and they categorically choose not to speak ours! I say choose because many Frenchies can speak passable English but choose to make us struggle!

This I understand completely, if you choose to live there you should fit in and adopt the local customs of the area where you choose to live, speaking, or at least attempting to speak the language is simply a part of this process. This seems like common sense to me ..... perhaps it is something we could learn from them!

——oo00oo——

**Please, whatever you do, do not fly from here ...**

Last year I made the decision NOT to fly from Luton, not only because they rob you blind and treat you like a terrorist until proven otherwise but, this year, they have dug the road up so the chances of getting there are slim indeed!

No, this year we went from.....well I can't tell you, I can't mention the good local hotel with transfers at any time of day or night and free parking for a fortnight, the ease of checking in, the fact that security treat you like you are someone going on holiday rather than speak to you like a cross school teacher. Certainly don't want to say anything about the short walk to the plane, or the short queue at customs on the way back even though three aircraft had all turned up together ... No sorry cannot say, sworn to secrecy.

I would like to help but if I did, you would go from there as well, and so would your friends, you would probably only go to destinations served by this airport, and then, guess what, it would get bought by some greedy operation who would turn it into another Luton, and that would just spoil my next holiday!



JP

## Rogation Day Walk

Led by the experienced Ken Green, the annual Rogation Day Walk around the boundary of the parish took place on 25<sup>th</sup> May and the walkers were blessed with having one dry day sandwiched between the wet days that preceded and followed it. There was a good turnout, with fifteen people and two dogs enthusiastically setting out from the Queen's Head at the prompt start time of 10am. Two more walkers joined the party en route.

The ages of those taking part ranged from the young to the old, with the youngest member, 8 year old Millie Parker, soon discovering that tradition required that her

head was to be ceremoniously banged against a boundary post. Remarkably, the post suffered only minimal damage from this assault.

The heavy rain in the days leading up to the walk meant that conditions underfoot were very muddy. Two or three of the ramblers slipped over, and one hapless individual even had the misfortune to fall into a stream. Nevertheless, while clothing was dampened the same cannot be said about spirits and everyone survived to enjoy well-earned refreshments and lunch at the Fancott Arms.

As is usual, not everyone went on to complete the







second half of the walk after lunch but, undaunted by the challenges that lay ahead, about eight intrepid adventurers did continue and therefore successfully navigated the entire bounds of the parish,



a total distance of about 11

miles. All those who set out have been accounted for and we are relieved to report that this year the services of the RAF's Search and Rescue were not required.

*The Chalgrave News also has a world exclusive, eye witness account from our special correspondent, Millie Parker ...*

*"I really liked the Rogation Walk, apart from when I had to bang my head on the boundary posts. I don't really want to do it next year though." So there we have it!*

## Debt and Deficit

So our deficit is down by a third. Sounds good doesn't it? So do we now owe less than last year? No. Our debt is greater than last year and greater than the year before and the year before that.

So what have we cut? We have cut the rate at which we are borrowing. So each year our debt has gone up but by less than the year before.

The deficit is the gap between what the government spends and what it gets in income, mainly from taxes. The national debt is the current amount we owe.

I'm not trying to make any political point here but I would like to see some honesty and plain speaking from our politicians rather than what I see as "spin" [ok some hope!!]

Sorry if I am saying something of which you are well aware. Maybe Chalgrave is better informed than others are ..... But:-

- It is estimated that 90% of the public think that we now owe less than before and have cut our debt by a third.
- Apparently, only 10% of us know that the Government's cuts package is projected to increase the national debt by around £600bn by 2015. Many more (47%) assume – incorrectly – that the Government wants to reduce the debt by this amount.

My source is various sites on the web and there are different interpretations on the process of recovering from this situation but I don't think there is any dispute on the facts of the case.

Food for thought.

*Ken Green*

## Grumpy old man ...



### I can't mow the grass ..... my insurance has expired!

I notice that some complete idiot from the EU, with clearly nothing better to do, is suggesting that we should all have to have insurance for . wait for it ... sit on lawn mowers! Apparently some buffoon in Slovenia, or some other new country that I have never heard of, fell off one! So obviously we must all pay upwards of £100 a year to some greedy insurance company! You can't legislate against stupidity, and what exactly will I be insuring against? This is exactly the sort of meddling that needs to be stopped and drives people up the wall! and by the way, how would you ever police it?

If I really tried ... and believe me when I say that I have ... flat out mine will perhaps do 2 mph, possibly 3 when the wind is in the right direction! It has 4 wheels so will not turn over, it makes lots of noise so people can hear it coming and when I cut my grass the only person in the field is me....and perhaps the dog!

May I respectfully suggest that before we have a long debate, at 'our' expense in Brussels, perhaps it would be a good idea to mention cyclists who have only 2 wheels, approach silently and seem to be able to run over whom ever they like with no recourse? Or, as usual, are they above all legislation?

And don't just think it will affect sit on mowers either, once the insurance companies get wind of some nice profits with virtually no chance of a pay-out, no doubt your petrol mower, strimmer (assuming you've been on the course!) and hose pipe will all need cover! Great business if you can get it!

JP

## Chalgrave Sports Club



[www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk](http://www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk)

The cricket season is coming to an end and whilst we have not enjoyed much, if any, success on the field, all the games have been played, thanks to the weather making it possible.

We are desperately looking for new players for next season and we would welcome any person who wishes to play for us. As long as you can breathe and hold a cricket bat you are eligible to play.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the cricket team by either playing or giving up their time to help with the preparations. It is much appreciated.

We will be holding another fund raising evening in the near future which we will publicise in due course.

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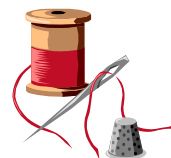
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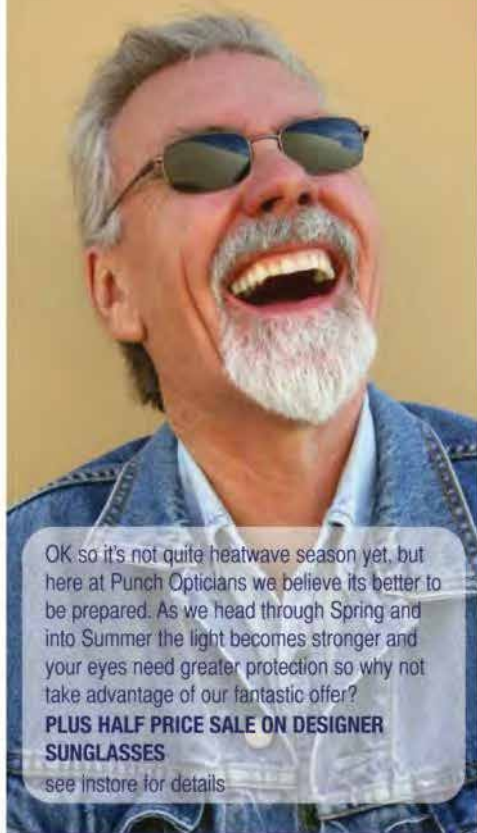
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My spoken German is rudimentary to say the least. Trying to get across to Hans the concept of the call we were going to, proved difficult. Unfortunately Hans just didn't understand. A pet pig at a local school had a piece of wire stuck around his jaw. It was a dank November evening, light was fading fast and light rain was falling.

The German Vet student in the passenger seat was going to be of little use. I was concerned also that there would be not a great input from the two female teachers at the school. At least the children had gone home.



On initial appraisal of the pig it was clear that this was one angry large pig! A field anaesthetic was necessary to remove the wire. The pig was in pain and seemed to blame me for his discomfort! This was going to be tricky process with little or no assistance.

My first attempt to inject the pig failed, he simply ran away. We managed to herd him into a low semi-circular ark, I followed him in. Pigs can be quite aggressive. I plucked up courage and gently slid the needle under the skin just behind his left ear. Fortunately I managed to inject most of the sedative before he started to squeal loudly and burst past me out into the gathering gloom. The pig charged around his little paddock, the more he ran the more the wire around his jaw caused him pain and therefore the more he ran. Fortunately this activity sped up the absorption of the sedative, unfortunately when it took effect the pig plunged into a ditch at the side of the paddock.

Super! I climbed down into the ditch and knelt by the pig. I engaged the help of my assistants to drag the sleeping swine from his watery bed. At least we had saved him from drowning! My wellies squelched as I worked, they were both full of water. Super! With the problem porcine in position I examined his mouth by torchlight, I quickly removed the offending piece of fencing wire. Fortunately there would be no long term damage, a shot of antibiotics and a painkiller completed my treatment. It was only at this point that I actually appreciated the farcical nature of the situation, I looked around almost expecting Jeremy Beadle to appear. Yes, one does need a sense of humour to be a Vet!

*Peter Harding*



## Chalgrave Games

Saturday, 5th July, marked another successful day in the history of the Chalgrave Games. After a wet Saturday morning, the Games opened to drizzle but within an hour or so the rain stopped and the weather brightened up, bringing in the usual large crowds.

For the second year running, Fiona Parker had done a brilliant job of taking overall charge of organising the Games, helped, of course, by a large body of willing volunteers who had given up tons of their spare time for many months leading up to the big day, and on the day itself. Councillor Phil Parry, as always, performed superbly as the Master of Ceremonies, ensuring everything ran smoothly and with military precision. Councillor Ken Green sportingly volunteered to sit in the stocks to be at the receiving end of wet sponges.



In a year that saw significant anniversaries marking the starts of both World Wars it would have been remiss of the organisers not to have recognised the ultimate sacrifice made by so many which allow us the freedom to enjoy ourselves today at events such as this.

Consequently, the Games had a military theme with old vehicles in attendance, including a 1941 fire engine. Service records of locals who

gave their lives in the two World Wars were on display inside the Hall.

However, even the organisers can't claim to have laid on the flypast by three planes, including a replica of the





first Sopwith  
Triplane.

Two awards  
were  
presented at



the Games. In her absence, Eloise Hall was given the Millennium Youth Award in recognition of her outstanding sporting achievements in athletics, cross-country running and kayaking. And the Community Award was made posthumously to Joe Inzani for his amazing charitable work and for his untiring efforts on behalf of our community, including Folk Nights at the Queen's Head, Street Parties and, of course, the Chalgrave Games.

As well as all the familiar events, this year there was also a wheelbarrow race and a limbo dancing competition. Music was provided by Onyx Lite and later by local folk singers led by Richard Chatterley.



In the dog show, the agility contest was won by Maisie, ably handled by Imogen Parry, although many spectators thought that Lesley Smith's own nimbleness through the obstacles was worthy of a prize. Charlie, handled by Clare, was judged the "Best Mover", while Zeb,





handled by Anneliese, wasted no time winning the “Fastest Sausage Eater” contest.

Ben Shaw was awarded the prize for the best fancy dress, looking every bit like a WWII schoolboy evacuee, complete with his gasmask.

The Over 10s’ Cake Baking Competition was won by Libby Gatward.

Meanwhile, the Under 10s’ Baking Competition was won by George Williams, with his siblings Liam and Rosie coming second and third. The two Williams boys also did well in the Escape Map Competition, with Liam gaining first









place, and George coming second.

The games ended with the traditional water fights, which this year were enjoyed as much by the adults as the children.







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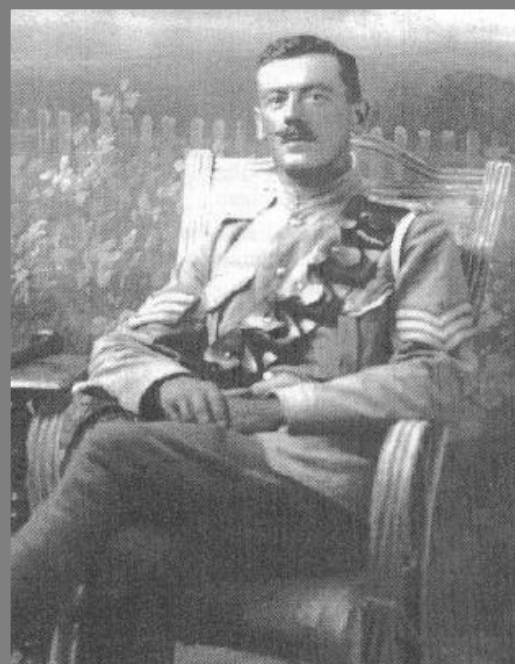
Sgt Abraham Ball (pictured below) was the father of Tony Ball who lives at Church Cottage, very near to All Saints Church. Abraham had been born in Derbyshire in 1882 and in 1915 he'd enlisted in the army, seeing active service with the Royal Army Service Corps. Towards the end of the war, he was based in the Middle East, probably Egypt or Palestine, where intensive battles were being fought between British forces and those of the Ottoman Empire. In December 1917, Jerusalem was captured by British troops and sometime in the following year Abraham and his fellow soldiers were given three days' leave to visit Jerusalem and neighbouring Bethlehem. Luckily for us, he made meticulous notes of this visit. These have been transcribed and, with the kind permission of Tony Ball, are now being serialised in the News, starting in this issue.

After the war, Abraham Ball lived for a time in Northamptonshire before coming to Tebworth in the mid-1920s and working at Upper Tithe Farm, then part of Groom Bunker's large estate. His first wife, Mary Adelaide (Polly) Ball, née Bland, whom he'd married in 1908, became a Sunday school teacher in Tebworth.

**Sgt Ball wrote ...** *After three years of Active Service, we were granted three days leave to visit the Holy City, and surrounding district.*

*It was an ideal day to start on such a trip riding on motor lorries, we had a good cheerful and interesting journey, motoring through Jerusalem Pass, which was most picturesque and well worth a picture house film. We passed the post where St. John the Baptist was born the road at this part seemed very dangerous, running down a very steep hill, and at one point there are sixteen curves, only about ten yards apart.*

*Arriving at Jerusalem we achieve our hearts desire, and after having something to eat and resting for about two hours, one official having secured a good guide we started on our journey, entering the City through the "Kaisers" or "Jaffa Gate", we get inside the City walls, this gate was built specially for the Kaiser [Wilhelm II] on his first visit twenty years ago, and is cut through the original wall that surrounds the City because he the "Kaiser" refused to enter through any gate, that had been previously used by*





any other monarch, this gate however makes a splendid central entrance to the City; walking on and turning to the right towards Armenian quarters we came to the "Tower of David" and are shown a window, about half way up the Tower out of which David used to read his Psalms to the people, passing on through the Armenian quarters we came to "Mount Zion Gate" and "Mount Zion Temple", and are shown into the room where our Lord partook of his last supper on earth; where St. Peter denied our Lord three times, where the cock crowed, then "David's Tomb". There are about twenty people living in "Mount Zion Temple", and they claim to be descendants of "King David" and are the only ones allowed in the room where the "Tomb" is, all people coming to worship here, have to stand outside of the iron gate that acts as a door, and is always kept locked by the descendants. The property adjoining "Mount Zion Temple" was at one time owned by "King David's" descendants, but was stolen from them by the ex-Sultan of Turkey and given to the Kaiser later on as a present. The Kaiser built a magnificent Catholic Church on this site. It took six Architects who came from Germany and 250 labourers and six years to build and was completed in 1908.

We went inside the Church and up 136 steps to the top of the tower where we had a splendid view of "Mount Movooh"; "Mount of Olives"; "Garden of Gethsemane"; "Mosque of Omar"; "Dead Sea"; "Mountain of Moab" and "Mount of Solomon". From here we passed on through the Jewish quarters, the streets here are very narrow and slippery, and the smell is anything but pleasant. Branching off to the right, we came to the "Jew's wailing place" where the Jews go once a week and wail for their sins, etc. Also every Jewish couple that get married drive a nail in the wall here for luck. We then visited the wonderful "Mosque of Omar" "The Holiest of Holies". Inside the mosque is a large rock, said to be the rock on which Abraham was going to offer Isaac as a sacrifice to God. We did not see the rock as nobody is allowed inside the Mosque. From here we walked on and came to a large "Armenian Church" outside of which is a well where on certain days in the year, when a bell tolls, everybody of this faith must come and wash before entering the Church (but by the look of the people around this part, the bell does not toll very often). Then we came to Solomon's seat of judgement, where he sat and tried the case of two mothers claiming the one child, etc.

Walking on, we pass "Station V" where our Lord staggered and fell while carrying the Cross to Mount Calvary and was assisted by St. Simon. This place is called "Station Simon", I might mention the Stations are the places where our Lord rested en route to Calvary with his Cross. We then came to the place where our Lord was imprisoned. A large Greek Monastery is built over this site, but the marks can still be seen on the stone floor, where the soldiers played games etc. while guarding our Lord. We were also shown stones on the floor. The Sister informed us that these were very precious stones, as they had proof that Our Lord walked on these very stones on his way to "Pontius Pilate's" House to be tried. We then came to Pontius Pilate's House, where Christ was tried and condemned to death by the Jews. On this

ground a magnificent Church is built and one of the famous arches has been preserved and the altar of this Church is built under same. This sight was very impressing and the paintings in the Church are marvellous.

The next place of interest we came to was the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This church is built over the Tomb of Our Lord, just outside the doors is a large marble slab, marking the place where Mary washed Our Lord before he was put in the tomb. Immediately behind this is the Holy Sepulchre where Our Lord was buried. A little to the right is a spot marked off and is supposed to be the spot where Mary saw the Lord and mistook him for the gardener, after the resurrection. There is also a large marble ball in this Church, which is supposed by the people to be the centre of the world and the spot from whence Salvation comes. Farther on, we come to the spot where the Cross was found by Constantine. Here a Greek altar has been erected; leaving here we go up to Mount Calvary and see the spot where Our Lord was crucified. This spot is marked by a magnificent altar at the back of which is a life-size statue of Christ on the Cross in gold. There is an opening left in the floor of the altar, so as to allow the Rock of Calvary to be seen. To the left of this altar is a glass case in which a wax figure of the Virgin Mary stands. In this case all presents sent from various countries are kept and all presents must be of either gold or diamonds, and needless to say, the jewels are magnificent. This finishes our first day's tour in the Holy City, the whole party feeling greatly impressed with the sights we had seen, proceeded to our billet for tea, then off to the Theatre (run by soldiers) and are treated to 1½ hours happy and amusing entertainment, crowning our first day's outing.

## *2nd Day.*

Meeting our Officer at 0900, we are informed by him that he was unable to obtain vehicles to drive us to Bethlehem, so we decided to walk, get started and we observe two Jerusalem merchantmen's buggies and after arguing about ½ an hour, we struck a bargain and all proceeded to Bethlehem in great style. The journey was a very pleasant one, in spite of having to balance ourselves time after time to keep the buggies from overturning and getting out and walking over bad parts of the road. Passing Rachael's Tomb on our right, we arrive at Bethlehem and after arranging for the buggies to wait and take us back, we start to have a look round.

The first place of interest was the market place where all the bargaining of the town seems to be going on. Here we noticed a difference to the people of Jerusalem, especially in the women. They are much cleaner looking and all wear the same head dress, which can be seen later in the P.C. to follow. Here we go to the beautiful church of the Holy Nativity built over the stable where Christ was born. I might mention that all stables around this part of the world are more or less caves. Entering the church, we see a magnificent Roman Catholic Altar and the Pulpit is very conspicuous. It represents a tree growing and is a fine specimen of modern carving. We then visited the stable where Christ was born. The actual spot of his

*birthplace is marked by a large silver star, let into the floor over which an altar has been erected. Opposite this is another spot marked off where the wisemen from the East sat when they came to see him and opposite this is the manger where Our Lord lay.*

*Passing on, we come to the place where Joseph was sleeping when the Angel appeared and told him to flee into the land of Egypt with the Babe. An altar is also built over this spot. Further on, we come to another Altar built over a hole. In this hole it is said 300 bodies of the Holy Innocents were found. We then climbed up to the top of the Church Tower where we had a splendid view of the surrounding country and were pointed out the field where the shepherds were watching their flocks when the Angel appeared and told them of Christ's birth. This finished our tour of Bethlehem.*

*We got into our buggies and after another pleasant though rough journey, arrived back at Jerusalem safe and sound. After having some dinner, we proceeded to the Photographer to get our photos taken, this taking just over 3 hours. We then had our tea, after which we went to the Theatre and had another enjoyable evening. This ended our 2nd day of the Holy City.*

**Sgt Ball's account of his third day in the Holy Land will be contained in the next edition of the Chalgrave News.**

## Queen's Head BBQs

Our thanks to Clive Wood who arranged a series of BBQs over the summer. This was the second held on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> July. It was a lovely day for a BBQ. Our thanks also to Richard Chatterley and fellow musicians for the great folk music.

*Ken Green*



# The Plough

The classic car show and the MG car rally both went well and we would like to thank everyone involved for their help and support.

The cheese and wine evening also went very well (or so I am told) and we may hold another one in September. Watch this space.

One event that we do have is that on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month we have "The Last of The Summer Ukuleles" which starts at 12.30pm. This has turned out to be very popular and is great fun.

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 September being 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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 are due to start in late September/early October and anyone who wants to play for the combined crib and domino team should contact Roger at The Plough.

The crib season is coming to the end and the A and B teams have been drawn to play each other in the semi-final of the knock-out cup. There will be some blood letting that night.

Anyone wishing to find out what is happening at  
The Plough can visit our website: **[www.theploughinn.com](http://www.theploughinn.com)**



A curious child asked her mother: "Mummy, why are some of your hairs turning grey?"

The mother tried to turn this occasion to her advantage: "It's because of you, sweetheart. Every time you're naughty, one of my hairs turns grey!"

The child replied innocently: "OK – now I know why grandma only has grey hairs on her head."



# Queen's Head

Hello everyone, I hope you are enjoying the summer weather. I know it's not exactly tropical but we can always blame Bertha, they say she was a hurricane; well the Bertha I used to know wasn't a hurricane, she was much worse than that; she used to 'entertain' the troops whilst I was on National Service in Egypt, but enough about her, let me give you the benefit of my vast store of knowledgeable but useless facts instead of the fascinating drivel I usually write for this smashing little magazine.



Did you know that the biggest animal ever to have lived is the elephant. Not those ones we see nowadays, they are the modern day version and are quite small, but back when they were invented—around 14,000 years ago—they were much, much bigger. Nothing before or since has been as massive. Those early elephants were about 70 ft tall and weighed an unbelievable 3,000 tons; they were so big that you could drive a double decker bus through their front legs except that double decker buses hadn't been invented yet.

In 1503 Leonardo da Vinci painted his famous Mona Lisa painting. It wasn't famous at the time, it only became famous after Mona won 'Italy's got talent'; her ability to sit still and smile mysteriously at the audience saw her beat a small dancing dog into second place.

Near the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century two chemists Roger Cola and Frances Coca were working on a cure for indigestion when they accidentally poured too much sugar into the test tube and created a rather nice fizzy drink. After much deliberation they named their discovery Pepsi after next-door's cat.

If you mix red and yellow paint together they make orange.

When the car was invented in about 1945, the idea that it would have to be driven on a particular side of the road hadn't been considered. So, when the second car rolled off the production line the Labour Government of the day panicked and rushed through a law stating that all new roads had to be built with only a left hand lane! Thereby avoiding any confusion and possibility of collision. This policy worked; in that first year there were no accidents at all.

It didn't last long though—the subsequent government changed the law and allowed road makers to add a right hand lane creating the roads we know today, a policy that has been causing accidents ever since.

Why don't you pop into the Queens Head sometime soon and we can discuss the various merits of my knowledgeable reminiscences. You could make it a Friday when our now famous music night is in full swing, or any night will do and you may actually enjoy yourself!

Take care, *Colin*

# WI

We currently have 37 members. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month from 8-10pm at Chalgrave Memorial Hall, Tebworth.

Recent events have included a walk around Woburn followed by a pub meal, a talk on the Victorian pharmacy and we are about to re-run our popular swishing event.

We have a "behind the ropes" tour of Turvey house planned with David Fletcher from BBC TV's 'Flog it!'. This will be late afternoon on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. We have a few spaces left if anyone fancies joining us. Cost is £15 plus we will eat at a local pub afterwards.

If you are interested please feel free to pop along to one of our meetings or phone me for a chat. You can join for 2015 in October this year and get the rest of 2014 meetings for free! More information can be found on our facebook page (Chalgrave WI).

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**Details of events coming up in the next three months can be found on page 2 – there will also be a Christmas event on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, details to be confirmed.**

## **Only in Britain — Complaints to Councils [Not Chalgrave Parish Council]**

Extracts from letters allegedly written by council tenants:

1. It's the dogs' mess that I find hard to swallow.
2. I want some repairs done to my cooker as it has backfired and burnt my knob off.
3. I wish to complain that my father twisted his ankle very badly when he put his foot in the hole in his back passage.
4. Their 18 year old son is continually banging his balls against my fence.
5. I wish to report that tiles are missing from the outside toilet roof. I think it was bad wind the other day that blew them off.
6. My lavatory seat is cracked, where do I stand?
7. I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is coming away from the wall.
8. Will you please send someone to mend the garden path. My wife tripped and fell on it yesterday and now she is pregnant.
9. I request permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.

*Ken Green*

## Trust me, I'm a car dealer ...

### Should last until at least the end of the week!

I have decided there is a connection between cooking and cars.

I am told that to achieve the best results when cooking you must use the best ingredients .... You can't make the best steak pie with an old nag from the local riding school!

Therefore, to achieve the best results when making a car, you need to use the best 'bits' you can? Makes sense? Trouble is, with very few exceptions.... car manufacturing is dictated by accountants who only understand cost (not value you understand, but cost). Therefore just about every car today is made down to a price. If they can save 5p on a wiper motor, that adds up to a lot if you are making 100,000 of them.

So, my nearly new Corsa that I recently hired when we were in Spain (also sold here) has an air-conditioning system that is fine in Bedfordshire, where the temperature rarely gets above 25, but totally useless in Spain—where, as it isn't powerful enough because the manufacturer 'saved' a bob or two, it has all the efficiency of a mouse blowing over an ice cube! It also has a 1200 engine, so with the air-con on there is no performance at all! All overtaking manoeuvres are an adventure into the unknown!

Rear wiper motors can have a motor that will last for years or, as in most cases, not, because they are only suitable to power a child's toy and they get water in them—water on a rear window, who'd have thought it.



So, if you want the best ingredients, you will have to spend some serious money! But remember, a car manufacturer is only interested in your car while it is under warranty, after that they are only interested in selling you parts for it, so by fitting 'short life' bits, they can sell you lots of them!

I love this business!

*JP*

"My neighbour asked if he could use my lawnmower and I told him of course he could, so long as he didn't take it out of my garden."

"I used to play football in my youth. Then my eyes went bad. That's why I became a referee."

*Eric Morecambe*

# All Our Yesterdays – No. 17

## 18th and 19th Century Inns, Public Houses and Beerhouses in Chalgrave

I don't think any of us will remember the pubs as they were in the pictures below but I'm sure some of you will have ancestors that knew them well.

**QUEEN'S HEAD** public house, Tebworth. Described as the Three Horse Shoes or Queen's Head in 1821. Trading from 1822 to the present as the Queen's Head. Present premises built in 1926.



**PLOUGH INN**, Wingfield. Trading by 1822 and still trading today. The present building dates from the 18th century.



### Other Chalgrave Public Houses in the 18th and 19th centuries

**BUTCHERS ARMS**, Tebworth. Trading in 1779 but closed by 1789. In 1693 the premises included a malt kiln, which is still in place. Now The Maltings next to park Farm.

**SHOULDER OF MUTTON** public house, Parkview Lane, Tebworth. Trading by 1822 but closed between 1910 and 1914. Now part of "Signs of the times" and a private house.

**COCK** beerhouse, The Green, Tebworth. Premises built in 1834 and trading as a beerhouse by 1853. Closed between 1910 and 1914. Now Forge Cottage.

### Watling Street public houses previously in Chalgrave Parish when the Parish boundary ran down the centre of Watling Street

Towards the end of the Middle Ages, the hill settlement of early Hockliffe became deserted. The nearby Roman Watling Street (A5) became used as a Drovers Road to move cattle from Wales to the London markets. Inns such as the Cross Keys whose sites have long been forgotten, were built on either side of the road because the drovers needed nourishment.



**BULL INN.** Trading in 1796. Was opposite where the Travel lodge is. After 1800 the premises were utilised as a farmhouse only and were demolished in the early part of the 20th century.

**BELL.** Trading 1772, now McDonald's.

**CROSS KEYS INN.** Trading in 1677 but closed by 1750. Site not known.

**MAGPIE.** beerhouse. Was located opposite the Hockliffe PO.

**NORTH STAR INN.** At the far south west edge of the Parish at the A5 Salvage scrapyard.

**RED LION.** Trading as The Three Blackbirds in the 1720s Name changed to the Red Lion between 1815 and 1821 and rebuilt in the mid 19th century. Is now a housing estate.

**SHOULDER OF MUTTON.** Trading in 1822 on north side of the White Horse.

**STAR INN.** Trading by 1636 and rebuilt in the 18th century. Closed by the 1850s. Was at the very corner of Watling Street and had a coaching arch that connected to the Woburn Road.

**WHITE HORSE INN.** Trading by 1712 but closed between 1920 and 1924. Now a private house.

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