

AUTUMN 17

CHALGRAVE NEWS

Celebrating Chalgrave

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day/Date	Event	Location/Contact	Time
3 rd Tuesday of each month	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Every other Sunday	Quiz Night	The Plough	8.00 pm
Mondays	Dominoes	The Plough	
Fridays and 4 th Weds of each month	Live entertainment	Queen's Head	7.30 pm
Wednesdays	Darts	Queen's Head	
Thursdays	Dominoes	Queen's Head	
Weekdays	Book Club	Noeleen Thompson	
2 nd Tuesday of each month	WI	Memorial Hall	8–10 pm
Sunday 12 November	Remembrance Sunday	Memorial Hall	
1 & 2 December	Carry on Chalgrave	Memorial Hall	TBA
16 December	Candles by Candlelight	All Saints Church, Chalgrave	
16 December	Rotary Christmas float	Chalgrave, Wingfield and Tebworth	

Deadline for next edition: Friday 5 January

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Welcome from the editorial team

Change is in the air.

As summer transitions to autumn and the leaves on the trees slowly change from green, to red and gold, the temperature drops and our thoughts begin to turn to Christmas.

The only constant in life is change and things are certainly changing for our Chalgrave pubs. We bid a fond farewell to Plough tenants, Chris and Caroline and welcome Dave and Stacey.

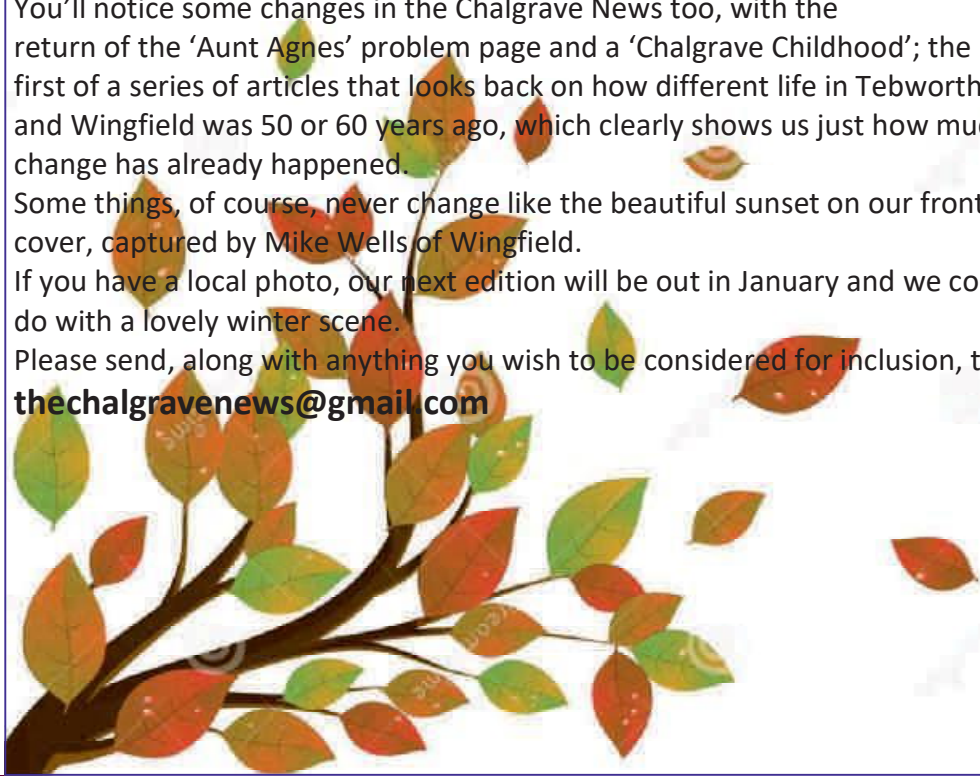
Recently we learned the long-run community campaign to buy the Queens Head has been unsuccessful.

The short term future of the Queens Head is unclear. But clearly, change is coming and we, as a community, will need to be responsive to that change. You'll notice some changes in the Chalgrave News too, with the return of the 'Aunt Agnes' problem page and a 'Chalgrave Childhood'; the first of a series of articles that looks back on how different life in Tebworth and Wingfield was 50 or 60 years ago, which clearly shows us just how much change has already happened.

Some things, of course, never change like the beautiful sunset on our front cover, captured by Mike Wells of Wingfield.

If you have a local photo, our next edition will be out in January and we could do with a lovely winter scene.

Please send, along with anything you wish to be considered for inclusion, to **thechalgravenews@gmail.com**



CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Phil Parry

Highways. We had a 'walkabout' around the Parish with a representative from Highways. As a result you will have seen that many of the potholes along Chalgrave Road and Toddington Road have been filled. We are pressing Central Bedfordshire Council to carry on the work along Tebworth Road, Church Lane and Featherbed Lane.

Parking. We are still concerned about the parking on Wingfield Road near the junction of Toddington Road. Many vehicles are too close to the junction making it difficult for drivers turning into Wingfield Road to see cars coming down Wingfield Road. Please park your car away from the corner.

Planning. You will probably know that the planning application for houses to be built on land behind Ivy Farm in Tebworth has been approved.

Great Pond. We have researched the history of the pond and the surrounds and it has been public land for hundreds of years. The Parish Council want to take ownership of the pond so that it can be protected for our community and not be claimed by any one person. You may be aware that we have applied to Land Registry for ownership. If you want more information or to see the research please contact myself or the Clerk. The pond is full of weed at the moment but it will soon die back and we can then get in and pull it out from the roots.

Queens Head. The PC made the pub a community asset because we knew how important it is to our Parish. We are disappointed that both the Friends of the Queen's Head and Colin's and Beth's bids were unsuccessful. We will be keeping a close watch on the future of the pub. Also we are concerned about Colin Edwyn's future. He has been a great member of our community for 35+ years and a deserved recipient of the Community Award. We will do what we can to ensure a happy outcome for Colin. The **Speedwatch** team aims to get out once a month with the speed sign. There are three areas that we are allowed (for safety reasons) to set up the equipment, Toddington Road, Tebworth Road and Wingfield Road. We have noted a significant reduction in the amount of traffic coming through Tebworth – and thankfully a reduction in the number of lorries. Unfortunately we are still getting many drivers breaking the speed limit. To help us, the Police are going to be more visible with their speed gun.

All Saints Church. We are delighted that our Church now has a new roof. Members of the Parish Council attended the Raise the Roof event. We are also delighted to welcome our new Rector – Linda Washington.

The Parish Council meets once a month – usually the third Tuesday of the month. You are very welcome to attend. Phil Parry



VIEW FROM THE HOUSE: Andrew Selous MP

Andrew Selous has been appointed as Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to South Africa,

the United Kingdom's largest export market in Africa. Trade Envoys are a network of PM appointed parliamentarians drawn from across the political spectrum. They lead UK business delegations to the countries to which they are appointed to boost British exports and increase bilateral trade.

Andrew Selous said "I'm delighted to be appointed to this role. The United Kingdom's exports to South Africa have increased by a quarter over the last 10 years. South Africa is the United Kingdom's third biggest Commonwealth trading partner and there are significant opportunities for UK businesses in the energy, transport, health care, and education sectors. The UK currently has significant machinery, vehicle, medical, pharmaceutical, fuel and food exports to South Africa. Food and drink sales to South Africa increased by over 30% in the first quarter of 2017 in part due to significant increases in exports of animal feed for example."



THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED CLAIMANTS FELL AGAIN IN JULY 2017 IN SOUTH WEST BEDFORDSHIRE.

Figures released today from the Independent Office of National Statistics show that the number of unemployed claimants in South West Bedfordshire constituency in 2017 was 585. This represents a rate of 1.0% of the economically active population aged 16-64, the 573rd highest of the 650 UK constituencies. (1st = highest claimant rate, 650th = lowest claimant rate.) The total number of claimants for Jobseeker's Allowance and Universal Credit is 35 lower in July compared with the previous figures released.

Commenting on the figures South West Bedfordshire MP Andrew Selous said: "I am delighted to see that more people locally now have the security of a monthly pay packet as they go out to work. There are now 3 million more people in work since 2010 under the Conservative Government".

"The Office of National Statistics has today published another set of national record-breaking figures, showing more people in work than ever, unemployment falling to the lowest rate for over 40 years and more people working full-time. Long-term unemployment is down to 374,000, a reduction of 74,000 from the previous year.

Employment: The employment rate is at a record high of 75.1% with 32.07 million people now in work.

Unemployment: The unemployment rate falls to 4.4%, the lowest since 1975.

Women: The female employment rate is at a record high of 70.5%.

Young people: The unemployment rate for 16 to 24 year olds was 12.2%, lower than for a year earlier (13.6%).

Andrew Selous went on to say, “I am also delighted to be able to attend the grand opening of Gilson UK based in on the Woodside Industrial Estate in Dunstable on the 21 September. Gilson UK provide Life Science researchers with technical products and services to enable their research. They are market leaders in Manual and Automated Liquid Handling markets. These are critical elements for Life Science research in the UK”.

Incuba Centre Conference showcases way forward for zero energy bills low cost homes Following the successful Conference last Friday organised by Central Bedfordshire College and South Bedfordshire Friends of the Earth on increasing low cost affordable housing with low energy bills, South West Bedfordshire MP Andrew Selous has commended the work of British architect Bill Dunster who spoke at the Conference during Prime Minister’s Questions today. The exchange in Parliament was as follows: Andrew Selous (South West Bedfordshire) Zero-energy bill homes at below market prices are being built by British architect Bill Dunster, with the support of the Building Research Establishment. Given their potential to help people find affordable housing, what more can the Government do to help expand this type of housing as part of our commitment to both enterprise and social justice?

Damian Green

I know that my hon. Friend is an energetic campaigner for social justice. This is a very good example of how having a dynamic and flexible economy is not just good for the economy, but actually good for the whole of society. I am happy to join him in welcoming this type of innovation. Bill Dunster’s firm is a good example of such innovation. I know that it has been supported by the Government’s enterprise investment scheme, so the Government are doing their best to support this type of measure. We are stimulating the growth of the off-site construction sector, which enables more houses to be built, through our accelerated construction programme and the home building fund. This is another very important issue to make sure that we spread the benefits of prosperity around this country.

Speaking afterwards Andrew Selous said “Bill Dunster set out a compelling case for affordable zero energy bill homes that people want to live in. There is a huge demand for affordable housing and last Friday’s Conference pointed towards some solutions. I will do what I can to keep this matter at the top of the Government’s list of priorities”.

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MARK VERSALLION: Central Bedfordshire Councillor

Mark Versallion is our Central Bedfordshire Councillor, representing the Ward of Heath & Reach which includes Tebworth, Wingfield, Hockliffe, Eggington, Stanbridge, Tilsworth and Heath and Reach.

Besides speaking on our behalf at planning committees and many other meetings, he continues to work on issues brought to him at his regular ward surgeries or when contacted through his office. If you have any questions or concerns Mark can be contacted on 01525 234 000 or at mark.versallion@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.



The Chalgrave Rambler

You may have spotted that elusive figure, the Chalgrave Rambler, on one of his rambles along the sleepy backwaters around Chalgrave and wondered what he's up to.

Peeping through hedges and crawling through undergrowth, he can arouse suspicions. But do not be concerned, the Chalgrave Rambler is simply on a quest to take mysterious snaps from quirky angles for the quarterly photo competition.



CHALGRAVE W I : Debbie Parry

In **May** Janet Stone talked to us about the history of **Buckingham Palace**. At our **June** meeting Kelvin Horton took us on a very interesting guided walk around **Amphill Park** giving us the history of Amphill and the Park. This was followed by drinks and eats at **The Hide** in Amphill. In **July** we had a Cheese and Wine Tasting event with local resident, "John the Pole" taking us through a variety of red and white wines.



Our newly formed **Book Club** is going well and so far, we have read the following books:

- May - **The Tea Planter's Wife** by **Dinah Jefferies**
- June - **The Kind Worth Killing** by **Peter Swanson**
- July - **Lion: A Long Way Home** by **Saroo Brierley**
- August - **Sometimes I Lie** by **Alice Feeney**

We have enjoyed some lively discussions and have also read a poem at each meeting.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support for Our **Yarl's Wood** campaign. We raised **£80** from our **bric-a-brac** stall at the **Chalgrave Games** on Saturday 1 July, plus many donations (toiletries, jewellery, accessories etc) that were retained to pass on to the women of Yarl's Wood.

There is a permanent collection point at **"Signs of the Times"** in Tebworth. They are open Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 4.30pm. Please leave any donations in the marked cardboard box just inside the sliding entrance doors.

CHALGRAVE W I : Debbie Parry continued



Forthcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
Tue-10-Oct	Halloween Quiz	CMH
Tue-14-Nov	AGM	CMH
Tue-12-Dec	Campanology with wine & cheese.	CMH

Please feel free to join us as a guest for one of our future meetings
or contact me for a chat.

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CHALGRAVE W I : Debbie Parry, continued

Chalgrave WI – Outing to the Sky Gardens and the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London.

On Saturday 30 September 46 of us travelled by coach to London. We visited the Sky Gardens in the 'Walkie-Talkie' building. Had a mooch around the area and then had a private tour of the Tower of London, followed by fish and chips in the private pub of Yeoman Warders. At 9.30pm we convened outside near the Ravens' cages and were told about the Ceremony we were about to witness.

The Ceremony of the Keys takes place every night at the Tower of London and has done so for 700 years. At exactly 9.53pm, the Chief Yeoman of the Guard, dressed in Tudor Watchcoat, meets the military escort, made up of members of the Tower of London Guard. Together, the Chief Yeoman Warder and the Yeoman Warder 'Watchman' secure the main gates of the Tower. Upon their return down Water Lane, the party is halted by the sentry and challenged to identify themselves:

Sentry: "Halt! Who comes there?"

Chief Warder: "The keys."

Sentry: "Whose keys?"

Chief Warder: "Queen Elizabeth's keys", (identifying the keys as being those of the current monarch)

Sentry: "Pass Queen Elizabeth's Keys. All is well."

Following this, the party makes its way through the Bloody Tower Archway into the fortress, where they halt at the bottom of the Broadwalk Steps. On the top of the Stairs, under the command of their officer, the Tower Guard present arms and the Chief Warder raises his hat, proclaiming:

Chief Warder: "God preserve Queen Elizabeth."

Sentry: "Amen!"

He then takes the keys to the Queen's House for safekeeping, while the Last Post is sounded.

CHALGRAVE W I : Debbie Parry, continued

It takes some significant outside influence to interrupt the Ceremony of the Keys. The one time when the ceremony was interrupted was during the Second World War, when there was an air raid on London, and a number of incendiary bombs fell on the old Victorian guardroom just as the Chief Yeoman Warder and the escort were coming through the Bloody Tower archway. The shock and the noise of the bombs falling blew over the escort and the Chief Yeoman Warder, but they stood up, dusted themselves down, and carried on. The Tower holds a letter from the Officer of the Guard apologising to King George VI that the ceremony was late, along with a reply from the King which says that the officer is not to be punished as the delay was due to enemy action.

We were very privileged to see the ceremony – only a small number of tickets are available to the public – currently sold out until September 2018. Our event was at the invitation of the Yeomen warders and so was extra special.



Please feel free to join us as a guest for one of our future meetings or contact me for a chat.

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The Annual Chalgrave Games was a brilliant day enjoyed by many people from near and far.



Whilst a lot of work goes into preparing for our annual games day, we have a super team of volunteers who really have worked hard to bring our little village a day to remember.

Old favourites made a welcome re-appearance; the dog show, children's games, the world famous egg game for adults and children, welly waging, tug-o-war, the little train, lucky dip, coconut shy, tea, cakes, the fabulous beer tent, the cocktail and Pimms tent and of course food courtesy of Mrs Mc DoodahsBurgers.

And new features added colour and interest balloon car, encouraging many to stay on to the annual climax.... the famous water games! Many thanks to Dan Osborne even with a slipped disc, Roger Fenwick, Sam Edmonds and Oliver Way for building the pool to its usual exact standards and to Roger Costin for supplying numerous bales of hay for its construction .



Tom Dibb and band and Berndette Inzani's daughters Rosie and Frankie provided the superb musical entertainment.

The WI cake stall, teddy bear orphanage, plant stall, children's jousting, archery, tarot and Reiki were all manned by local people happy to give their time and energy to support the cause.

Any surplus funds made on the day will help to support and maintain the Memorial Hall which, people tell us is looking better than ever, and continues to be very well used by our local community.

A big big thank you to all our wonderful and generous sponsors.

Local Agent Estate Agency, Poplars Garden Centre, Panache Hair, The Plough, Parsnips Hair, The Beauty Room, A J Autos, K and K Pet foods, Childs Bakery. Tesco, Hardware cafe, Capello Hair, Michael de Meo Hair and beauty, Toddingtton Mowers, Chalgrave Golf Club, Toddy Wines, Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway, Hazel Zimmer, Nisa, EM Golf, WK360, Delicious Shakes, Punch Opticians, Lombardo's Kat Masters Beauty, Morrison's, Country Blooms.



The grand raffle proved really popular once again with lots of wonderful prizes and actual queues for tickets on the day.

The first prize, an I Pad 2 was won by Aleksej Milorava a work colleague of Colin McCausland

We are already starting to think about a theme and contents for next year - any ideas?

Meanwhile, my personal thanks go out to all our hard working members, supporters, sponsors and helpers for producing such a special day for the Parish. You are all stars!

Roger Masters. (Chair) Chalgrave Memorial Hall Trustees

A Bungling Burglar

The peace and quiet of a sunny Thursday afternoon in Tebworth was suddenly disturbed by the shrill blast of a burglar alarm coming from the Old Post Office in The Lane. Within minutes, this trusty news hound was on the scene with another alert neighbour. This is how the conversation went:

'Are they in?'

'No'

'Uh oh. Better go round the front and check the doors'

'That gate shouldn't be open'

'Shall we go in?'

'Wait. Don't go on your own'

'Look the window's open. There's a footprint on the ledge'

'The back door's open too. They must have climbed through the window and run out of the door when they heard us coming. Better ring 999'

'Don't touch the door handle, they'll need the prints'

'Hmmm. Sounds like someone's been watching Midsummer Murders!'

Of course there is a serious side to this.

Burglars are obviously in the area, so take care. Sometimes they are opportunists looking for an open window and sometimes they watch and wait for their chance.

Fortunately that day, the only things that were stolen were a couple of cooking apples this news hound scrumpled on her way out but it could have been so much worse! Here is a link to some official advice to keep your home secure.

http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/tackling_crime/burglary/what_can_i_do_to_protect_my_home.aspx

Calling all thesbians.....

If you would like to join us in our next shambolic attempt at putting on a village concert, well be having an open meeting at Chalgrave Memorial Hall .

Watch the notice boards for the date.

The concert is planned for **Friday 1st and Saturday 2 December.**

Do come and join us. NO TALENT REQUIRED!

Chalgrave — Centre of the universe



Now that the days are getting shorter and the nights longer there are plenty of opportunities to get out and observe the night sky. Cold, still nights often mean clear skies. Rain washes dust and pollution out of the air making it clearer, but windy turbulent weather causes distortion when viewing far objects. This is because light is bent as it passes through layers of air of different temperatures – the same effect causes the shimmer you see on a tarmac road in very hot weather. This effect is more noticeable if you're looking through a telescope but there's plenty to see without one.

One of the benefits of living in a rural location like Chalgrave is that we are not affected by as much light pollution as those living in towns and cities. This means that on a really dark night we can see the Milky Way. It appears as a hazy, denser band of stars arcing across the sky and best views can be had on dark autumn evenings. We are looking into the centre of our galaxy along the spiral arm on which our sun is located, and where new stars are being created in the clouds of dust and gas. The bit we can see is just a small part of the galaxy which is estimated at 100,000 light years in diameter.

If your neighbours have powerful security lights, walk a little way out of the village for better views.

One of the best meteor showers of the year, the Geminids, occurs in December. Although some meteors may be visible from the 7th to 16th December the peak of the shower will be around midnight on the 13th December. Look about 45 degrees above the eastern horizon and if you're lucky you could see up to 100 meteors an hour. The moon will be quite small at this time so should cause minimal disturbance. All you need is a clear sky.



How does your garden grow?

So summer is officially over and some of you will be saying ‘What summer?’ Well you must remember that week in June when it was so hot you couldn’t sleep. Since then.... at least the garden has enjoyed all the rain, even if you haven’t wanted to go out and look at it. A few late flowers will keep going until the frosts especially dahlias and chrysanthemums and they make good cut flowers, but they can be a bit full on for some people’s taste.

But there’s no need to close the back door and forget about your garden until spring – there are lots of ways to inject a bit of life into your garden in winter. Evergreens do what they say on the tin except they don’t have to be green. Conifers can be yellow, bronze or grey and there are lots of dwarf varieties. Some evergreens have scented flowers: many varieties of Daphne flower in late winter and are highly scented. Sarcococca is also known as Christmas box and although the flowers are insignificant they can be in flower at Christmas. Plant winter scented plants near your house so you can smell them as you come and go and ‘smell before you buy’ as one person’s sweet perfume is another’s nasty niff!

Plants with coloured stems also look good in winter. Many varieties of Cornus (dogwood) have bright stems although they can look a bit unprepossessing the rest of the year. Plant them where they will catch the low late winter sun for best effect.



And there’s still time to plant some late winter bulbs for next year. Wrap up warm and happy gardening.

Black berry and apple Jelly

Ingredients:

- 1kg blackberries
- 2 large cooking apples, roughly chopped
- Approx. 600-700g (1¼lb-1lb 6oz) granulated sugar
- 8g sachet pectin

You'll also need:

Jelly bag, sterilised jam jars, wax discs and lids or cellophane covers



Method:

- Put the blackberries and apples into a preserving pan or large pan and add 500ml (16fl oz) water. Bring the contents of the pan to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for about 10-15 mins, or until the fruit is soft.
- Tip the fruit into a jelly bag, and leave the mixture to strain for at least 4 hours, or preferably overnight. Don't be tempted to squeeze the bag, just let the juice drip through it because if it's squeezed, the jelly will be cloudy.
- Place a small plate in the freezer to chill.
- Discard the pulp in the jelly bag and weigh the amount of juice. An equal weight of sugar is needed. Measure out the granulated sugar, and mix the pectin into it.
- Pour the syrup into a clean pan and add the sugar with pectin. Place the pan over a medium heat and stir until the sugar dissolves.
- Increase the heat and boil the syrup rapidly for 3-4 mins. Turn off the heat. Spoon a little of the mixture on to the chilled plate. Leave it for a few mins to see if it starts to set. If it gets a skin, press it with your finger to see if it wrinkles. If the surface wrinkles, the jelly is ready. If not, return the pan to the heat and boil for a further 1-2 mins, then test the set of it again. Keep repeating this until it reaches setting point.
- Pour jelly into warm jars, filling them as high as possible. Place the wax discs on top of the surface, wax-side down, making sure that there are no air bubbles under the paper. Leave it to cool, then cover the jars with lids or cellophane covers. It will keep in a cool, dark place for up to 3 months. Once jars are open, store them in the fridge.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

Book Club

No meetings over the summer months but if you would like to join this group for a friendly chat over a cuppa and cake, contact Noeleen Thomson 01525 872168



Senior Citizens committee

If anyone wishes to register please give their name to Roger Fenwick (873768), Lyne Green (874107), or Roger Masters (873039)

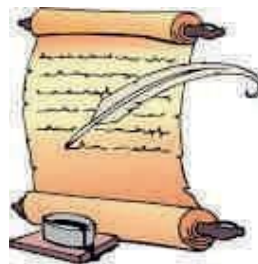
Roger Masters

West Educational Charity

If you want to know more and want an application form please go to the Chalgrave Parish website www.chalgrave.org.uk and click on the drop down box of Local Organisations.

Alternatively contact me, **Dan Osborn, Vicky Greenwood or Lesley Smith**. Applications for a grant for this half year need to be delivered to Lesley Smith by 31 December.

Phil Parry Trustee Tel: 07831 605600



2G Flicx Pitch for Chalgrave Cricket Club

On the 31st May I was privileged to watch the demonstration of the 2G Flicx pitch at Chalgrave Cricket Club.

The pitch was developed in South Africa after apartheid, in order to create more facilities for people to play cricket together. Its most popular application is to convert a grass field into a cricket pitch – just by rolling it out. More information on the pitch can be found at www.flicx.co.uk.

If you are curious to see one in action go and support the Chalgrave Cricket Club as they have recently purchased one.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

Chalgrave Sports Club Chairman's report



The weather was much kinder to us this year and we were able to play a quite number of matches both home and away. We were delighted to host games against two new opponents - The King William and a team from Milton Bryan (after we entered a team in their annual sixes competition). The last match of the season was the Chalgrave Cup Final held on 24th September between The Plough Inn and Road Runners. Road Runners came out winners on the final ball of the game in near dark conditions! Well done to them and commiserations to The Plough who fought so hard. It certainly was a match worthy of a final.

We have also entered a team into a six-a-side indoor cricket league. The matches take place around lunchtime on Sundays and last for an hour or so – if anyone is interested in taking part please contact us.

We now have a new artificial pitch. Although we have trialled it, we need to do some work over the winter to create a smooth surface for it to lay on ready to be used next season. We will also be filling in some of the outfield dips.

Our new club house fit-out nears completion. After a tremendous amount of work done by a small team (a big shout out to Dave Britton amongst others) we now have electricity, water and a working toilet! We have carpet and nearly a kitchen – although the oven door mysteriously shattered. Our aim is for the work to be completed before next season when we will christen it with an opening ceremony. A Golf Day was held in September with Nev Andrews being the golf champ in challenging conditions – all seasons were represented during the round! We had a

wonderful meal afterwards at The Plough for which many thanks to Chris & Caroline. There is another Golf Day scheduled in December – if you would like to take part please contact any member of the committee or see the notice which will be posted in The Plough.

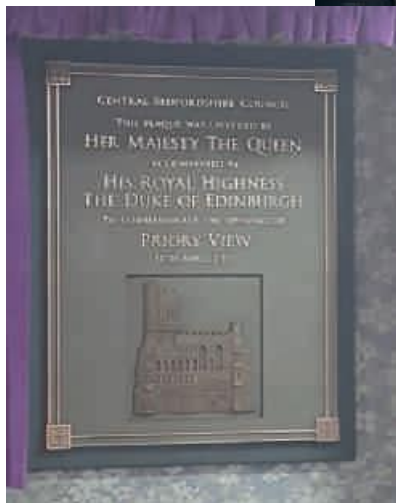
Looking ahead we will be having another great Race Night early 2018 at the Memorial Hall, Tebworth. This will probably be in March – the date will be published once we have confirmed the details. **Mike Wells**



We are always looking for new players – if you want to join us please contact Phil Parry or Mike Wells.

Priory View receives Royal Seal of Approval

Central Bedfordshire Council's award-winning independent living scheme Priory View has been officially opened by HM The Queen.



Her Majesty was accompanied by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh at the scheme in Dunstable on Tuesday, 11 April this year.

The opening plaque was a large bronze sign weighing 68kgs. The local company **Signs of the Times Ltd** was commissioned by the CBC to make the sign including all the design work and a relief modelling of the front façade of Dunstable's beautiful Priory Church.

Tebworth in the USA!

Linda, daughter of Ken and Lyn Green celebrated her wedding anniversary last month with a present from her husband of this replica of the Tebworth village sign. Linda lives in the United States.

A little bit of 'Home' in her garden!



Classic and Prestige Car Show

The Annual Classic & Prestige Car Show was held at The Plough on Sunday the 16th July. There were some interesting and unusual vehicles and the show was enjoyed by families and car enthusiasts alike.

Green bus and grey fire engine owned by Roger and Sid



Best in show Alvis TA



Tear drop caravan



Super car



Austin A35 owned by local residents Rex and Linda



Muscle car , the mini is owned by Chris at the Plough



Citroen 2CV original body work has been stripped and replaced with wood.



1950 Hotchkiss owned by a local Wingfield resident

Scourge of Lead Theft : Peter Warburton

As we celebrate the 'Raising of the Roof' at All Saints Chalgrave and we congratulate all those responsible for its restoration, it is worth reflecting on the crime that inflicted the damage to this wonderful 13th century church building.

As reported by Roger Parker in the Chalgrave News:

"In the early morning of 4th December 2015, thieves were interrupted in the process of stealing lead from the roof of All Saints Church. Three men ran off across the fields, leaving behind about half the lead they had stripped off. The other half had already been taken away in a van. The metal was removed from much of the lower roof on the south side of the church and immense damage has been caused to this Grade I listed building, probably rendering it unusable over the Christmas period."



The scale of the damage can be seen from these photos –

All Saints is not alone. Over the past 4 years, Ecclesiastical Insurance reports metal thefts of churches it insures of more than £25m, representing over 9,000 claims. As well as church and library roofs vandalised, we have seen precious memorials desecrated, artwork stolen, railway communications equipment ripped out and thefts of road signage and manhole and gully covers.

It is all the more galling that the theft from All Saints occurred when the price of lead on the London Metal Exchange (LME) was relatively low, at US\$1600 (£1100) per tonne. The price has since surged as high as US\$2400 (£1950) per tonne as the rising international price coincided with the downward lurch of Sterling last year. Indeed, the Archdeacons of the Church of England issued an alert in December 2016,

Scourge of Lead Theft : Peter Warburon

warning of the heightened potential for the theft of lead from church roofs due to its increased scrap value. The proximate cause of the rise in the price of lead is China's voracious appetite for industrial and construction materials to service the modernisation of its vast economy. At a stretch, the spate of lead thefts is an unintended consequence of China's rapid economic development.

Yet the crime of lead theft has a long history. There have been specific criminal offences relating to scrap metal dealing since the 17th century. The provisions of the Criminal Law Act of 1781 carried a maximum penalty of seven years' transportation to Australia. As with many property offences, the conviction rates are very low. It is viewed as a low priority for the law enforcement agencies and even where the perpetrators are caught, cases often collapse for lack of reliable evidence.

Our parliament has been goaded into action in recent years to address this injustice and the outcome was a Private Member's Bill, the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

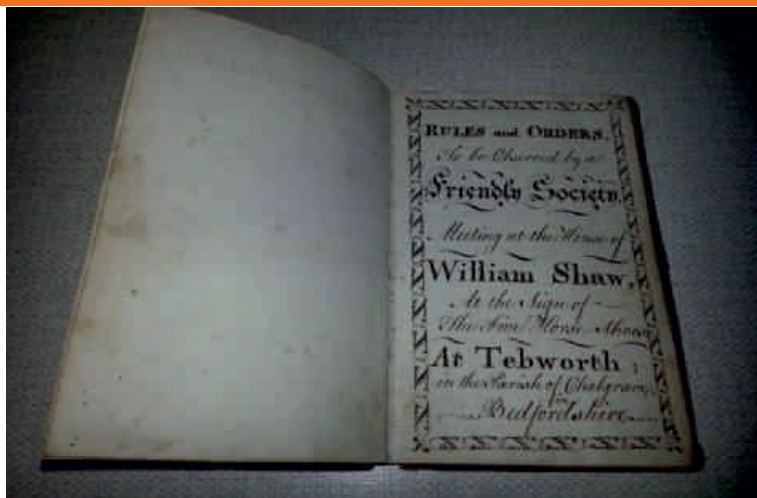
Here are some of its provisions:

"A scrap metal dealer must not receive scrap metal from a person without verifying the person's full name and address. That verification must be by reference to documents, data or other information obtained from a reliable and independent source. A scrap metal dealer must not pay for scrap metal except (a) by a cheque which is not transferable, or (b) by an electronic transfer of funds (authorised by credit or debit card or otherwise). If a scrap metal dealer receives any scrap metal in the course of the dealer's business: the dealer must record the description of the metal, including its type (or types if mixed), form, condition, weight and any marks identifying previous owners or other distinguishing features and the date and time of its receipt."

Sadly, the tightening up of the regulation of the scrap metal trade proved no consolation for All Saints, but we hope that other churches and public buildings will be spared the trauma in future as thieves lose access to a ready cash market for stolen metals. And perhaps we could strike a deal with Outer Mongolia for the transportation of future criminals.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS: Tebworth Friendly Society

We were first shown this little book by Ted and Barbara Yirrell way back in the 70's and David Yirrell has kindly loaned it for me to scan. It is clear that the Five Horseshoes was what is now Buttercup Farm although I can find no historical record of this. The book is



written and decorated in beautiful hand script and you can see all pages on the Chalgrave websites <http://www.chalgravepc.org.uk/local-history/parish-history/tebworth-history/the-tebworth-friendly-society-circa-1750/>

Rules to join were strict. No one over 45, No one who appears "sickly, lame or infirm. No one remarkable for cursing, swearing, drunkenness, prophaning [sic] the lord's day, fighting, quarrelsome or known to have contracted the "foul disease" For a payment of 1s per month plus 3d "towards the discharge of the reckoning" [5p and 1.25p] the benefits were, after being a member for two years, "if one fell sick or lame as to be disabled from supporting himself" would receive 1 shilling per day. Any member "Past his Work" would receive 4s per week [20p] for as long a time as such a member shall live. Unless of course is becomes guilty of the offences above!

The rules on the stewards were strict as well. The steward in charge of the money was given a key to the box. If he did not attend the monthly meeting he had to pay 2s and if he lost the key it would be broken open at his expense and he would be expelled forthwith. How the box was kept secure was not defined!

There is no date but the names of the stewards were William Shaw, William Buckingham and the auditor was George Read. The name written in the front of the book is M Tearle. From Chalgrave records, we can see that a William Shaw was born 1735 died 1816 and William Buckingham died 1802 so it would seem likely that the society was started around the mid to late 1700's

Can anyone give any further information? If so please contact Ken on 874107 or kenandlyn@tinyworld.co.uk

Childhood Memories

Chalgrave used to be very different back in the day. Life was slower and simpler. It followed the gentle rhythms of the seasons, dictating how people worked and how they played. When you listen to the stories our older residents tell, it's like travelling back in time and opening a fascinating window into a world that has long since disappeared.



HARVEST HOME

'The community depended on the land for work and for food, so harvest was a very busy time. Everyone got involved, even the children. Wheat, barley and oats were cut and stacked in the fields. Most of the men in the village worked on the local farms. We used to take them baskets of food and tea. Children would play among the stacks and slide down the haystacks, much to the farmers' dismay.

With the harvest safely gathered in, to celebrate, a Harvest festival was held and the children, most of whom went to Chalgrave School, went house to house collecting items to decorate the Wesleyan Chapel. It looked beautiful. The ladies of the village would arrange stacks of wheat and corn and make wonderful displays of food and flowers. People grew their own vegetables back then so there was a lot to give and afterwards it was auctioned off and villagers would be able to buy the things they didn't grow themselves.

The Anchor Tilsworth by Chris McDonagh

A friendly, family-run public house and restaurant in Tilsworth, Bedfordshire. A group of us ate here for a Wednesday pie night. All the pies were homemade and delicious. Steve Barringer and his partner, Amy Watson, took control of the pub in February 2016 with the aim of making the establishment the best pub in Bedfordshire. Together the pair will use their experience and expertise in the industry at The Anchor to ensure your stay is one to remember – whether you're having a bite to eat or simply heading in for a just a pint.

In the kitchen, Steve – a runner-up on the BBC's MasterChef the Professionals series in 2011 – provides subtle modern twists on traditional pub favourites, paying homage to ingredients local to the pub itself. Some of us came a few weeks ago and had a fabulous meal. The great triumph was the Cod and Chips and the Roast Beef which were beautifully cooked and presented. A great bottle of Sauvignon Blanc cost £11. Front of house was a friendly, family atmosphere maintained by Amy and very attentive staff.

So if you're tired of the same-old pub experience and fancy a change, why not give The Anchor a try? We will be back again. Many thanks for a wonderful time. If you decide to go please say you saw this article in The Chalgrave News.



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Smoked Salmon Scotch Egg Red chicory, beetroot ketchup, pickled beetroot £8

Main

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'Cod and Chips' Pan-fried cod, hot tartar sauce, broccoli puree, beer-battered scraps, chips £17.25 Wild

Mushroom Risotto Croutons, radish, parmesan crisp, mustard frills £14

Dessert

Coconut Pannacotta Poached pineapple, passionfruit jelly, meringue £6.75

Rhubarb Crumble Poached rhubarb, crumble, set custard, rhubarb granite £7

Warm Chocolate Cake Banana parfait, caramel sauce £7.50

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A Sense of Community by Beth McCausland

I moved to Tebworth in April 2010 from the beautiful Essex village of Writtle, leaving behind a vibrant community and my local, The Wheat Sheaf (a winner of the East of England CaMRA award).

For a while I did wonder what I had done, to leave a village with 2 lovely pubs, 2 restaurants, tea rooms, grocery and butcher's shops. A village where there were activities every day, where we shared food and childcare, where we all helped each other; I thought I would never find that sense of community again. How wrong I was!

I have (despite my somewhat quirky personality) been welcomed, befriended and supported, and since arriving I have seen many newer 'incomers' who have received a warm welcome to our community.

On 27th September our village consortium was outbid at auction on the Queen's Head pub, we have no idea at this time of the purchaser's identity, nor of his intention for the site; but despite this, I feel optimistic.

Our campaign to 'Save the Queen's Head' has brought us together, it has made us think about the services we want in our community. So many people have worked tirelessly campaigning, fundraising, joining work parties, contributing ideas. Whatever the future of the Queen's Head holds, we have achieved something that is potentially far more powerful than the purchase of a pile of bricks and mortar, a stronger sense of community, a community that I am proud to be part of.



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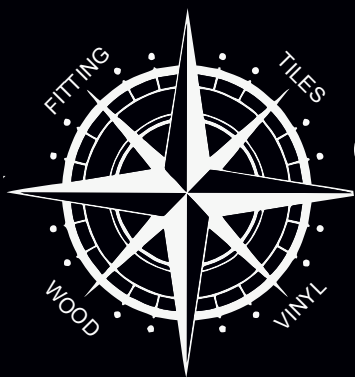
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Chalgrave Open Gardens 22 July 2017

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Christine and Mick, Frances and Roger, Beth and Colin, Gary and Eileen, Claude-Michel and Fiona, Bernadette, John and Jan, Colette and Darren, Sue and Andy. We hope to continue this next year, perhaps in June, so contact us if you would like to participate.



Chalgrave Open Gardens .. continued



TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Have you noticed how an epidemic of sunflowers has broken out all over the village?

This menacing parade of triffids was spotted marching their way around a corner near the Queens Head.



David Dokk-Olsen's gorgeous display



Liliana's beautiful specimen.



Ken and Lyn's whoppers!!
The tallest is 9'3" and still growing!



We've heard of one monster that's over eleven feet tall !

If yours is bigger, let us know at the **Chalgrave News**. We haven't decided what the prize will be yet but being the winner could turn you into a local legend.



Joe Fest— update by Bernadette Inzani



JoeFest 2017 was held on Saturday 17th June and was a huge success..... the final total raised was £ 6,004.04. Thank you to everybody who gave so generously of their time, money and resources. Without your help and support it simply wouldn't be possible. So much planning and behind the scenes activity goes on to make the day go smoothly and this year we were rewarded by a huge crowd enjoying the good weather, good music and great atmosphere. It was certainly a day to remember and another example of the wonderful community spirit in our village.

To date £43,328.07 has been raised for the London Air Ambulance in Joe's memory by various events organised by family, friends and colleagues. We were very pleased to have the LAA in attendance this year at JoeFest and were so proud to hear them announce that we were the highest fundraiser in the In Memoriam group! A marvellous achievement that is largely due to the support and generosity of our friends, neighbours and villagers. Thank you so much!



ALL SAINTS CHURCH CHALGRAVE

Raising the Roof!

After weeks of preparation, the day finally arrived for Chalgrave Church to "Raise the Roof"! The day started out sunny which is what we had prayed for. Many people enjoyed Ploughman's lunches, cakes galore, games, a fabulous raffle and an organ recital by Peter Freeman.

The church looked beautiful; with all the tables set, a book stall, jewellery stall and our china stall were also there to browse and buy. Outside there were games for children and the WI human fruit machine, as well as Christine's preserves and a candle stall.

About 3pm the heavens opened and everyone gathered inside the church. The atmosphere was buzzing. People were chatting and the candles were lit which gave the church a wonderful glow. As we listened to the rain beating heavily on the roof, we were so very thankful for being warm and dry, and able to celebrate our blessings together.



Coming soon to Chalgrave:

On Friday November 17th the London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra will be performing high energetic music and comedy. Tickets £10. There are a limited number available. This is sure to be an amazing evening, with typical All Saints hospitality. On Saturday December 16th will be our annual Carols By Candlelight.

This is always a beautiful service as we sing carols old and new. Basking in the glow of Candlelight. There will be mince pies, tea and coffee following. Come and join us and be filled with the spirit of Christmas.

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Congratulations also go to **Peter and Anne Warburton** who achieved their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in July, having been married on 23 July 1977.

Many Happy returns to **Deb Kingham** who celebrated her 50th birthday on 19th September, here's to the next 50!



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Senior citizens Committee

Two dates to put in your diaries.

Rotary Club of Flitwick Vale senior citizens dinner

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AUNT AGNES ANSWERS YOUR PROBLEMS

While I was sunbathing on the golden beach outside my Caribbean home, I received a telephone call on my mobile from the new committee of the Chalgrave News. They told me that they needed any old rubbish to fill the pages of the next issue and as I had at one time been the News agony aunt (before the investigation into my many expenses claims) would I like to take up this role again. I had no choice but to agree otherwise the committee told me they would divulge my whereabouts to the authorities so here I am again answering questions put by readers.



My first letter comes from; let's call her Mrs X of Tebworth rather than her real name of Mrs Masters as she wishes to remain anonymous.

Mrs X wrote to me that she has for many years had considerable trouble with washing her husband's - let's call him Roger to hide his true identity – Y fronts. No matter what she tried she just could not get them to come out of the wash gleaming white. Well it did not take me long to establish part of the problem. The Y fronts were actually red when they were bought, but notwithstanding this Mrs X still insisted that she wanted them white. She listed for me all the washing powders she had used to date, but one was missing, so I told her to try using Bold.

It seems nothing has changed with the quality of proof reading before the News goes to print as instead of the word Bold the actual reply was printed as 'trying washing Roger's Y fronts in Gold'.

Why Mrs X did not realise this was a printing error only she can say but after using every bit of their savings and borrowing monies to buy Gold and setting the water temperature at a ridiculously high level in order for the Gold to melt Mrs X finally undertook a wash cycle. Needless to say not only did the resultant Y fronts come out covered in Gold but they also shrunk to an extremely small size.

I understand her husband has become known locally as 'The Man With The Golden Bum'. As I stated at the beginning of this long rambling pointless article I always keep people's names secret as I do not want to cause anyone embarrassment but if you do see someone hobbling around the village repeatedly pulling at his trousers do not automatically assume this is Roger.

Although the family are now bankrupt there is some good news for drinkers in the local pub who might have guessed the hidden identity of this family, you always know that if Roger says he has no money to buy a round he can use his pants as collateral which I understand he has been flying by all his life!

Until next time dear readers.....

News from The Plough



Hello everyone, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are **Dave and Stacey Wallis** and we are the new landlords at The Plough Inn, Wingfield. Let us tell you a little but about ourselves. Dave has been a Chef and Catering Manager for more than 25 years, working in a variety of business and Stacey spent 18 years within the Printing Industry. In 2016 Stacey took voluntary redundancy and we all began a new adventure in our lives and took over The Farmers Boy pub in Kensworth.

Having settled into pub life with our daughters Olivia 9 and Charlie 7, it is now our great pleasure to take over The Plough and look forward to becoming part of life in Wingfield. Stacey's Mum, Valerie will be around the place too. Come and say hi when you see us!

Most of the team have stayed with us, so you will still see those familiar faces. We would like to thank Chris and Caroline for making the hand over so easy and hope to continue providing the great food and service that they did. The menu will evolve as we find our feet and the opening hours and kitchen hours will remain the same, however, in the future we hope to extend these.

Monday open for drinks only from 5:30 – 11pm

Tuesday – Saturday Open 12.00 – 3pm Kitchen 12 – 2pm
Open 5:30 – 11pm Kitchen 6 – 9pm

Sunday Open 12 – 10:30pm Kitchen 12 – 4pm

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like to make a booking on **01525 873077** wingfieldplough@outlook.com

Ask about our exciting new Christmas menu.

Concert News.....

Please Save the Date.....

The Spindle Ensemble (Cello, violin, percussion and keyboard.)

New album written and composed by Daniel Inzani and recorded at The Grand Chapel.

The Grand Chapel, Tebworth. Sat 18 November.

Time and admission details aren't confirmed yet .



Chalgrave Memorial Hall

Fees and Charges effective from 1st December 2016

Period	Parish Resident Individual and Parish Voluntary Community Groups	**Non-Parish Resident or Parish Commercial	**Non-Parish Organisation/ Commercial
MONDAY TO FRIDAY			
9am – 6pm	£7.00 per hour	£15.00 per hour	£18.00 per hour
6pm – 11pm*	£7.00 per hour	£18.00 per hour	£24.00 per hour
FRIDAY			
6pm – 12 midnight*	£110	£225	£260
SATURDAY			
9am – 6pm	£8.00 per hour	£20.00 per hour	£22.00 per hour
6pm – 12 midnight*	£110	£255	£315
12.30pm – 12 midnight*	£135	£315	£365
SUNDAY			
10am – 10pm*	£8.00 per hour	£20.00 per hour	£25.00 per hour
'WEEKEND RATE'			
(Friday 6pm to Sunday 12 noon) NB Hall must be vacated at 11pm Friday and 12 midnight Saturday	£245	£525	£625

- Bank Holidays/New Year's Eve – Rates on application
- Committee Room available for hire separately when Hall not hired – Rates on application
- **Block/Regular booking discount of up to 15% available
- Bookings outside above hours subject to individual rates on application.
- Non-refundable deposit of 50% of the booking fee payable to confirm booking.
- £250 damage deposit required on all bookings – refundable in full subject to no damage caused to Hall, contents, equipment or grounds and the Hall and grounds being left in a clean and tidy state.
NB: should the cost of reparation to the Hall contents or equipment the Committee reserve the right to pursue the balance.

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Head: Parkfields Middle School	David Brandon-Bravo		01525 872555
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