

WINTER 18

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	
Weekdays	Book Club	Noeleen Thompson	
2 nd Tuesday of each month	WI	Memorial Hall	8–10 pm
Saturday 7 July	Chalgrave Games	Memorial Hall	TBA
Saturday 19 May Date to be confirmed	Street Party	The Lane	3-8pm
Saturday or Sunday In June	Open Gardens	Debbie Parry	

Deadline for next edition: 30 March

Please send your contributions to: thechalgravenews@gmail.com

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Happy New Year from the editorial team

It's been a busy year for the Chalgrave news team...and we've loved it!

Turns out we are a very active community and there have been lots of village events to cover. Some felt really significant as they were firsts or lasts and the end of an era.

In March, 'Save the Queens Head' really took off when the BBC came to interview some of the regulars before the launch of the Crowdfunder campaign. We made our own promotional film and took to social media to promote the Queens Head as a going concern to try and prevent it being turned into development land.

So much energy went into the campaign. The pub garden was cleared for a fabulous BBQ and live music event with Tom Dibb and Stolen Horse. An old pub piano made for a great bonfire that was still hot enough the next day to cook burgers for breakfast! The Beer and Bikes day was blessed by glorious sunshine and dozens of gleaming motor bikes made quite a show in the pub car park.

In June there was an all day music festival in memory of resident Joe Inzani with over £6000 being raised for the Air Ambulance. Again, wonderful weather meant the music and dancing went on until late.

July was a very busy month with the Memorial Hall making its best ever income from the Chalgrave Games and the Plough held a Classic car show in memory of resident Tony Smith with funds being raised for Keech Hospice Care.

The first ever Open Gardens Day was great fun despite the rain and raised enough to print a whole edition of the Chalgrave News. The News team are looking forward to making this a new annual event for the village with this year's event likely to take place in June.

In September Chalgrave Church hosted its Raise the Roof Day in celebration of the new roof finally being securely in place. In October, the village hall committee celebrated the 18th birthday of the new Chalgrave Memorial Hall with a well deserved wash and brush up and November saw the last fireworks display at the Queens Head with Colin as Landlord.

In December, and after too long an absence, the village concert made a welcome return. It's fair to say it was a great success and certainly great fun. Over £1000 was raised that will go towards keeping hire costs down for residents. The following evening, Ray and Sue led the carol singing as we welcomed back the Christmas tree light up at St Mary's Close. It was quite a sight.

As the year drew to an end, the village prepared to say a fond farewell to long serving Queens Head landlord, Colin Edwynne who moves to Toddington for a well earned retirement.

The end of something is always the beginning of something else and we move into 2018 with real hope. New pub owner Martyn Murphy, who also owns the Old Palace Lodge in Dunstable and the Cross Keys at Totternhoe has stated his intention to refurbish our local and run it as a going concern.

It looks like the Queens Head has been saved after all. **Well done Chalgrave!**

CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Phil Parry

Precept. For the past three years the Parish Council has not increased the precept despite rises in our costs. At the last meeting we voted to increase the precept by the rate of inflation - 2.8%. This will mean an increase of about £1 for a Band D household. This will cover increases in our insurance, audit fees etc. and leave money aside should there be an election in 2019.



Parking. Again, cars are parking on the corner of Wingfield and Toddington Roads. This causes problems for vehicles turning into Wingfield Road. Please find alternative parking places.

Fly Tipping. We have had a lot of tipping in our Parish. If you spot rubbish being dumped please let Cllr. Whitton know. He will not only report it to CBC but also looks for evidence of the origin of the rubbish.

Gritting. As you may know CBC no longer fill the Salt Bins. Instead they supply one ton bags of salt to the parish from which we can then top up the bins. Dan Osborn has kindly found space on his farm for the bag and he will top up the bins. Roger Fenwick has agreed to storing another bag for Wingfield. Thanks to residents that helped grit roads when we had snow in December.

Co-option. We have a vacancy on the Parish Council and will be looking to co-opt. Probably by the time this issue is available the vacancy will be filled.

B5120. The PC became aware of a number of accidents on the roundabout at the bottom of Lords Hill. We contacted Highways about what we considered were incorrect road markings. We have been told that Highways have scheduled a redesign of the roundabout.

Finally, on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to say a huge thank you to Colin Edwynn for 36 years of great service to our community. The Queens Head has been a great pub and central to so many community activities. Colin was a deserved winner of the Community Award in 2010. We wish him a happy retirement.

Parish Council meetings are usually on the third Tuesday of the month and are open to the public.

VIEW FROM THE HOUSE: Andrew Selous MP

FUNDING BOOST FOR LOCAL HOSPITAL

Andrew Selous MP today welcomed the Governments multi-million pound Investment in the Luton and Dunstable Hospital this Winter, as it emerged that the hospital had been granted an additional £1,116,000 funding to help cope with Winter pressures.

The Luton and Dunstable hospital and the wider health system has prepared earlier and more extensively than ever before for Winter this year, with a focus on securing the right numbers of doctors and nurses, increasing bed availability, and making sure there is strong social care and community care support available to help discharge patients from hospital quickly.

This is great news for South West Bedfordshire patients and residents.

We all want to know the NHS is there for us and our families whenever we need it, so I'm pleased the Government is giving the NHS extra support at this critical time of year, when cold weather and flu can increase the pressures on hard-working hospital staff.

Commenting on this good news Andrew Selous said, 'It's thanks to our strong economy that we can make this extra investment in the NHS. Polls show the NHS is the institution that makes us most proud to be British, and my party will always back and fund it.' 3,457 MORE SOUTH WEST BEDFORDSHIRE CHILDREN IN GOOD OR OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS'.

Figures just released show that there are 3,457 more school children in South West Bedfordshire who are now in good or outstanding schools compared to seven years ago.

The proportion of six year olds passing reading checks has also risen from 58% in 2012 to 81% this year. Andrew Selous said I would like to warmly congratulate all the teachers, staff, children and families who have worked so hard to improve reading results and standards in our schools. School governors should also be congratulated for the important volunteer role they play, helping our local schools improve.

UNAUTHORISED TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS

South West Bedfordshire MP, Andrew Selous, raised unauthorised traveller encampments in the House of Commons yesterday. This is a significant issue around the new A5 -M1 and Woodside Link roads. Central Bedfordshire Council have called for some changes in the law to strengthen the powers of the police and local authorities.



VIEW FROM THE HOUSE: continued

Speaking afterwards, Andrew Selous said I am very aware of how much upset unauthorised traveller encampments are causing locally. I certainly do not believe it is acceptable for travellers to own land elsewhere which they let out in order to camp illegally in south Bedfordshire. I also think that very serious questions need to be asked about traveller children not going to school.

The law is very weak in this area and I do not think it serves the children of traveller families well.

I will be meeting later this week with Central Bedfordshire Council, Bedfordshire Police, Highways

England and Land Improvement Holdings to make sure that all the different organisations involved in this issue are working together as cooperatively and as constructively as possible.

Please accept my very best wishes for a Happy 2018.

To contact Andrew Selous MP Email: Andrew.selous.mp@parliament.uk

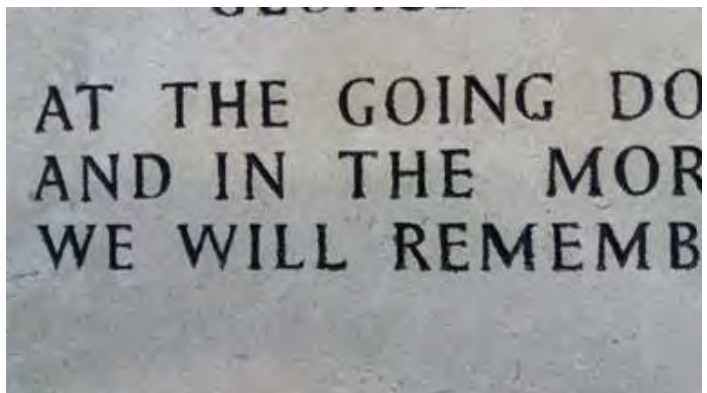
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The Chalgrave Rambler

The Rambler's in the money this month!

No one spotted that the last mystery photo was the stile behind the garages in The Lane. So the prize will be carried over and the first lucky Chalgrave News reader to contact the team



on thechalgravenews@gmail.com with the correct answer to the location of the Rambler's latest photo will receive £10. Just think what you could buy in the spring sales with that!

MARK VERSALLION: Central Bedfordshire Councillor

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



Besides speaking 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. If you have any questions or concerns Mark can be contacted on 01525 234 000 or at mark.versallion@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.

BREAKING NEWS

Lane Farm looking for planning permission for 9 houses .

Planning permission has been granted for 4 houses but now notices have been posted for seven in addition to the existing farmhouse which has been subdivided into two properties. If you have any objections go to the Central Bedfordshire planning and submit a public online comment.

Speed limit changes proposed

A proposal has been put forward by Central Bedfordshire Highways to alter the speed limit to 40mph approaching the village on Toddington Road and Hockliffe Road where the houses are on one side of the road only, then reducing to 30mph where there are properties on both sides of the road. In addition there will be an advisory speed limit of 20mph through the double bends. If you would like to make a comment please email Traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Break In

Kevin Ludgate on Wingfield Road was burgled on 27 January. Be vigilant and report any unusual behaviour. The Police say they are knocking on the front door first and then going to the back to gain entry. In Tilsworth a workshop was broken into on 28 January and all the tools stolen.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

Book Club



We had our annual Book Club lunch in November at the Anchor in Tilsworth.

Although the menu was a little limited, the chef made a couple of dishes available from the sample menu and produced some extremely tasty dishes, which were thoroughly enjoyed by us all.

The two books we have read recently have been both varied and enjoyable. The first, 'A Dangerous Crossing' by Rachel Rhys was a beautifully written story, loosely based on true events that happened on a ship travelling from England to Australia in the 1930's shortly before World War II broke out.

Lily Shepherd is the main character, a young girl travelling to Australia on a government assisted passage to meet the need for domestic servants in Sydney. The ship is full of interesting and mysterious characters and several events take place before the final twist at the end, some of us guessed this but for most it was definitely a surprise. An enchanting book which gives a great insight into the social classes intermingling on the ship, whereas they probably wouldn't on land, and also beautifully descriptive of the many exotic stop off locations.

We then read 'I See You' by Clare Mackintosh. This story begins with mum of two Zoe Walker, who starts her day with the same routine – walk to station, stand at same spot on platform, same train, same seat etc. Then one day she sees her photo in the classified ads of the local paper along with a phone number and a website link. She's not the only one, other women soon begin to appear in the ad and Zoe realises they've become the victims of violent attacks. With the help of cop Kelly Swift she starts to unravel a very complex and chilling scenario that these women are all being constantly watched and followed. A very clever thriller that's not easy to put down with the obligatory twist.

Noeleen Thomson

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

Senior Citizens committee

Santa comes to Chalgrave



The parish' response to the visit of Santa 16th December was once again absolutely terrific.

In December 2016 the total collected was a record of £602 but the final figures for the 2017 collection show that, we beat it by £1 thanks to a marvellous donation from The Plough. So the ' bar' has now been set at a new level.

50% of the collection will go to top up our Senior Citizens coffers with the other 50% going to Flitwick Rotary club (who supply the float) to help various local charities.

My thanks go to this year's elves -: Ken Green, Mick McDonagh, Richard Masters, Debbie Parry, Will Randell, Sharon Brown (with daughter Lucy) & Colin McCausland. And Frances Masters for providing the chilli, rice and refreshments afterwards.

Finally, a big thank you to all who contributed to make this a great event.
Roger Masters

SPOTTED IN WINGFIELD ROAD BEFORE CHRISTMAS!



LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

Womens' Institute

At our October meeting, committee member Lesley Mead organised a very entertaining and popular Halloween quiz. We held our AGM in November and in December we had the Ivel Bell Ringers from Sandy who played some lovely Christmassy songs – plus we all had a chance to have a go at playing with them. Nineteen of us attended our Christmas event at the Fancott Arms with dinner and disco. Plus, the WI was represented at the recent Carry on Chalgrave performance with a song about the WI Calendar. See our Facebook page for the video!

Our most recent Yarl's Wood event for detainees was on Saturday 16 December. Evaline and Maureen were very busy filling bags with gifts which then had to be transported to the centre ahead of the event and put through an x-ray machine! Once again, the gift bags were extremely well received. We also ran a "Human Fruit Machine" at the Raising the Roof event at Chalgrave church which raised £26 for our campaign.



We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm – most meetings are at the Chalgrave Memorial Hall in Tebworth. Please feel free contact me if you are interested in joining or just pop along to one of meetings to see what it is all about.

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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 <https://www.facebook.com/ChalgraveWI/>

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

WI Forthcoming events

Tue-09-Jan	Tai Chi
Tue-13-Feb	Medical Detection dogs
Tue-13-Mar	Under the Influence - Beer and food
Tue-10-Apr	Introduction to Gemstones & Silver
Tue-08-May	"Making a stand for Chelsea" Pathologist talk
Tue-12-Jun	Flower arranging
Tue-10-Jul	"Good Morning, Lords and Ladies"
Tue-11-Sep	Herbs and Potions for the Home
Mon-01-Oct	War Horse (MK Theatre)
Tue-09-Oct	Singing session
Tue-13-Nov	AGM
Tue-11-Dec	Christmas Craft or Activity TBC



SAVE THE DAY!
Street Party
To Celebrate a Royal Baby
and a Royal Wedding
The Lane, Tebworth,
Saturday 19th May 3:00 till 8:00
Details will be announced on the Chalgrave Website

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

Chalgrave Sports Club



Not much activity at this time of year apart from our December Golf Day. It took place at the Aldwickbury Park Golf Club near Harpenden. The weather was good, but the bunkers were like concrete. Paul Levy's shot bounced out of one bunker into another and bounced out again! The overall winner was Tom Petzing with Nev Andrews second and John Given a fine third. The day ended with a fine meal at The Plough – thanks to Stacey and Dave. We will be planning another Golf Day in the Spring. If you want to play, contact any of the Committee or look for notice in the Plough later in the year.

We still have to confirm a date for our Race Night at the Memorial Hall. Once the date is decided we will be putting up posters.

As for cricket, we will be working on the ground and the club house to be ready for the season. Andy will be busy planning fixtures. We played indoor six-a-side cricket at Redbourn Cricket Centre during the Autumn. If we get a side together we will play again during Spring.

We are always looking new players. If you want to join us, please contact Phil Parry or Mike Wells. We are also looking for a new Secretary. The role is not onerous as the Committee only meets about six times a year - usually in the Plough so it is semi-formal and fun. If you have a little bit of time to spare for this local organisation we would love to hear from you. Phil Parry and Mike Wells



THE RESTAURANT REVIEW

The Anchor – Aspley Guise



Chris McDonagh



"To Die for..."

A visit to the Anchor at Aspley Guise was very nice indeed. We had a traditional Sunday Roast which was to die for and the home-made Yorkshire puddings put my Aunt Bessie's to shame by a million percent.

The home-made ice-cream was delicious and thoroughly recommended.



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THE GREAT POND OF TEBWORTH by SU PARKER



Once again our intrepid Pond Clearing Team met up on Oct 15th, which turned out to be a lovely sunny day, in order to “sort out” the Great Pond of Tebworth.

This is our 2nd year of Pond clearing & something, which is a necessity in order not only to keep the water free from weeds & pond growth, but also to ensure that drivers can see clearly round the Pond bend...& hopefully

prevent accidents. Someone very nearly had a crunch whilst we were clearing, possibly watching what was going on in the pond rather than realizing the car in front was about to turn down Chalgrave Road...after some screeching of brakes & skidding, the van came to a halt inches from the back bumper of the car!!

Huge Thanks to Paul W for risking life & limb in the pond cutting the weeds with a hedge trimmer, & to his able assistants Debs W & Bill... also up to their armpits in the water, all of whom looked very fetching in their waders. Lesley & Barbara were last seen tackling the growing mountain of weed being dragged out!

JP cleared the road-side bank whilst our youngest recruit Millie, helped Su & Phil to move all the cut down debris ready for loading onto a trailer... thank you to Kevin L for organizing the relocation of all the Pond rubbish. I think you will agree that a sterling job has been done & it makes a change for us to be able to see the pond when we are out & about in the Village.



If anyone else would like to volunteer to help in the future, please contact the Parish Council.

Chalgrave — Centre of the universe



I hope everyone managed to see one of the recent 'supermoons'. A supermoon occurs when the full moon coincides with 'perigee' – the point in the moons orbit that brings it closest to earth. At this time the moon appears up to 7% brighter than average. Supermoons occur about every 13 months so to have 3 in a row is quite unusual. The moons orbit round the earth takes 29.5 days so 2 full moons in the same calendar month only happens about every 2.7 years. This is thought to be the origin of the phrase 'once in a blue moon' meaning something that doesn't happen very often. Another theory is that a blue moon was the third of four moons in a season which would normally have three, and that the word was not blue but 'belewe', an old word meaning to betray. In calculating the dates of religious festivals that relied on the lunar cycle this might have meant that Lent was longer when there was a 'blue moon'.

The moon is worth a second look at other times too. As a new moon increases in size (waxes) the line between the bright and dark areas, known as the terminator, is the place to look. If you could stand on the moon at this point the sun would appear to be rising. Its low light hits mountains ridges and valleys casting long shadows and making their contours more visible. The large dark flat areas are solidified lava and were once thought to be seas. The moon spins once on its axis in the same time it takes to orbit the earth. As a result the same face of the moon is always turned towards earth and we never see its 'dark' side.

Chalgrave — Centre of the universe

A lot further away the constellation of Orion is a familiar sight in the winter sky. Orion rises in the south and if you look just below the 3 stars that make up Orion's belt on a dark clear night you will see a bright fuzzy area. This is the Orion nebula, a vast cloud of dust and gas where new stars are being formed. Although its 1600 lightyears away it's the only nebula that can easily be seen from earth with the naked eye.

ORION →



Carols at the Chapel in Tebworth



On Saturday 9 December there was a full house for a great festive evening with everyone singing along to carols, fuelled by mince pies and mulled wine.

Amber Enn and the Professionals gave a tremendous performance of soulful jazz with a Christmas twist during the half time break. Carols were jolly and it was altogether a festive fun evening. Piano accompaniment was by the wonderfully accomplished Mike Pearce.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS Ken Green



Does anyone remember this view? The houses were demolished around 1958. The people in the picture are Hilda Currington, who ran the greengrocers, now 21 Hockliffe Road with Jessie Cooper and baby Judy. The house on the right is where Raymond (known as Sam or Tim) Ludgate was born. You can see there was a wall off road but the houses behind jugged directly onto the road. The cottages in the centre are on the other side of The Lane where No's 10 and 12 are now. No 1 was built around 1969 on what was the garden of Forge cottage and used as a vegetable Garden .

Below is the same scene today.

Any more info to Ken Green 874107 kenandlyn@tinyworld.co.uk please.



A CHALGRAVE CHILDHOOD

Seventy years ago, this was a typically vibrant rural community. We are really lucky to have residents who can still recall and share with us what it was like to be a Chalgrave child during and after the Second World War.

'The men would often go for a beer and a smoke after work at the Plough or the Queens Head but there were also a lot of shops and trades in the village back then, particularly in Tebworth.

Osborn's butcher was in a little brick building opposite the Grand Chapel on the Toddington Road. With sawdust on the floor, there was a range of different cuts of meat but the sausages, made by Alec Ludgate, were particularly popular with villagers.

There was an old cottage and yard on the corner where St Mary's Close now is, which was a general store run by Mr and Mrs Isaacson, and Mr and Mrs Shackleton ran the post office for many years at the thatched house next to the Queens Head. There was an old red phone box outside because no one had their own phone and the post box was in the wall. In the days before cheques and BACS, if you wanted to send money through the post, it would be in the form of a postal order. Villagers took their shoes to be repaired to Emerton's cobblers in the Lane and next door, Maurice Webb sold paraffin and accumulators for the old wireless radios. One of the weekly errands of a village child might be to take the accumulator to get it charged up.

On the Hockliffe Road, Currington's ran a busy greengrocer. In the autumn, local people would pick blackberries from the hedgerows and sell them to Charlie Currington who would then sell them on in Dunstable.

Apart from this, there were quite a few traders that came to the village to sell door to door, either on foot or by horse and cart. There was always something going on and somewhere to go.'

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CARRY ON CHALGRAVE

It was a packed Hall for the last night of Carry on Chalgrave. There were plenty of memorable moments. The pictures give a flavour of what went on in the name of entertainment. All agree it was our best concert

ever. We're certainly not likely to forget the filmed message from our sponsor, Tebworth Tonic Wine. It was our first venture into the world of multi-media and probably won't be our last.

Our MC for the evening 'Master of the double entendre' Mr Colin McCausland got the entertainment off to a flying start with a heated exchange with the Chalgrave Rambler over village boundaries, which apparently ran right down the middle of the stage!



A duet by the president of Chalgrave WI, Deborah Parry followed with 'confused' new member, Ms Wilma Randell. Who said the WI isn't inclusive? Popular Chalgrave concert stalwart, Mr Kenneth Green gave a rousing rendition of 'I'm 'Energry the Eighth I am' and Patricia Ponsonby-Smythe, aka Vicky Stone, told us a whimsical tale. She was organising the church

nativity again but why was the vicar avoiding her? The Parish Ukes led a good old fashioned Christmas sing-along. Worryingly, they introduced their act by telling the audience 'The louder you sing, the less you'll have to listen to us. We'll be playing all the right notes, but not necessarily in the right order!'

Janet and John were spotted in the garden and John Wojdyla didn't seem to know what to do with Janet Day's new muff!



Then Fannie, Cissie and Higgysy went down under for a well deserved Xmas break. They actually got their best laugh when they couldn't get out of their deckchairs. We experienced escapology at its best with Evaline Bull as the Great Houdevaline. Roger Masters lost the key to her handcuffs. Sadly she's still wearing them.

After a lovely hot supper at half time, we had a filmed message from our sponsor, Tebworth Tonic Wine. Ms Chris McDonagh and Mr Thomas Dibb excelled in their screen debuts. A glass with breakfast, lunch and dinner is recommended. You may not actually feel better but you really won't care after all that wine. Get your supplies from the Vicarage, Tebworth. After all that, resident scientists, John and Jan actually tried to sell us some Chalgrave Curative

Cordial! Turns out it over promises and considerably under delivers. A bottle was auctioned off for a fiver.

Gordon Haddock (Colin McCausland) and Toad (Beth McCausland) were cooking with animals. It certainly gave a whole new meaning to 'toad in the hole' Then well know cow girls, Cissie and Fanny gave a country style version of 'Older lay-idees'. Ladies in the audience were encouraged to join in with the chorus 'Older ladies, Older ladies, older ladies are divine'. So true!



Vicky Stone travelled back to a time when scabby knees were obligatory and children were seen and not heard and crooners Peter Carne and Colin Edwynn sang for us, Sinatra style.

A hilarious? finale to our show was an old Christmas classic tweaked in a tribute to the Queens Head's finest alcoholic beverages. 'The 12 Drinks of Christmas' found Ms McDonagh trying to drink the pub dry....again!

Thanks go out to all our lovely helpers in the bar, the kitchen and behind the scenes; Mick McDonagh, Taryn and Andy Ferguson, Anneliese Shaw, Tom Dibb, Alison Young, Sharon, Emily and Lucy Brown, Ray and Sue Willis with special thanks to Mike pierce for his artistic skills and musical support.

The icing on the cake was that over a thousand pounds was raised for Chalgrave Memorial Hall which is a registered charity. These funds will help keep the cost of hiring low for village residents.



You can see clips on The Chalgrave Parish website:-

Chalgrave.org under Events / Recordings from past events

How does your Garden grow?



This time of year is when the most enjoyable gardening is done in the comfort of an armchair with a nice cup of tea or something stronger (use 2 teabags?) Now is the time to plan the garden for the coming year. Have a look at any photos you took of your garden last year and decide what you are happy with and any things you might want to change. Browse seed catalogues and see what you might like to try this year. Seed is such a cheap way to have a go at something you have never grown before. Growing plants from seed gives you a much wider choice of varieties than those bought as small plants. Annual flower seeds give an abundance of colour across the whole season. They are relatively easy and can be sown directly into the ground or, as I do to get a head start,, sown into pots or modules on a sunny windowsill. These can then be planted out when the weather improves. Varieties that have proved reliable for me include Cleome, Cosmos, Nigella and Eschscholzia (Californian Poppy).



Cleome



Cosmos



Nigella



Eschscholzia

If the weather permits, there are plenty of things you can do to spruce up the garden in preparation for the growing season. Fences and plant supports are easier to clean and repair without foliage all over them. Now is a good time to clean and sharpen your tools and to clean and service your mower before the Spring rush. However, please don't tidy the plants up too much. Don't cut back dead stems until March, as these protect the plants from cold and more importantly, provide valuable habitats for wildlife. Planting shrubs that bear berries, such as Cotoneaster, Pyracantha and Rowan (Sorbus), will also attract wildlife. Another way to encourage wildlife into your garden is to put out food and water, especially in very cold weather, when food is scarce and most drinkable water is frozen. A bird-feeder will attract a large variety of birds to your garden.



Anyway, whatever the weather, enjoy your gardening. JW

FAREWELL TO THE QUEEN'S HEAD

The Queen's Head has closed - the end of an era and we all have many, many happy memories. Here are a few photos of the last days when some of the items were sold to the highest bidder.



See Page 42 for more news about the Queen's Head.

HOW TICKLED WERE WE? Colin McCausland

It all started when I listened to an interview on the radio with Ken Dodd. It suddenly struck me that of all those entertainers of my youth – Morecambe & Wise, The Two Ronnies, Larry Grayson, Frankie Howard etc. he is probably the last one left – or at least the last one still performing.

In most cases they learnt their trade on the stage in the heyday of live Variety Shows playing theatres across the country after the Second World War and Variety Shows themselves can be traced back to Victorian Music Hall shows – so Ken is one of the last players in a tradition going back to the middle of the 19th century. And he is now 90 (yes really) – so not to be too undiplomatic about it I thought if I want to see this man I'd better do it quick. So quick check on the internet – he's playing Wolverhampton on December 10th. Next bit – find someone who is a) stupid enough to want to come and see Ken Dodd with me and b) nice enough not to just take the micky !

So obviously I asked Will Randell. He said "Yes" straight away! Went online, they only had one set of 3 tickets available and you can't leave one on its own so I had to buy three. Who for the spare ? Mentioned it in QH and of course Colin used to work with KD so that was ticket 3 sorted. Then Geordie Ian (much to my surprise) said he wanted to come along so I managed to get a single ticket



immediately behind us. Come December 10th it dumps a hole load of snow and show is postponed until 20th ! Come 20th Colin can't make it so the 3 musketeers head up the M1/M6 to Wolverhampton. Grab a (excellent) curry beforehand then sit down to watch the great man - and in doing so we reduced the average age of the audience by a few months !

He came on at about 7:15 pm Well – it was all a little strange (as in bizarre, weird, surreal) to say the least! Much of it was like being transported back to about 1971. The humour was OK – sometimes excellent sometimes not, he forgot a few lines but he is 90 so that's

HOW TICKLED WERE WE? continued

ok. His singing was surprisingly strong and his ad libbing and audience interaction pretty good as well. In the radio interview he had stated “I don’t do filth” but what he didn’t say was “though most of my act consists of double –entendres” - but that was fine with us !

There were some other acts – a musical duo who managed the incredible feat of being even stranger than the host (duelling banjos with a banjo and a recorder because they only had one banjo was one of the less weird parts of their act), a conjuror who was not very good to put it politely, a very attractive lady singer who had a wonderful voice and was even dressed in period costume – i.e. circa 1971 – she looked like one of the ladies from Stingray or possibly Lady Penelope.

There was a 40 minute break – which we used to purchase some Ken Dodd souvenirs (yes really !) then back to the

action. Well – at about 11:00 pm – by which time the show had been going for heading up to 4 hours - we had really had our fill and decided to sneak out and head back to Tebworth. Apparently it went on until past midnight so that would be a total of 5 hours of performing so his initial comments about “this is not so much a show as a hostage situation” seemed very apt !

Glad we went ? Yes definitely ! Would we go again? No. It was incredibly “of its time” and to be honest although it was very nostalgic and comforting it was a bit like having a school dinner from 1970 – a great experience (yes I loved my school dinners) but not something you’d want to do every day.

As we walked away it felt a bit like a last wave goodbye to all those entertainers of my childhood - but as with the school dinners - it’s perhaps better left as a warm memory.



CARRY ON CHALGRAVE Ken Green

The “Village Concert” was a great success this year. We had a very appreciative audience on both nights and there was brilliant interaction and rapport between audience and the cast. The “concerts were started in 1971 by the WI under Marion Boutwood and were a yearly event in the old hall until around 1998 since when they have been more intermittent. It’s great that we still have such a good community spirit in our little parish I would just like to thank the organizers Christine, Frances and Beth for their hard work. If you missed it no worries I’m sure there will be more to come. You can see clips on The Chalgrave Parish website:-

Chalgrave.org under Events / Recordings from past events

WHY FROSTY CONDITIONS BRING ENGLAND TO A HALT

As I write, the UK is “about to be plunged into the worst freeze for almost a decade as a savage ‘Beast from the East’ sends thermometers plummeting to -17C this weekend”. This is a milder version of the killer cold currently gripping North America where thermometers have hit a bone-chilling -37C. The forecasters are warning of sub-zero temperatures and snow, threatening chaos until the end of January. If realised, this cold blast is shaping up to be the worst since the crippling freeze of 2009-10 which ground the country to a halt for weeks.

The good news is that England, and particularly southern England, doesn't have much snow. On average, there are 15 snow days per year. Less than 10 on the south coast, about 15 in London and home counties and around 20-25 from Birmingham to the Scottish borders. The last severe winter weather was in 2010 – at both ends of the year.

While us economists focus on the costs of wintry weather – travel chaos, lost production and sales, impacts on schools and the health service – clearly there are some (mainly children) who delight in it and some businesses (energy providers, for example) that gain from it. Adults tend to moan about the disruption to their plans, the physical effects of cold temperatures and the extra work that frosty conditions create.

Invariably, when the first wintry blast arrives, the traffic grinds to a halt. On that snowy Sunday morning in December, Lord's Hill was virtually impassable and front-wheel drive cars were slithering all over the place when asked to negotiate the mildest of slopes. So, the chorus goes up: *why can't they* sort out the problem? Why does snow bring England to its knees with monotonous regularity? If Austria and Sweden and Canada can cope, why can't we?

The reason is relatively simple. Snow arrives so infrequently that the costs of preventing disruption are out of proportion to the benefits of keeping the roads clear and the railways running. Who says so? The Department of Transport, for one.

In 2011, they re-examined the case for committing more resources to countering disruption from severe winter weather and issued a report. Based on its model, DfT estimated that the average daily cost of transport disruption caused by severe weather was £280m. This is a ballpark figure that attempts to capture the ‘welfare’ costs to individuals, such as delays to personal travel, as well as the measured costs of lost output and higher energy spending. While some activity – such as the turnover in a pub – is lost forever, other activities may simply be delayed.

WHY FROSTY CONDITIONS BRING ENGLAND TO A HALT



UK weather: The Met Office have confirmed the UK could be hit by even more snow

On average, about half of the economic losses are subsequently recovered.

The hard numbers show that the case for investing in new physical infrastructure dedicated to snow clearance doesn't stack up. The plant and equipment would be needed only 4% of the time. The best idea that came out of the DfT report was for local authorities to share existing salt storage facilities! Others were to invest more in 'gritter calibration and operator training', third rail heating on the rail network and de-icing equipment on some trains. The most beneficial strategy for the business sector would be to roll out remote working capabilities.

Last, but not least, there is better co-operation and co-ordination. A heart-warming example from 2010 was that Environment Agency staff, directed by the NHS, helped vulnerable people in snow-logged areas get to medical appointments by using their 4x4s. As the wintry weather intensifies, it seems that our best hope remains to grit and bear it.

Peter Warburton



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WHAT HEALTHCARE? From Ken Green

The medical community is unable to reach consensus on what to do with America's health insurance situation.

The Allergists were in favor of scratching it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve.

Meanwhile, Obstetricians felt certain everyone was laboring under a misconception, while the Ophthalmologists considered the idea shortsighted.

Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Pediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!"

The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and the Internists claimed it would indeed be a bitter pill to swallow.

The Plastic Surgeons opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.

Anesthesiologists thought the whole idea was a gas, and those lofty Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the assholes in Washington.



TRUST ME I'M A WAITER!

by JP

When I went to meet my school 'Careers Officer' or whatever he was called, he suggested... after much thought, that a boy with my abilities should become a 'window dresser'! Clearly this man was an idiot! I can think of nothing I would rather not do than that (apart from being a Traffic Warden obviously).

However, I listened politely, and then went and got a job in a bank! Never was it mentioned that perhaps a man with my talents...of which there are many, should consider becoming a Waiter. But, on the 4th December this year 2017, that is what I became, admittedly only for the afternoon.

Every year the Rotary Club of Flitwick Vale host a Christmas luncheon for the...and I need to be careful here, more mature members in the Community! It is very popular with nearly 200 OAPs attending from surrounding Villages. These are worldly wise people, some are on their own or come as a couple but they are all there to enjoy the company of others for what was a jolly good Christmas lunch and, a glass or two of wine, sherry, and anything else with some alcohol in it! And why not?

The venue, as usual, was Parkfield's School Hall and the resident Dinner Ladies cooked a splendid Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. There were many helpers operating like a well oiled machine, delivering the food to the right place at the right time, all overseen by a chap in a red coat called...Dave I think,,or it might have been Colin, not quite sure! Entertainment was on hand from pupils at the school, who were outstanding in their dance routine, and the TADS, (Toddington Amateur



Dramatic Society) who were more traditional in their approach. We had a singsong and I understand that everybody had a jolly good time... the waitresses certainly enjoyed this & joined in all

TRUST ME I'M A WAITER! continued



the songs. But best of all was the competition. Three categories ...oldest man & woman & longest married couple. Now I can't remember any of the ages etc but they were considerable &, as my wife Su pointed out, very likely to have been married far longer than many in our generation or the generations which will follow us. There is, I believe a waiting

list for next year's event, although I don't seem to have been asked back... I am not sure why that should be, but I am sure the Red Wine will sponge off and the Christmas Pudding will not stain...too much!

There was however one small problem, you see, some of the waiters... who will remain nameless, could actually have attended the lunch as they were old enough!



Not me of course, I decided my Careers Master was right not to even suggest becoming a waiter, it's quite hard work.... which is fine once a year but everyday?

Finally, & most importantly, I must mention Chris Osborn who has been organising this event (with some help from Sheila I believe), for a

number of years & almost as soon as one finishes it's time to think about the following year. Fantastic job Chris as always, & everyone clearly had a fabulous time...Thank you for a fabulous afternoon...for all of us!!!



Chops moves on to pastures new....

One of the Parish's most colourful (or should that be notorious) characters would like to announce a change of address. Having pushed his luck more than once too often it was considered advisable for everybody that Chops should move to somewhere he could be more suitably controlled. We were extremely lucky to find a wonderful animal sanctuary in Northamptonshire who were both brave and caring enough to take him on and at the beginning of June the move was achieved with remarkably little opposition on his part. Despite causing chaos in the village I believe he has also provided a certain amount of entertainment over the years and I hope that he will be remembered with amusement and possibly even affection by at least some of our residents. Having been pronounced an extremely fine and handsome pig by his new carers, he settled in quickly and happily and has shared his living space with goats, horses, pigs and the occasional feral cat. For a creature not known for his reticence he has been surprisingly submissive in his interactions with the other pigs and has found himself squarely at the bottom of the pecking order, bossed and chased by all! Alpha pig in this little herd of five appears to be the smallest of them all; despite being a quarter of the size of him she shows no hesitation in seeing him off and he has quickly learnt that flight is the best option if you wish to avoid a bite on the bum.....

At present he is outside on his own, since the other pigs have been put into barns for the winter and (very sensibly) none of the helpers were willing to go in there with Chops,





nevertheless he appears perfectly content. An attempt was made to house him with a piglet, but following a promising start this had to be abandoned after he unfortunately decided to assert himself. No doubt he will be reunited with the other pigs once the warmer weather arrives. He still amuses with occasional antics: during the few hot summer days that we experienced it suddenly became apparent that the water trough was overflowing, the cause of which turned out to be that he had clambered into it to cool off, breaking the ballcock in the process! In August he and I achieved five minutes of fame by appearing in a Channel 4 TV series called Animal Rescue Live: Supervet Special....the episode contained a feature about 'micro'pigs that grew....sadly I didn't get to meet the delightful Noel Fitzpatrick who was presenting the programme but had to make do with my porcine prince instead! After Halloween the sanctuary put out an appeal for people to donate pumpkins they had finished with - barrowfuls of pumpkins turned up, to the immense delight of the pigs!

Chops is hugely missed by his human family and we still love him very much, but fortunately as the Sanctuary is not too far away we are able to visit him regularly and will continue to post the occasional update in the magazine as to how he is getting on. In the meantime here are a few photos - wishing the best of luck to you, Chops, in your new home.....gone but definitely not forgotten!



THE QUEEN'S HEAD and a FAREWELL TO COLIN

I'm sure we will all want to give Colin our sincere thanks for his 36 years as landlord of the Queen's Head and wish him a very happy and contented retirement.



We have been “regulars” for over 46 Years. It was thriving when in the 70's another great couple, Dennis and Cynthia were landlords. When Colin and Liz took possession in Dec 1981 they introduced music on Friday nights and the place was “heaving”. As time went on things gradually declined and after Liz's sad death in 2000 Colin could no longer serve bar food. The pub has been suffering from a lack of investment for many years but despite its shabbiness it has been unique in its atmosphere and has had so many loyal “regulars”. In recent years Colin has found it very hard to cope even with Sue and Cat to help but then Mark stepped in and has done a marvellous job to restore its viability.

THE QUEEN'S HEAD and a FAREWELL TO COLIN Cont'd

There were more than 100 people on New Year's Eve and a very large crowd on the 3 music nights previous, on New Year's Day, and for the auction of memorabilia on Wednesday 4th

You can see news, photos, and videos on the "Queens head Tebworth" and "Save the Queens Head Tebworth" Facebook pages.



It has been a real old "drinking" pub but although supported by the faithful has not offered the facilities needed in this day and age.

We must now look to the future and a new chapter in the pubs history. The new owners have promised they will run it as a pub and introduce bar food, but it must be viable. It will never have the same atmosphere but, hopefully a great new atmosphere, different but just as good.

It needs support from the village as well as the "regulars"!

Ken and Lyn Green

Editors' note: As we go to print we expect the Queen's Head to open again in about a month's time. The pub is getting a facelift and we look forward to our first drink when the doors open again. Watch out for the grand opening!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH CHALGRAVE

Article for Chalgrave magazine by Rev'd Linda Washington

It is hard to believe that it is almost 6 months since I was appointed Priest in Charge at Chalgrave and Toddington parish churches. The time has simply flown by and has offered so many wonderful memories and experiences. It has been a pleasure meeting new people; at the different Chalgrave church events, at shared church activities and also at village events. The 'Team Washington' group of churches is now often referred to as 'The Quintet' group following the inspired publication of the Quintet monthly magazine which outlines the services and events of the months ahead. (Do pick up a copy if you haven't yet had one).

Highlights of the year are many and special and range from the delight in community of seeing Vicky (and others) on stage at the evening of musical entertainment at Tebworth Memorial Hall; serving at the Rotary lunch with opportunity to talk with so many special people; the Remembrance Services at Toddington and Tebworth. As church, Nigel and I have been warmly welcomed by both Toddington Schools where we attend to take assemblies or to assist as invited. The Christmas Tree festival at Toddington was abuzz with so many people enjoying the beauty of the trees combined with the singing and music of the school choir and Music Makers; the Scout Carol Service with laughter and shared special moments, the Nine Lessons and Carols service led by the newly formed choir – which will now reconvene to rehearse for an Easter event; the crib services with the children reading and singing; the warmth of beauty, atmosphere and shared joy of singing and story at the 'Carols by Candlelight' service and the fun November evening entertained by the gifted London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra.





In September I had my first taste of the wonderful gifts of hospitality and shared enterprise of the Chalgrave church team at the 'Raising the Roof' celebration of the new church roof - the joyful culmination of achievement and celebration after so many months of anxiety and hard work during repairs following the lead thefts. Church members took 'home made cakes' to a new level at that event with a display that surpassed any I have seen previously. Cakes, alongside ploughman's lunches, and cream teas were supplied by a small team of dedicated hospitality givers who literally worked their socks off, being on their feet for hours, warmly welcoming and serving visitors who came to celebrate this new stage of renovation of the church. There was such a warm and friendly atmosphere in church.

Raise the roof raised £1525!! Thank you for your contributions.

2017 was a good year, but a year of much hard work, and success. 2018 begins with a January vision day to consider how best we can move forward and connect with the local community. There are practical projects too- the installation of a permanent toilet facility in the church and the erection of the new notice board. Our spiritual journey moves forward in growth as we begin our Alpha course on Wednesday 17th January which will run weekly up to Easter. This course is a wonderful opportunity to come together to learn more about Jesus, and to bond together and grow as church family. It is an informal course to which all are welcome. Please do consider joining us.

Thank you most genuinely for your support, your warmth of welcome, and your desire to build new links. We look forward to growing stronger together.

Should you wish to contact me or Nigel our telephone no is 01525 714442, and email: Lindajwash@hotmail.com and nwashy2@gmail.com

Snow time.....Hooray!! Su Parker

The last really good snowfall we had, was back in January 2013, so how fantastic was it to wake up to the snow just before the end of the school term at Christmas? Well, I know some of you may not enjoy the snow but I can tell you that it is just the best thing ever, to wake up to the silence & the icy snow- white world outside.



Cookie loved the walk around the field & even more so when she met her friend Ian bounding along in the snow. The girls ...Millie & Libby had a fabulous time sledding down The Lane...well trying to!! Sadly it wasn't quite the right 'kind of snow' on the first day it fell, but we persevered & then resorted to a snowball fight as well as making Snow Angels & finally building an Igloo with Zoe.

However the snow did bring some problems to the lovely

big Fir tree at the top of The Lane by Buttercup Farm. We arrived to find Paul W, Tony, Phil, & Fiona sawing down some of the lower branches of the tree because the weight of the snow had broken several of the thicker ones which then fell quite close to the main road. Paul had to resort to a chainsaw in order to clear the way & with a few extra hands to help, it didn't take us long to move the branches away whilst the snowball fight continued on down The Lane.



Snow time.....Hooray!! From Beth



Chalgrave Road

News from The Plough

It's been just over three months since we arrived and we've enjoyed becoming part of The Plough. We've seen staff leave and new staff arrive, we've met some lovely people and enjoyed a very merry Christmas.

We were sad to see Jade leave and wish her well in her future career. We welcome Chef Steve to the kitchen who comes with great enthusiasm and ideas and who is currently working on a new menu. There will be new dishes added, some following ideas from our customers, which will join some popular

favourites that will be remaining. The updated menu and a regular specials board will be up and running in the beginning of January.

Adam is our new face front of house helping at the weekends and even diving into the washing up on occasions! We will be continuing with the recruitment in the new year to enable us to extend our opening hours so watch this space.

The open fire has proved a hit during the cold spell and our Christmas tree looked beautiful albeit a foot too tall for the pub!

We're well into the swing of the quiz nights now and it's our turn as quiz master kicking off the new year. Quiz nights run on every other Sunday evening, to raise funds for charity, with nibbles at half time. We're also looking forward to welcoming a folk group on every 4 weeks starting on Wednesday January 10th. Following a nomination by our Fullers business manager, The Plough has won a financial contribution by Fullers to be used for advertising. We will be using part of this to update our website so you'll be able to find out menu information and even book online soon. Please also find us on Facebook where you'll find details of events.

In February we will be having a Retro night where the menu will go old school offering delights such as Spam Fritters, Suet Pudding and Semolina. There will be more info to follow on that delight and also on the introduction of a Moules et Frites night every Wednesday.

Please feel free to give us a call or pop in to see us for information on any of these exciting plans and may we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and we look forward to serving you throughout 2018.

Stacey & Dave



Parish Noticeboard



Chalgrave News
Christmas Lights
Competition

&

The winners are
Sue and Ray!!

St Mary's Close



Happy 50th Birthday to
Mandy Gatwood

Our winners of the
tallest sunflower are
Sarah and Gary
Colenutt
with a massive
10 feet high specimen.
Well Done!



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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