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ISSUE 60

CHALGRAVE NEWS

Celebrating Chalgrave

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day/Date	Event	Location/Contact	Time
Third 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	
Second Tuesday of each month	W.I. meet	Memorial Hall	8–10 pm
Fourth Thursday of each month	W.I. Book Club	Member's Homes and sometimes the Pub	8pm
Every Thursday	Parish Ukes	Queen's Head	7-8.30pm
17 Oct., 14 Nov., 12 Dec., 9 Jan.	Joe's Session	Queen's Head	8.30pm
30 October SPOOKY !!	AGM Memorial Hall	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
3 November	Fireworks	Queen's Head	7.00pm
21 December	Father Christmas float visits our Parish	Tebworth and Wingfield	6.30 until 8.00pm

Deadline for next edition: 30 December 2018

Please send your contributions to: thechalgravenews@gmail.com

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A brief message from the editorial team

What a summer! Definitely a record breaker in Chalgrave with no rain for weeks as well as endless sunny days. It tuned out a bit marmite in the end with people either loving or hating the extreme heat, but it was lovely to spend long warm evenings outdoors with friends and family.

As the days shorten and get colder why not take the opportunity to get out around the local footpaths and enjoy the autumn colour?

Whatever the weather has in store for us, there will be plenty to do in Chalgrave in the coming months.

The Queens head will be having a firework display on November 3rd, (details to follow).

If you're having your own fireworks make sure you stay safe (www.fireservice.co.uk has some useful advice) and please remember we are a rural community, so be considerate of your neighbours' livestock and/or pets.

Later in the year there will be Carols at the Grand Chapel on 8th December (no singing ability required) .This is now a much loved fixture in the Chalgrave calendar and is thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Rotary Float will be around on Friday 21 December collecting money that goes towards a Christmas meal for the older people in our Parish.

A final note on the weather. If we do have a hard winter, spare a thought for any less able neighbours who might need some extra help.

Seasons Greetings to you all.



CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Emergency Plan. We are in the process of developing an Emergency Plan for the parish. This Plan will help us deal with an emergency that may affect the parish such as a lengthy power outage, severe weather, or other serious event. The Plan will detail where help can be found in the Parish such as four-wheel drive transport, generators, shelter, etc. as well as contact details of those willing to volunteer with transport, heating, provisions, medical emergencies, doctor's appointments and links to the emergency services. The volunteers will also have details of those that may be vulnerable. Our Plan will be linked to the Central Beds. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). When this is complete we will share information with parish residents.



Clear up after your dog! We are lucky in our parish to have many footpaths. Unfortunately, some dog owners are not cleaning up after their dogs. There is dog mess on many of the footpaths as well as occasionally on pavements and down The Lane. Unbelievably, there were three bags of dog poo hanging on a tree on one of our parish paths! PLEASE clear after your dog and encourage others to do the same.

Parking. There are still problems with vehicles parking on the junction of Wingfield Road and Toddington Road. We appeal to people parking in that area to be considerate to other road users.

Highways. We will be pressing Highways to implement the promised 20mph on the bends on the Toddington Road in Tebworth. Another car recently misjudged the corner and ended up in a garden in Home Farm.

Fly tipping. With the seeming increase in fly tipping in our parish we are looking into the possibility of using CCTV. At the moment Cllr. Whitton does a splendid job of tracing the owners of rubbish dumped in the parish.

Volunteers wanted. We have a footpaths committee that would like additional help with keeping footpaths clear and maintained. If you like walking and fresh air please contact Ken Green or any of the Councillors.

The Parish Council, as well as meeting once a month, is involved in many activities between the meetings. We deal with planning issues, potholes, fly tipping, highways, and much, much more. You are always welcome to attend our meetings or contact any of the councillors if you have an issue.

Phil Parry

For this edition Andrew has sent us the following, very relevant to our area but too long to include all here. Please go to the Chalgrave website to read the complete debate or email the Chalgrave News to request a copy.

Gypsy and Traveller Adjournment debate 10 September 2018 Andrew Selous (South West Bedfordshire)

I am extremely proud to represent an area that has successfully integrated different nationalities over the years, resulting in good community cohesion. Italians, Polish and Irish nationals are all well established and make a fantastic contribution to the area that I am proud to represent. My constituency has many Traveller sites, but a planning policy of segregation and separation makes integration and community cohesion hard to achieve. The 2011 census showed that over three quarters of Gypsies and Travellers generally live happily among the settled population, and I have some heart-warming examples of Travellers becoming settled residents, with the children now attending school regularly and the parents in formal work.

My constituents have had to put up with far more than their fair share of “misery”, as one constituent described it to me on Friday, as a result of current Gypsy and Traveller policy. One of my sites has had three major incidents of modern slavery, with 24 slaves saved by the police on the first occasion. Threats, violence, theft and other forms of intimidation have become everyday occurrences to some of my constituents, and Bedfordshire police, with an already overstretched budget, are not able to respond in as timely a manner as they would wish, leaving many of my constituents living in fear. A lady wrote to me in June to say that she will be moving away from the area as she no longer feels safe, having been assaulted by Travellers, Travellers having trespassed in her garden, having been followed by Travellers and her husband’s tools having been stolen from his car three times, causing a loss of income. That lady also has human rights that have not been respected. Of course, there are many decent, law-abiding Travellers, and all groups have good and bad in them, but I hear too many accounts like the one I just recounted. *Continued on the Chalgrave website or ask the News team to email you a copy.*

How to contact Andrew . Please either email me on andrew.selous.mp@parliament.uk or write to me – Andrew Selous MP, The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA or make an appointment to see me in one of my constituency surgeries by telephoning my constituency office on 01582 662 821 to make an appointment.



MARK VERSALLION

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.



LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

BOOK CLUB

Before I Go To Sleep by S J Watson is a recent best seller about a 47 year old woman called Christine who wakes up every morning not being able to remember who she is or where she is. She has a type of amnesia resulting from a trauma several years before which erases all the previous day's events. She wakes every morning not knowing anything about her life, including her husband who spends much of his time repeating the same scenario of who she is, how old she is, how long they've been married etc etc. With the help of a doctor who specialises in amnesia, Christine begins writing a journal to help her slowly build up a picture of her life before her accident and gradually her memories start to reappear, but soon realises everything is not as it seems and the people around her may not be telling her the truth. It is quite a slow read and quite repetitive in places, especially the middle section, however the pace quickens dramatically towards the end and is definitely worth the effort for the ending.



We have read a number of Linwood Barclay's novels and he never fails to provide page turning thrillers. This one is set in the town of Promise Falls where a young girl is killed by a drunk driver, the driver escapes a prison sentence and public opinion is running high, so much so that someone is determined to seek revenge and get justice. Cal Weaver is the detective called in to investigate and finds himself caught up in a cold-blooded revenge plot. It's a fast paced novel, never boring with a tense cliffhanger to end. Barclay's books are so easy to read, even though this one follows on from a Promise Falls trilogy it stands on its own and we all enjoyed it very much. Noeleen Thomson September 2018

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

CHALGRAVE MEMORIAL HALL

The Memorial Hall goes from strength to strength thanks to the hard work of the Trustees.

Maintaining and improving the Memorial Hall is certainly a challenge and of course there is always something to do in terms of repair and maintenance.

Just reflecting on the year so far, summer has been very busy with the completion of the maintenance work to the kitchen, redecoration of the toilets, committee room, foyer and corridor, and the repainting of outdoor furniture and gates. You may also have noticed that the garden has enjoyed a complete makeover and replanting thanks to John Wojdyla and Janet Day of Tebworth for the hard work they have put into this project.

During the first two weeks of October we completely renewed the external guttering and pipe work and we have also had the annual ROSPA report on the play area which has identified a few items which require attention. These will be addressed in the next few months.

In terms of the use of the Hall, so far this year we are exceeding our expectations. The Chalgrave Games was well supported and by providing a floor to ceiling screen we were able to show the world cup quarter final in the Hall.

Bookings for the Hall are encouraging and we now have regular weekly bookings for the successful Mums and Tots group on Wednesday mornings and Baby Sensory on Monday mornings, a great meeting place for all.

Two dates for your diary:-

The Annual General Meeting of the Memorial Hall is scheduled for Tuesday, 30 October at the Memorial Hall starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome. After the AGM the Trustees will be considering fees and charges for 2019. The current policy is to charge residents of the Parish 50% of the charge for outside hirers

Father Christmas will be visiting the Parish on Friday 21 December between 6.30pm to 8.00.

Best wishes to you all

Roger Masters . Chairman



LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

Womens' Institute

In **July** we had a very entertaining session **Good Morning, Lords and Ladies** an illustrated talk on some of the more unusual English customs with songs and pictures presented by Gill and Barry Goodman. The couple are long standing folk aficionados and Barry is a very accomplished musician and singer.



At our **September** meeting we had a change of speaker and invited Graham Harrison from Sun Jester back to give us **Tales from the Elizabethan Underworld - A Warning To Country Folk**: This talk explored some of the cons, swindles and outright thievery practised on unwary visitors in 16th Century London. And we thought the city was dangerous now!

We have our Christmas Party booked for Friday 14 December at the Fancott Arms. This is a fun night with good food, company and dancing.

Forthcoming Events

Date	Event
Tue-09-Oct	Singing session
Tue-13-Nov	AGM
Tue-11-Dec	Christmas Craft or Activity TBC
Fri-14-Dec	Christmas Party at the Fancott

Please feel free to join us as a guest for one of our future meetings or contact me for a chat. **Debbie Parry – Chalgrave W I President** 07770 543797

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Dial-a Ride Service

Central Bedfordshire Council's new community transport services started on Monday (15 October), providing 'dial-a-ride' services throughout the mid and east Bedfordshire areas.

The Greensand Country Link services will provide a bookable and fully accessible door-to-door minibus service for elderly or disabled people who find it difficult to use traditional buses, trains or other forms of transport. The 'dial-a-ride' service will operate between 8.30am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays, and journeys can be booked up to a week in advance.

Councillor Ian Dalgarno, Executive Member for Community Services at Central Bedfordshire Council, said: "We are delighted to help fund these services, which make it easier for the elderly or disabled to take all sorts of journeys, whether that's for their shopping trips, medical appointments, visiting friends and relations, or any other reason. Under the new contract, the service now collects residents from a wider area than previously."

Greensand Country Link is provided on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC), a well-respected local charity who provide a range of community transport services across Bedfordshire, including the Door-to-Door service in Bedford.

The Central Bedfordshire 'dial-a-ride' service is available on a membership basis. This will normally cost £20 a year, but there is a special launch offer of free membership until 31 March 2020 for anyone joining before the end of 2018. Fares then range from £2.25 for shorter journeys, to £3.75 for longer journeys.

Information on how to become a member is available from BRCC on 01234 834933 or email communitytransport@bedsrcc.org.uk. Current users of the existing 'dial-a-ride' service in the mid and east Bedfordshire areas are encouraged to contact BRCC to set up their new Greensand Country Link membership.

The council also funds similar 'dial-a-ride' services in other areas of Central Bedfordshire: The service is provided by Buzzer Buses in the Leighton Buzzard area, and by South Beds Dial-a-Ride in the Dunstable area.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

SPORTS CLUB

We have come to the end of our cricket season, we managed to play a number of games despite lacking players. We do need some new players. We are a village team - not a league team - so we play village cricket. This means we play for fun, exercise and a few beers afterwards. So if you fancy a game come and join us next season. Cricket talent really not essential!



Our Quiz Night has been pushed forward to the Spring. We will let you know the new date.

We had a Golf Day at Aldwickbury Harpenden in August. Glorious weather and fantastic course. Great day had by all – especially Nev Andrews who won. Thanks to Ed & Paul for the organisation.



We have another Golf Day coming up on December 28th in Redbourn - coffee and bacon roll in the morning and a meal afterwards in the Plough. So if you fancy a fun round of Golf with a group of us with varying levels of expertise - but mostly low -contact any of the Committee members or sign up in the Plough.

Phil Parry and Mike Wells.

DUNSTABLE HIGH STREET

Planned improvements to Dunstable High Street, have started recently. The improvements will take around 12 weeks. Initially the council is starting by removing the railings and some other unnecessary street clutter from the High Street, so that pedestrians can get to different areas around town. The work includes four 'gateway' features at key locations to help to define the town centre, and to indicate to drivers that they are entering a pedestrian-friendly area.

The council will also be making improvements to the Middle Row shopping area. There will be new cycle stands, and feature lighting to improve safety and make the area more attractive in the evening. There will also be new trees and planting areas that have built-in drainage features to help prevent the flooding that the town has sometimes suffered from. And the local market traders will be able to benefit from better access to electricity points.

You can read about the plans at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/yourhighstreet.

BREAKING NEWS

Sadly, not good breaking news.....

We have been notified of two reports of theft in the last few days.

At 5.30am one morning last week the alarm of a car parked in the drive of one of the houses in the Old Woodyard went off and the owner went to the window to see a man break the rear window and take out a bag of tools. As he left he shouted “ Just taking your tools, thank you” and drove off. We subsequently heard that another vehicle was broken into a few minutes later in Manor Park Road in Toddington and again, tools were taken.

On a Friday, early afternoon, a builder parked his van and trailer in Wingfield Road just before the junction with St Mary’s Close while he visited a house nearby to do some work. A thief stopped, took the trailer with all his ladders (supposedly £7000 worth) but not before slashing the tyres on his van so he couldn’t be followed. He was seen leaving but unfortunately disappeared.

So please all be vigilant and remember to report all cases like this, however small, to the police so that our force is aware even if they can’t do much about it.

THE CHALGRAVE RAMBLER

Bingo! We have a winner of the £5 prize for being the first to spot the location of the Rambler’s picture in the last edition. It was, of course, the mega-pothole in the road near Costin’s farm in Wingfield. Said pothole is now, happily, filled in.

The winner is Philip Thorogood of Wingfield Rd, Tebworth.

Well done Philip.

This week, the Rambler was very pleased to stumble across some free apples outside two houses in the parish and helped themselves to enough to make a lovely apple crumble for tea.

There’s £5 for the first person to contact the Chalgrave News with the identity of either generous householder.



Chalgrave — Centre of the universe



This December we should be lucky enough to see a comet in the night sky. Comets are lumps of rock, dust, ice and frozen gases and are often referred to as dirty snowballs. They travel around the sun in elliptical orbits, sometimes relatively close to the sun, sometimes far away. When they get close to the sun the ice and gas warms and forms a cloud around the comet and this becomes visible. These clouds may be thousands or millions of kilometres in diameter although the solid core may be only a few kilometres across. The sun's radiation and solar winds cause this cloud to form a tail which always points away from the sun.

Comet 46P/Wirtanen (not a pretty name but that was the man who discovered it) orbits the sun every 5.4 years and will be at its closest to the sun (perihelion) during December. It will also be at its closest to earth on 16th December, although 11.6 million kilometres is still a long way.

Wirtanen's closeness to the sun and the earth at the same means that it should be visible to the naked eye through much of December. On 16th December it will become visible around 5.00pm over the eastern horizon and reach its highest around 10.00pm over the southern horizon. As comets travel around the solar system they can be pulled by the gravity of the larger outer planets and lose material or even break up and the warming effect as they near the sun can be variable so even the experts don't know how bright it might be.

Comets used to be thought of as bad omens or harbingers of doom, particularly in Europe up until the 16th century, but we're not superstitious any more are we?
Jan Day

THE RESTAURANT REVIEW



Tebadvisor

The Five Bells of Stanbridge



Great Value. Stuart Brown

So, a damp Thursday evening I met up with a car buddy at The Five Bells in Stanbridge, a Fullers Pub & Restaurant that it just so happens I celebrated my 18th Birthday at some 30 years before!

I ordered a pint of Seafarers Chilton Ale whilst we contemplated the menu, the pub was relatively busy with a great atmosphere. If you have never been there the pub sits in a lovely setting, has a beer garden and a decent gravelled car park. Anyway, the food...

The menu has a variety of options to suit most palates, being a committed carnivore who hates fish (unless battered) I chose the Spicy Cod.....the full description is as follows:

Spiced Cod, cauliflower puree, mango salsa & burnt spring onion and the cost £17.00

Now like I say there is not one part of me that would normally chose to eat fish over chicken or red meat BUT I am so glad I did.

The fish was succulent and the accompanying cauliflower puree (there were also a couple of small florets too) was absolutely gorgeous. It was perfectly accompanied by the mango salsa – a sublime tang to the flakiness and slight spice of the adequate chunk of cod.



I certainly wouldn't call the portion large but sufficient such that I could indulge in a pud, my choice being Bakewell Tart, crème anglaise at £5.00. Basically, a decent slice of warm traditional Bakewell tart and some posh custard.

My friend had the London Porter Hot Smoked Salmon Nicoise with soft boiled egg at £14.00, followed by Raspberry Ripple Sundae at £6.25 (a proper reminder of school days!).

Having enjoyed our scram we left and will, without doubt return soon (in fact after telling Sharon about the Spiced Cod, she is now insisting I take her back this week so she can sample it too!).

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - CHALGRAVE MANOR

This one is not our yesterdays but Chalgrave's yesterdays!

From at least 1066 to 1086 Chalgrave Manor was held from the King by Albert of Lorraine who was a churchman who was a favourite both of King Edward the Confessor and King William I.

Sir Nigels daughter Margaret married Thomas Pever of Toddington and inherited Chalgrave Manor. Pever, in his will of 1429 left the manor to his daughter, wife of John Broughton, who may be the other knight buried in a magnificent tomb in the church. To Broughton himself he left the cattle of Chalgrave Manor "which Harry Wilde hath in keeping with his farm".



The first of the Loring family to be identified is Roger who died about 1185. At least one of the family is buried in Chalgrave church in a splendid tomb, with his likeness carved on top of the tomb chest. The last of the Lorings was Sir Nigel, he was one of the original Knights of the Garter when the order was founded by King Edward III (1327-1377) in 1344. He retired to Chalgrave about

1365 and died about 1386. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle used the name as that of the hero for two books of mediaeval adventure - *Sir Nigel* and *The White Company*.

The last male heir of the Broughton family died in the early 16th century leaving a daughter, Anne, as heir. She married Sir Thomas Cheney in 1539. Their son married Jane, daughter to the chamberlain of King Henry VIII (1509-1547), Thomas, Lord Wentworth. He died without issue in 1587, his widow surviving until 1614 when the manor passed to her great-nephew Thomas, 4th Baron Wentworth, later 1st Earl of Cleveland.

The earl had a great many debts and in 1641, tried to sell all his manors, requiring an Act of Parliament. But an objection was successfully raised by Tristram and Ellen Woodward, to whom Wentworth had mortgaged the manor.

If Chalgrave followed the same fate as Toddington it would have been

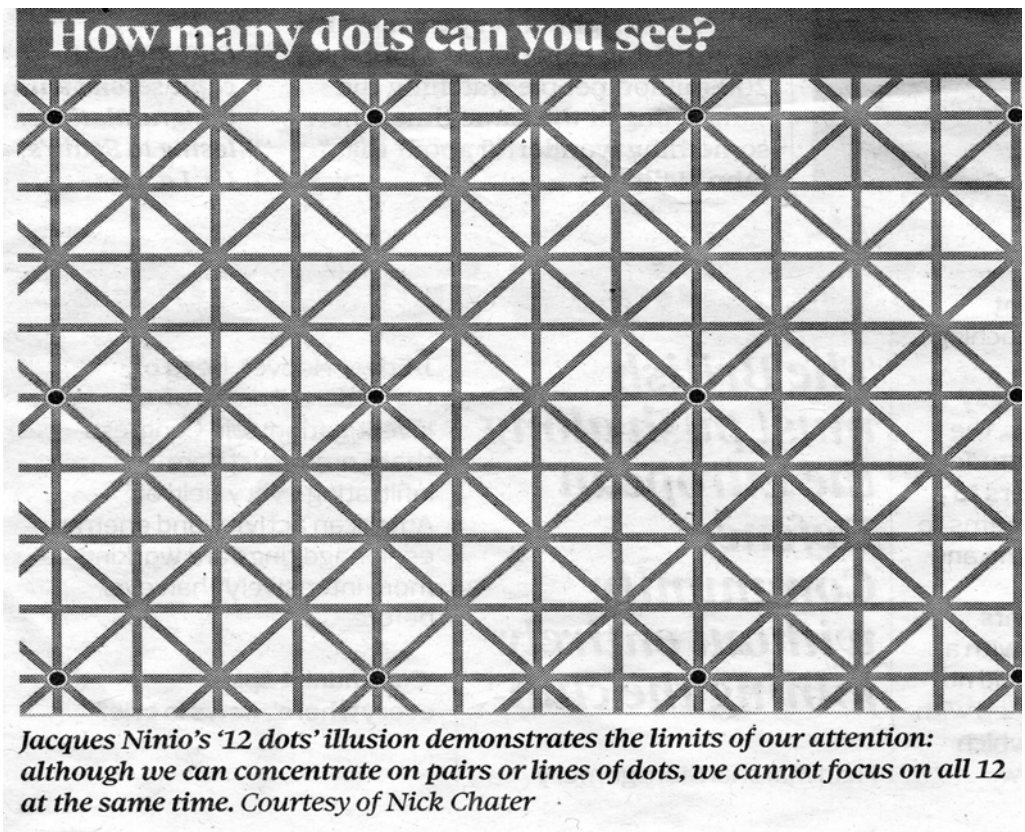
ALL OUR YESTERDAYS - CHALGRAVE MANOR

sequestered in 1650, when Lord Wentworth, a Royalist, fled abroad after the defeat of King Charles I (1625-1649) in the English Civil War. His debts were found to be around £100,000, many millions in today's currency.

It is possible that the manor house for this manor was on or near the site of today's Manor Farm. If so it was sold off separately at some point, becoming the mansion of the lesser Manor of Chalgrave, which was created from this manor before the end of the Middle Ages. Alternatively, the manor house became the Chantry House early in the 15th century and, as the manors of Chalgrave and Toddington were held together, no mansion in Chalgrave was needed, the one in Toddington serving as mansion for both.

Ken Green

This is taken from the CBC link <http://bedsarchives.bedford.gov.uk/>



How does your Garden grow?



Phew, what a summer!

Probably the longest hot and dry spell I can remember and I go back quite a few years. Now is a good time to assess the successes and failures while you still remember what a hot sun feels like.

For me, my tomatoes and chillies were exceptional, although they required a lot of watering. The chillies were especially hot due to the heat. My Golden Rain Tree (*Koelreuteria Paniculata*) flowered for the first time ever, and it's been there for over 10 years.

As ever, the weeds did well whatever the weather. On the downside, the Dahlias were very poor, although they have perked up with the cooler weather. In fact, a lot of the summer flowering plants have started flowering late, when the hot weather passed.

I'm already making resolutions for next year because of the drought.

- Mulch more and make sure I get it down while the soil is still moist.
- Collect more rainwater from roofs (sheds, garages, greenhouses).
- Move plants that suffered in the heat to shadier or damper areas.
- Consider planting more drought tolerant plants.
- Include more organic matter into the soil when planting, as this will improve moisture retention.



There is still time to plant spring flowering bulbs. Tulips, crocuses, anemones and camassias will be fine if planted soon, but it probably is a bit late for daffodils.

As the nights draw in, the garden has a mellowness about it. The autumn leaves changing colour, spiders' webs covered in dew, frost on the dead stems of plant bring a bit of magic to the garden.

Anyway, enjoy your gardening, rain or shine!

John W

The May Mile

The Lane, originally called Crow Lane and referred to as The May Mile

We feel so lucky to have made our home in Tebworth 47 years ago and, in particular, to have had this natural amenity on our doorstep.

As a “dead end”, used only by farmers, The Lane has always been a recreational walk for all ages in particular for mothers with children and baby’s in prams.

When we arrived in Tebworth it was quite an insular society inhabited for many years by local families, mainly the Hornes, Ludgates, and Harrises and it was quite unusual to have new arrivals from outside this community.

We remember our first walk down the Lane with our two young daughters meeting Mr and Mrs Heeps at Willow Tree Farm and enjoying seeing the farm animals, and buying new laid eggs, all new experiences for our daughters to their London life. Over the weeks we met so many people down The Lane who were curious, particularly of an American! But they were also very friendly and welcoming. Ron Osborn used to often herd cattle up the Lane and gave us a pole to put across our drive and advised us to stand behind it and wave our hands up and down to prevent them trampling into our garden.

There are footpaths off the lane providing a network of circular walks. We used to have picnics down The Lane and remember our children swimming in Clipstone brook with other children from the village!

The old Wesleyan school was a Sunday School when we moved in. Interestingly after the initial services the boys, of which there were around 5, stayed in the main hall whilst some 15 girls were taught in a side room!

At the top of Tatterhill the ruins of an old farmhouse were still visible. The old sand pit beside it is spring fed and is full or empty dependant on the water table. When we moved in the village had a General Store, Greengrocer, Butcher, Post Office and of course the Queen’s Head but one of the main attractions was, and still is, **The Lane**.

Ken and Lyn Green

LETTER TO THE EDITOR AUSTIN SEVEN

In the last edition of the News we published a letter received from Kurt and Heather—the owners of the Austin Seven that was owned by the Webbs. Below is a follow up letter together with some photos they sent us of the car.



“The above is a photo of the car in the auction room in 1984 when she was originally sold on. To the right a photo of her now with us, her new owners.

Mr Webb donated some documents about his father to Bedfordshire Archives and we are really lucky that the archivist took some oral history from him. Here's an extract - he must have been a real entrepreneur to have bought the car aged 21 for around £135.00:

....Harry Maurice Andrew Webb contracted polio when he was only three years old, which resulted in a paralysed right arm. The family then were advised by their doctor for health reasons to live in the country. There has been a long history of heart trouble in the family from Emanuel [Mr Webb's great grandfather] downwards. The family went to reside in Keysoe at the time of Harry junior 's illness and later moved to Renhold, then finally to Tebworth about sixty years ago. Harry junior left school at

AUSTIN SEVEN

fifteen, and with his handicap found work difficult to come by, there being little but agricultural labouring on offer in the village. By the time he was nineteen however he had saved £9 and with this he began a business by buying a second hand generator, and with this charging batteries and accumulators, which were required in the early wireless sets. He progressed from this small beginning to repairing bicycles and then motorcycles and cars. He and his remaining sister still live in the cottage at Tebworth."

Heather mentioned that that she would like to see a photo of the sheds where the car was found and asked if a photograph existed of the building before it was demolished. (We know the building has been subsequently rebuilt). She and Kurt had found a 1949 map in the Bedfordshire Archives which shows it as Mr Webb's "motor cycle and cycle repairs" workshop and said it would be lovely to have an image of the actual building.

They would love to bring the car to the Wingfield Classic Car Show to meet old friends from the parish if it is to be held again in 2019.





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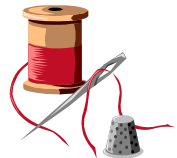
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Autumn Poems by Brian Bilston

THE PROBLEM OF WRITING POEMS ON A WINDY DAY

The problem of writing poems when it's such a windy day:
As soon as you get the words down they just start to



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She loved to catch
the falling leaves
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MIGRANTS



The last of our summer visitors have finally left to return to their warmer winter quarters. Swifts and swallows have all returned to sub-Saharan Africa to spend the colder months. Every autumn, as I watch the swallows gathering on the telephone wires ready for their long journey, I am always amazed at the immense distances

travelled by such small birds. This year's chicks have never made the journey before, yet will often set off after their parents have already left. How do they know where to go? Many birds use the sun as a compass, but it's also thought that migrating birds can 'see' the earth's magnetic fields and this enables them to find their way on their first flight. More experienced birds also create a mental map of their route – in effect they have their own satnav.



As well as departures there are also arrivals in the autumn. Some birds migrate to



the UK for our (relatively) mild winters. Redwings and Fieldfares are related to Thrushes and spend their summer months breeding in Scandinavia. In the autumn many arrive here and mixed flocks can often be seen in fields where they feed on worms and insects. They also eat berries, so as you walk around Chalgrave look out for them in hawthorns gobbling up the fruits.

Jan Day

On joining the Parish Council

I was co-opted to Chalgrave Parish Council in July, after Mike Wells stepped down. After attending a couple of council meetings, I thought I had a fair idea what the job entailed. Until, that is, I attended new Councillor training in late-September and was handed a 70-page guide. The instructor soon referred to the 7 principles of public life, which I confess, had passed me by. The Nolan principles, laid down in 1995, are the basis of ethical standards expected of public office holders, from the greatest to the least. They are selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. Quite a list.

Make no mistake, parish councils are the lowest rung of the ladder of local government. Parish councils have few duties – mostly to hold regular meetings, follow procedures and make decisions in line with legislation. Their statutory powers are wide-ranging, but strictly limited. A tiny budget is an effective constraint on the use of those powers. However, from what I understand so far, Chalgrave enjoys a level of participation and engagement with local issues by its parish council that is exceptional in Central Bedfordshire. The parish council has the scope to improve the quality of life of everyone who lives in Tebworth, Wingfield and Chalgrave, by its actions and by bringing local concerns to bear on decisions taken further up the ladder and by government departments, such as Highways.

As ours is the first house to be reached from the B5120, adjacent to the 30mph sign, speeding along Tebworth and Wingfield roads is a major concern. As there are no speed cameras in operation, traffic frequently flies towards the Plough at 40mph and even 50mph. Further along, the road narrows past Pond Farm and, beyond the Memorial Hall, is necessarily restricted to a single lane by parked cars. Perhaps even 30mph is too fast for this village road? Is there a case for traffic calming measures? To understand more about the history and the background, I have joined the Speedwatch team that monitors breaches of speed limits and weight restrictions on local roads.

Reaching the fifth anniversary of living in this community – after 27 years in far away Dunstable – I am still in the early stages of appreciation of the richness of rural life. That includes the things that help it to flourish and the things that threaten harm and disruption. I am very pleased to have the chance to serve on the parish council. If there is an issue you would like me to raise or a suggestion for improvement that you would like to make, please get in touch on 07941624419 or by email, pwarburton45@gmail.com

Peter Warburton

Granny Minnie's Christmas Pudding

My old granny, Minnie, was a big fan of Mrs Beeton.

This is the recipe she used year after year with great success. Traditionally made on 'stir up Sunday', the last Sunday in November, Mrs Beeton's 1927 Christmas plum pudding is sufficient for 9 persons, or 12 if you're all on a diet which, let's face it, we all seem to be these days.

Granny used to add a splash of brandy then drink the rest of the bottle. Miss you Gran...you old soak ☺

Ingredients

5 oz breadcrumbs
4 oz of plain flour
4 oz chopped suet
4 oz currants
4 oz raisins
4 oz soft brown moist sugar
2 oz candied peel
2 oz raw grated carrot
1 teaspoon grated rind of lemon
Half salt spoon nutmeg, grated
1 good teaspoonful baking powder
About a quarter pint of milk
2 eggs



Mix all the dry ingredients together except the baking powder.

Add the beaten eggs and sufficient milk to moisten the whole, then cover, and let the mixture stand for about an hour.

When ready stir in the baking powder, turn into a greased mould or basin, and boil for 6 hours or steam the plum pudding for about 7 hours.

Guy Fawkes Night

Fireworks and Bonfire Party

The Queens Head—Tebworth

Saturday 3rd November 2018 at 7pm

Best Guy Competition

(Kids bring your Guy along on the night for judging)



See you there!

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December 24th at 4.00pm - Crib Service

December 24th at 11.45pm - Midnight Mass

A CHALGRAVE CHILDHOOD

These days you pay an arm and a leg for fireworks. They are bigger, better, brighter and louder than the ones we used to buy with our pocket money back in the day.

But are they more fun? Not really. The absence of any kind of health and safety guidelines back then, other than a timely reminder from the local fire service not to attach bangers to cats tails or throw rockets in the street, meant it was a bit of a free for all.

Who can forget the good old box of Brocks Fireworks with such classic names as Roman Candle, Jumping Jack and Golden Rain not to mention the Penny Bangers.



In the fifties, in our village, children would make a Guy by filling old clothes with straw or paper, tying up the ends with string and a pair of old wellington boots to complete the look. With the chant 'penny for the Guy' they would go door to door raising money to buy fireworks, in ones and twos, from Maurice Webb who lived at one of the little cottages in The Lane.

On the big night, as darkness approached, the children would head off to the village green where a tall bonfire had been built ready for lighting.

Nobody seemed a bit concerned how close the bonfire was to any of the thatched properties nearby.

Aah, the good old days....

Frances Masters



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Every Thursday evening, The Parish Ukes (often referred to as the PUKES

after an unfortunate printing error with their T shirts) rehearse in the long bar. It's turning into quite a sing-along evening and good fun.

Each month we have Joe's session; a lovely folk night with fiddles, guitars, banjos and ukes. It's a great evening and anyone is welcome to join in. It's good to hear traditional English folk music, songs and poems too.

The next Folk Night sessions are:

Wednesday 14th November and Wednesday 12th December.

There is a rumour that the Domino League would like to take on a Queen's Head team again—any takers?



The garden has now been prepared for Fireworks Night on Saturday 3rd November. It will be spectacular event, with a 40 minute display, bonfire and 'best Guy' competition. That's really something for the diary. So, what's next for the Queens Head?

Well, we are all looking forward to more exciting events at the Queen's Head and with Christmas coming up it is lovely to know that we can all meet and enjoy our local pub.



AUNT AGNES ANSWERS YOUR PROBLEMS

Hello once again dear readers.

Time passes very slowly here at my Caribbean beach side home but I have to tell you that the temperature is rising over here at the moment and is now over 100 degrees in the shade. I will shortly have to switch my expensive air conditioning unit on and am looking forward to receiving my annual UK cold weather payment in December to help pay the bill.



Regretfully I have to apologise for yet another unfortunate spell check publishing error made by the Chalgrave News team in my last article.

Miss X of Wingfield wrote asking advice about her problem of being too busy and uninteresting to meet men once she got home from work.

My reply should have read – I fully understand how having a very busy appearance can create problems for you but do not let being busy ruin your social life. In my experience many busy women have hidden assets that just need uncovering so I would recommend that the solution to your busy problem is to show these assets to your friends as often as you can and you will soon find men will start paying attention to you.

Not as it was printed – I fully understand how having a very busty appearance can create problems for you but do not let being busty ruin your social life. In my experience many busty women have hidden assets that just need uncovering so I would recommend that the solution to your busty problem is to show these assets to your friends as often as you can and you will soon find men start paying attention to you.

I can only apologise for this spell check error but I have to say I am very surprised that you actually took this advice and in answer to your more recent question, I do not think that 9 months imprisonment is too long a sentence for gross indecency in the pubs of the parish.

Until next time dear readers.....



COLOURING COMPETITION

Here are some friendly Autumn characters for you to colour and return to:
The Old School, 16 The Lane, Tebworth, by November 30th.
Don't forget to put your name, age and address on the back of your drawing.
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Parish Noticeboard



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