

SUMMER 19
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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	
2ND Tuesday of each month	WI	Memorial Hall	8–10 pm
Every other Friday	Quiz Night	Queen's Head	8.30pm
20 August 18 September 16 October 13 November	Joe's Session	Queen's head	8.30pm

Thank you to Frances Masters for the very summery front cover photo, taken in Wingfield at the Classic Car Show.

Deadline for next edition: 30 October

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A note from the editorial team

Summer has arrived with a bang! We've just had our hottest day of the year, a whopping 37 degrees. We also have a new Prime Minister, the controversial Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson, otherwise known as Boris Johnson.



We've had a fantastic fundraising and community events year in Chalgrave to date. We have held our third Open Gardens and had a very enjoyable 'Magic and Mayhem' themed Chalgrave Games and The Plough hosted another successful Classic Car Show.

We have some marvellous cake bakers to thank amongst us, and they have been busy supporting all our events. Maybe a Village Bake Off is on the cards??

Sadly we have lost another stalwart of our community, Peter Freeman, church organist and driving force at All Saints Church, Chalgrave. He died suddenly after a short illness. RIP

Lyn Green's Memorial Day at The Queen's Head on 22 June was a wonderful tribute to a super lady. It was attended by friends, family and villagers, old and new, from near and far.

Fly Tipping is becoming an increasing nuisance in the parish and we now have our own Fly tipping Tsar on the Parish Council, Councillor Frances Masters, to deal with the problem.

There is also a 'dog poo' issue in some areas of the parish. Please be a responsible dog owner and dispose of your dog's doings appropriately.

Please remember you are welcome to submit articles on village events as it not always possible to cover everything ourselves.

All entries to thechalgravenews@gmail.com

Wishing everybody a great summer!



CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

From the Parish Council.....

Highways. In 2017 we raised the issue with Highways of the dangerous road makings on the roundabout at the bottom of Lords Hill. We have chased them several times but still nothing has happened. We contacted the Police to get statistics about the number of accidents on the roundabout. In the last two and half years there have been 26 injury accidents and 4 of these were serious. These are injury accidents – the many other non-injury accidents are not recorded. We consider this unacceptable and will now involve CBC and our MP.



Speedwatch. We have a new Vehicle Activated speed sign on the Toddington Road. This, along with the Speedwatch team, should have an impact on speeding.

Parking. We are pleased that some residents have moved their cars back from the junction of Wingfield Road and Toddington Road. However, other cars have moved into the space! Please keep the junction clear.

Crime. We have a new PC that will be covering our Parish – James Bonney. He hopes to attend our Council meetings and to be visible in the area. Please report any crime, no matter how small, to the Police. Statistics are used to manage policing in our Parish. Cllr. Kevin Ludgate is our police liaison councillor.

Dogs. We are lucky to have some great paths in our Parish. However, there are some dog walkers that are not picking up 'dog poo' and just leaving it on the paths. Please be considerate and pick up after your dog. Also, some dog owners are allowing their dog to run through crops in the fields. This damages the crops and will have a financial impact on the farmer. Please keep your dog on the paths.

Millennium Youth Award. We have not had a nomination for this award. This is an award from the Parish Council for an under 18 resident in the Parish who has made an achievement over the last year. This can be charitable, educational, sporting, overcoming a challenge, etc. If you know of someone who deserves the award please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors.

Emergency Plan We have an Emergency Plan for the Parish should there be some event like a power outage or bad weather. If there is an event that has an impact on the Parish and you need help, the contacts are on the Contacts page.

You are welcome to attend our Parish Council Meetings they are usually the third Tuesday of the month in the Memorial Hall. **Phil Parry**

VIEW FROM THE HOUSE

RURAL MOBILE RECEPTION PROBLEMS

South West Bedfordshire MP Andrew Selous was one of 75 MPs have written to the Secretary of State, for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Jeremy Wright MP, to ask the Government to make a requirement that network operators enable roaming between providers to improve mobile coverage in rural areas.



South West Bedfordshire MP Andrew Selous, said “A lack of co-ordination between the network providers has left many rural areas covered by some but not all the networks. This is hampering economic, educational and leisure opportunities for residents in rural areas and remains a significant brake on growth for the local, regional and national economy. The introduction of roaming services between networks will vastly increase the operational coverage for many of our constituents”.

In some parts of the country, mainly in rural areas, patchy, intermittent coverage means that many people have limited or no access to mobile coverage. Andrew Selous said that he supported the Government’s Strategic Priorities for Ofcom, the telecommunications regulator, which calls on the authority to fully consider the costs and benefits of roaming in rural areas. Whilst Ofcom has agreed that ‘co-operations of operators’ would improve mobile coverage, the MPs are urging the Secretary of State to take it one step further and make it a requirement of network providers to deliver it.

The Government has pledged to ensure there is mobile coverage to 95% of the UK by 2022 but this will still leave many areas without a workable signal.

CRIME& POLICE FUNDING

I asked the Leader of the House if an urgent debate could be held on tool and van theft from tradespersons. I have also asked the Police Minister about further police funding for more Officers in Bedfordshire

For more information on these subjects and much more and on Andrew’s work as your MP please access his website on

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

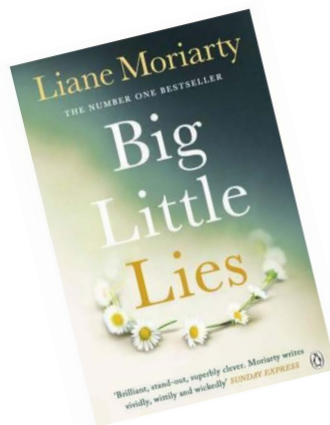
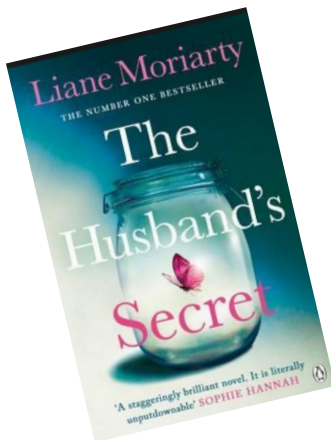
BOOK CLUB REVIEW JULY 2019



The Book Club has read two books by Liane Moriarty, *Big Little Lies* and *The Husband's Secret*. *Big Little Lies* being the most well known as it's been serialised on the TV. It's a really great read, probably better than the TV series as you get a better insight into what the main characters are thinking. The book is set in Australia while the TV series is set in California and it follows three kindergarten mums in the lead up to the school trivia night where a murder takes place. We aren't told who has been murdered and it is truly a guessing game from the start. The story is fast paced and the characters very believable. There's everything in this book, bullying, domestic violence, lies and murder with a great twist at the end. It's a definite can't put it down page turner.

Liane Moriarty has written a number of novels so we decided to read another as *Big Little Lies* was so good. *The Husband's Secret* wasn't quite as good but still a great read. Cecelia thinks she has the perfect life and husband and thinks she knows him inside out until she accidentally comes across a letter he has written but only to be opened upon his death. She casually mentions it to him and it's clear he doesn't want her to open it. However she does and finds her husband has a terrible secret, does she stay silent and protect her family or does she tell the truth and risk everything. Another gripping page turner, but not really as good as *Big Little Lies*.

Noeleen Thomson



LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB

Are you interested in playing cricket for a local village team?

We are looking for players of all abilities, young and old who are interested in playing a few matches for our team. Don't worry if you haven't played for years—if you still have a hankering for the sound of leather on willow or maybe just want to give it a try then get in contact.

We play about 10 games a year on a Sunday afternoon, mostly in Wingfield. Matches are from around 13:30—18:30 and we don't expect everyone to play every match. The emphasis is on 'social cricket'. There is no fee to join the team. Teas are provided and we go to the local pub afterwards!

We use a mobile app called Teamer to keep you informed of upcoming games and for you to let us know your availability.

If you are interested, then please get in touch by email or by phone:

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

Womens' Institute

Our **April** meeting was a talk on chocolate from Kirsty Stickland. After working in finance for many years as a Management Accountant, Kirsty was made redundant and decided to set up a business combining her love of chocolate with her love of having fun. Hence the Choccie Drop was born and she now runs chocolate making workshops for children and adults. <https://www.thechocciedrop.co.uk/>. We learned about the history of chocolate making and the different types of chocolate and got to taste and buy some too.

In **May** we heard the confessions of two male nurses who trained at the L&D in the mid 80s. Times have certainly changed but nursing was possibly more fun in the olden days. You might recognise one of them!



In **June** local mixologist Colin McCausland gave a very entertaining talk on cocktails accompanied by his glamorous assistant Will. Great fun and some interesting drinks to try. Thanks to Bern for hosting and providing yummy food!

July saw the return of our popular “swishing” event where members bring along their unwanted clothes, accessories, books and CDs to swap for other items. We also ran a stall at the Chalgrave Games in aid of the women held at the Yarl’s Wood Immigration Removal Centre (yes, it’s as grim as it sounds). We raised £52 to help us buy small ‘luxury’ items such as new knickers for the women being held there.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - *Update*

W.I. Book club

We meet on the **4th Thursday of the month** in the evening. We do have non-WI members so please get in touch if you are interested in joining us, the evenings tend to be lively and informative with lots of discussion that is not related to the book.

Our most recent books are below – all have been well received.

April - How Hard Can It Be by Alison Pearson, hosted by Kim Pink

May - Into The Water by Paula Hawkins, hosted by Noeleen Pottage

June - The Farm by Joanne Ramos, hosted by Amanda Smith

Our next book is Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty- hosted by Lisa Devayya.

Our summer outing is a tour of The Globe Theatre followed by a production of Midsummer Night's Dream.

We have our Christmas party booked too for Saturday 7 December at the Fancott Arms.

Guest are welcome to attend up to 3 WI meetings for a fee of £4 per visit.

Forth coming events:

Date	Event	Location
Tue-10-Sep	Salsa Session	CMH
Tue-08-Oct	Star Gazing session	CMH
Tue-12-Nov	AGM - Nibbles and natter	CMH
Tue-10-Dec	Christmas crafts	CMH

Debbie Parry— President

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Rights of Way [ROW] Footpaths and Bridleways

One of my responsibilities on the Chalgrave Parish Council is chair of the ROW committee.

Our committee is now somewhat, how shall I say.... “ancient” i.e. not as young as we were.

Personally, I have not been able to spend much time on ROW issues, but I hope to be able to spend more time going forward.

We are very lucky to have many miles of footpaths in our parish and for the most part all

are in a fair condition but they do need upkeep. The best way to keep them in a good state is to walk them! The farmers and landowners in general do a good job in keeping the paths. It is a fact that in Chalgrave they are generally very much opposed to kissing gates. That is fine providing they do keep the stiles in a good and safe condition, and this can be a problem.

To be clear. Farmers have a responsibility to clear Crossfield paths through crops and to mark the line of the path after ploughing/harrowing. They also have the responsibility to keep stiles/kissing gates in a decent condition. They are not required to clear weeds and scrub from the headland paths or bridges nor are they responsible for maintaining the bridges. CBC are responsible for this maintenance. That’s where the ROW committee and in fact everyone who walks the paths comes into play.



How can you help?

Take your secateurs with you and, particularly at this time of the year, cut back growth over bridges and stiles and gates.

Take photographs of problems and post to me. For example, rickety stiles, broken planks on bridges, Crossfield paths not cleared of crop or the line of the path not marked.

Best of all join the committee where we can meet occasionally to discuss problems and solutions.

As I intimated before we need “new blood”, some younger people on the Committee, so please let me know if you are interested.

We are actually very fortunate at present to have had some volunteers from outside of the Parish who have and will do some work which might well include assisting repair of stiles with the agreement of the farmer/landowners, but we will still need volunteers from within the Parish.

Ken Green

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHALGRAVE

Report to Chalgrave Parish Council, Tuesday 16 July 2019

A Funeral Service of Thanksgiving with the music, hymns and readings (planned by Peter Freeman) which was held on 17 June 2019, at 2.30pm, was very well attended. He had wanted rumbustious singing and hopefully we fulfilled his wish.



The void from Peter's loss is not easy to fill and we are gently easing our way forward. Sunday morning services are now covered by a rota of organists and we have moved the service time forward to 9.15am, for now, to enable us to obtain the services of certain organists who have later commitments.

I have managed a rota more or less up to the end of December, but am still seeking cover for some Christmas services.

Other more routine tasks like cleaning the church and changing altar frontals etc are also now being prepared on a rota basis. Unfortunately as Peter did so much, we are on a bit of a learning curve, picking up tasks as they appear.

Work to complete the installation of the toilet is virtually complete and we now have a functioning internal toilet. Work on the installation of the new upstairs cupboards has hit a sad hitch, as the carpenter's workshop was completely destroyed in a fire recently. A considerable delay is likely but we are investigating options.

In light of the continuing restoration work we decided to cancel the July cream tea social activity to focus on the September event, when hopefully the church will be tidy, with cupboards installed.

Attendances are gently increasing on a Sunday morning, with 32 people attending the week before last. – very encouraging.

There have been several requests for baptisms later this year, and next year we will have about 3 weddings.

The team are working well together and we have very much valued the Alpha course which has offered, teaching, bonding, fellowship, great food and hospitality. We have had between 12 and 17 people attending. Our last session in the hall will be this Thursday, followed by a couple of follow on sessions in August. Plans are underway for a follow on Bible study course or home group.

Chalgrave and Toddington Churches will share in giving Bibles to the year 4 children leaving the Lower School this summer. We will be employing an Outreach worker within the Quintet of Churches to develop our links with young people and the young families. We are praying for funding. Also to introduce the HUGS worker, who works in feeder schools to Harlington Upper School, to St George's.

Reverend Linda Washington



A CHALGRAVE CHILDHOOD - local building of interest



'Dolemore's' house has been an important part of the Chalgrave landscape for as long as anyone can remember. It's the last house on the right as you walk down The Lane in Tebworth, opposite Lane Farm, just one of the farms owned by the Dolemore family, who have been significant farmers and landowners in the parish. In fact, much of the Lane, with its row of pretty farm worker's cottages was owned by Dolemore's, as was Ivy Farm and the row of cottages by the Great Pond. Sisters Audrey and Daisy are well remembered for their prize winning Aberdeen Angus cattle and the walls and the roof of the barn to the left of the entrance to the house pictured, was covered in rosettes won at local shows. It certainly made an impressive sight and hinted at the importance and history of cattle rearing in the village

Residents can still remember cows being driven along the Lane and mothers hurrying to take in prams with sleeping babies inside. Sadly, they can also remember foot and mouth coming to Tebworth in the 1950s when, distressingly, the sound of cattle being destroyed rang out around the village.

Yes, rural life could be tough ... and dramatic too. When a fire broke out in the cattle shed at Ivy farm, villager Tom Horne was quick to run in and save the livestock, risking his own life and was hailed as a local hero after.

Chalgrave continues to evolve, as rural landscapes must, in response to the changing needs of modern life and Dolemore's is now the site of a small development.

But the old house is still there, sitting proudly as a historical backdrop to the new houses sprouting up all around it and a reminder to us of the rural heritage on which our community was built. **Frances Masters**

Peter Freeman

From the book 'The History of Chalgrave Sports Club' by Mick and Barbara Kingham; this ode was written by Peter Freeman when he was editor of The Chalgrave News in 1978.

As the current editorial team, we are happy to honour the cash prize offered by Peter for anyone who can come up with a good use for the old frying pan they found when tidying up the cricket field – in verse of course! Peter will be sadly missed in our community.



WHEN THE CRICKET HAD TO STOP

Members of the Cricket Club
Are tidying up their ground
At Wingfield – and you'd be surprised
At all the junk they've found!
The Chicken House which in times past
Once served as Club HQ
Has been demolished bit by bit
A job long overdue.
The hedge that grows around the field
All neatly trimmed has been
So keen are all the members to
Enhance the rural scene
The energy which they've displayed
Is something truly great
And if you want an ancient bath
There's one right by the gate!
It's got no plugs – nor any taps
The enamel's wearing thin

But think of all who o'er the years
Have washed themselves therein
Now possibly the STRANGEST find
Upon a tree stump lies
A battered, rusted FRYING PAN
(Bottom to the skies).
This pan seems unconnected with
The revered game of cricket
Let's hope the members soon decide
Just where they ought to stick it
To hang it in the privy might
I think, be reckoned wise
For then it could be used by all
Who sit there – swotting flies.
Other uses seem so hard
To think of (though one tries)
Suggestions sent to me in verse
Could win a ONE POUND PRIZE.

Peter Freeman

Peter Howe Freeman's recent death leaves a huge void at All Saints Church, Chalgrave.

Peter was one of two main driving forces behind the re-opening and restoration of Chalgrave church, which had stood in decline for many years. His professional Planning Officer knowledge came to the fore with his appreciation of historic beauty and Godly potential. Now the church stands in its restored beauty and worshipful majesty.

This church, thanks to Peter's care, is a lasting memorial and legacy not only for our own benefit, but also for the benefit of people before us, and for generations to come. It is a wonderful tribute to Peter's loving care, vision and driving commitment over so many years and to his aspiration to restore and build this church to be a living, church, filled with joyful, meaningful, Christian worship.

Peter's faith was strong. He was a committed and dedicated Christian, who was keen to offer a simple, accessible but meaningful Christian message to those who visited and attended, so that they too could share the love of Jesus Christ, in all its fullness. Peter was deeply respected and talented. As the long standing organist here, he provided more than just musical accompaniment: he provided, vision, depth of thought, and Biblical message. He chose hymns with the greatest care and insight, linking them to the appropriate Bible passages to enhance the message. He had a unique ministry.

Peter was an established member of this church community and also of this parish. He cared for people and went out of his way to support them. He had a successful professional work career, with many friends keen to remember him. He was a wonderful friend; he enjoyed life, he had a good sense of humour and enjoyed a joke, wrote poems to fit circumstances (some to be shared, and some not), he wrote beautiful letters in his wonderful copperplate hand which many people still hold to this day.

Peter was wise, thoughtful, reflective and sensitive, and had a clear sense of what was right and proper. He was generous, and resourceful, decorating the church so beautifully come Christmas, Easter, Palm Sunday, Remembrance and Harvest. He crafted many a special service: Carols by Candlelight, Good Friday and of course the family services with Maximus Mouse. His music, ministry, professionalism and friendship have touched many, many lives and will be remembered for many, many years to come.

Peter planned his funeral service. He wanted it to be a happy service, with some

Peter Freeman

humour – not too long and without lots of tributes and he chose wonderful hymns and music wanting it to be an occasion with rumbustious singing – because he would be listening!

The Address – given by Reverend Roger Wood

At the age of 11, Peter Freeman wanted to be a vicar. That didn't happen, but nevertheless we come together today to celebrate a life that was also a ministry. Peter's ministry was primarily a ministry in music. He had, as we all know, prodigious musical gifts. Those gifts were first publicly displayed when, as a teenager, he played for morning and evening prayer at his beloved church at Holywell, near St Ives. They led to him accompanying a performance of Messiah at St Albans Abbey, the quality of which can be judged from the fact that Joan Hammond and Janet Baker were among the soloists.

What turned those gifts into a ministry, however, was his willingness to place them at the service of others. He placed them at the service of the church, at Radlett, in Streatley, and here in Chalgrave.

He placed them at the service of the communities in which he lived, founding the Radlett Choral Society, the London Colney Choral Society, a soldiers' choir in Germany, and the church choir in Streatley where he served as choirmaster for all but fifty years.

He also placed his gifts at the service of individuals. Over the years his playing has brought joy to countless brides and given comfort to those in sorrow.

Peter's ministry was primarily a ministry of music, but it went far beyond music. He was involved in outreach. He ran a thriving youth group, The Venturers, in Radlett. At Streatley he played a major part in moving us on from a church that cheered when the 30th person came through the door to one that was disappointed if the congregation was less than a hundred.

He revived and was helping to revive this church. He was also involved in services. At Streatley and Chalgrave, he wrote special services and went to endless trouble to select appropriate hymns. Here at Chalgrave, he also arranged flowers, washed the linen, and organised rotas as well as caring for the fabric and mowing the churchyard.

The worship of both churches was greatly enriched by his generosity in purchasing both furnishings and vestments. He also exercised a pastoral ministry. He did so in public through his work as a Planning Officer. He did so in private through his much appreciated visiting of individuals.

Peter Freeman

Such was Peter's ministry, but what of the minister himself? Two qualities stand out. The first was perfectionism. That stood out in everything he did. It showed in his always immaculate appearance. It showed in his garden where the perfection of his front lawn drove me to despair every time I saw it. It showed in his music. One wrong note would worry him for days. That perfectionism could sometimes make him a hard taskmaster for congregations, choir and clergy, but it was balanced by a warm humanity.

We picture him teaching his sister and family to rock and roll. We picture him relaxing among friends with a glass of red wine cracking jokes and leading the singing. We recall his poems. It was a humanity that enabled him to lay aside that stuffiness that can sometimes be associated with organists of his calibre.

The mother of a bride called Katherine will never forget the way, at her request, the wedding march slipped seamlessly into K.K.K. Katee as the bride left the church. A vicar not a thousand miles from here, will never forget how, in compliance with his request, he left his final service to the most thunderous rendition of 'Nellie the Elephant packed her trunk and said goodbye to the circus (or churches?) that has ever been heard. Perhaps, however, Peter's complimentary characteristics were best summed up by a child he taught in primary school. He was, she reported to her parents, 'very strict, but very kind.'

If you are at all worried about where Peter may be now, don't be. It's all sorted. I have had a word. 'Lord, I said, 'As and when the trumpets sound for me over the other side, I don't want some bunch of angelic amateurs puffing away. I want a proper fanfare. I want a Mr Freeman on the organ.' And so, as we gather here, we may picture Mr Freeman settling himself on to the stool of the heavenly organ gazing out over all the stops he had ever dreamed of and blessed with the assurance that the organ at last would not break down. Peter, dear children, is in Paradise.

Words of Reflection by Linda

Today we say thank you to God for Peter. Thank you Lord for all that was special in his life. Thank you for the music, for the singing, for the laughter, for the joy, for the worship led so capably and creatively, so Inspiring and rousing. We say thank you for Peter's care and dynamism and for his Christian Witness.



Peter Freeman

Peter last played the organ here at Chalgrave on Easter Sunday. To be honest both he and I don't know how he managed, but he did! He hadn't felt well for some time, but on that day, I realised something was clearly amiss: his usual beautifully formed copperplate writing was not its usual immaculate perfection.

Easter Sunday was the last time Peter attended church. He had spent the week organising the decoration of the church, setting up the Easter Garden, climbing a ladder just the day before to add the finishing touch to the pillar flower display. Then on Easter Sunday he played resoundingly and as I stood here filled by the music, I silently thanked God for the fullness and energy and for God's gift of music to Peter, which he shared with us all. That was the last day that he played. Soon after this he was undergoing tests, and all too soon, his energy and life slipped away from him.

Peter spent his last weeks at the home of his dear friends Jonathan and Paula, who were like a son and daughter in law, to him. Their bond of friendship formed so many years before at Streatley church. How well he was cared for, in a haven of retreat with calm, understanding and Christian love. Thank you both for your wonderful care of Peter.

I fear I will be in trouble with Peter for choosing to include the Bible reading about the Resurrection Body, as Peter avoided long Bible passages, so out of respect to him, I have edited it down, but I was drawn to include it today as I feel this passage sums up so much of what Peter, and Christians believe about the promise of eternal life, when the mortal perishable body will be replaced by an immortal imperishable new body.

Let us as church, as friends and family, be inspired by Peter's example: 'Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain'. Peter's heart was to nurture and inspire new growth here at Chalgrave. Let us take that as our legacy and vision, and continue his cause – excelling for the Lord, being steadfast. May Peter's labour, and ours, not be in vain. For..... 'What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen'. Peter sowed much seed, now let us pray that God develops the seed to bear much fruit.

Thank you Lord for Peter.

Linda Washington

Wingfield Classic Car Show



The Classic and Prestige Car Day was held on Sunday 14th July at The Plough in Wingfield. This has become a regular event in the Chalgrave calendar and was well attended. There were classic cars of all ages and refreshments at the Plough included a barbecue and gin bar!

The event raised funds for the East Anglian Air Ambulance and Keech Hospice.



The Queen's Head

A warm welcome to our new Queen's Head landlords, Carlie and Ed. They have made a huge impact already , with lots of new events and themed evenings to draw the customers in.

There have been some lively nights watching rugby and football with the fortnightly quiz nights ever popular and who could forget National Gin Day when we were invited to double up on gin all day for £1 extra!

Joe's sessions are always great fun. The last one was outdoors and made a lovely summer evening singing and playing under the stars.

Coming up is Grease Night on Saturday 24th August and plans are already underway for a grand New Year 's Eve party.

That will certainly be a date for the diary!



Chalgrave Open Gardens

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in The Chalgrave Open Garden event. Despite the weather we had 66 visitors and did a roaring trade on teas.

Everyone worked so hard on their gardens in preparation:

- Rachel and Paul Shaw
- Claude Michel Eveir and Fiona Strong
- John Wojdyla and Janet Day
- Julia Marsh and Dave Grimes
- Roger and Frances Masters
- Sharon and Stuart Brown
- Eddie and Tina Wadsworth
- David and Stacey Wallis

And the refreshments team did a great job:

- Bernadette Inzani
- Frances Masters
- Tracy Malster

Great work from John and Jan in providing home grown plants for the plant stall. And Lyndie for helping to man the stall and cover at Buttercup Farm.

Thanks to the Plough Inn team for taking part and for letting visitors use their car park.

And to everyone who made cakes including Sandy Ryan, Marion Harris, Sheila Osborn and Lesley Mead.

We have made enough money to cover nearly two editions of the Chalgrave News!

Debbie Parry

In response, a massive thankyou to **Debbie Parry** for her amazing organisational skills in organising this event.

From all of the Chalgrave News Team.



Chalgrave Open Gardens



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June 2019



BE KIND TO BEES

Most people know that bees are in trouble but did you know that there are 276 different species of bee in Britain, ranging from the small scissor bee, the size of a grain of rice, to the large garden bumblebee up to 22mm long? There are 27 species of bumblebee and they are social bees who live in colonies like the honey bee. While a honey bee colony can contain 50,000 individuals bumblebee colonies usually number up to 200. An old English word for a bumblebee is a 'dumbledore'.

Bumblebee queens hibernate over winter usually in holes in the ground and emerge in early spring to forage for food and look for nesting sites. Many bumblebees nest in the ground often using old mouse tunnels. They build a nest of dried grasses and lay about a dozen eggs which hatch into workers which are sterile females. These workers then go out to find nectar and pollen for the growing colony. Later the queens lay eggs which become new queens and males and these hatch and mate. At the end of the season the old queen, workers and males die and the new queens hibernate ready to lay their first eggs in the spring. Bumblebees are not aggressive and like honey bees will only sting if threatened.

The rest of the British bee species are solitary bees which live singly in a range of habitats. Each queen lays and looks after her own eggs and there are no workers.



Buff-tailed Bumblebee

There are mason bees which live in holes in the brickwork of old walls, wood or dead flower

stalks. There are many species of mining bee in the UK which use holes in the ground.

There are 7 species of leafcutter bee which cut semi-circular holes in leaves and use these to make nesting cells for a single larva. There are bees which nest in old snail shells.

There are even

several species of

"cuckoo bee" such as the common mourning bee, which lay their eggs in the nests of other species. When the larvae hatch they kill the host larvae, either directly or by eating all the pollen so they starve. Solitary bees are the ones most likely to make use of 'bug hotels'.

All bees are important pollinators. Bees are thought to pollinate around 80% of European wild flowers and about one third of all food production is bee-dependent. Bumblebees are more effective pollinators than honey bees as they can fly at lower temperatures and so are active for more of the year. Both nectar and pollen are essential for bees to survive and raise their young; nectar provides the energy and pollen provides protein and a wide range of elements such as potassium, phosphorus, nitrogen and many more. Some bees are specialists like the ivy bee which only eats the nectar and pollen of ivy flowers but many, like us, enjoy a varied diet from many sources. They don't even mind if the flowers are not native species.

One of the biggest threats to bee populations in recent years is the use of pesticides, particularly the neonicotinoids. Although the use of 2 of these has been banned in the EU, a further 2 thought to be of lower bee toxicity remain in use, particularly by commercial



Wild Chalgrave

growers. A recent study found traces of pesticides (although not necessarily neonicotinoids) on 'bee friendly' plants for sale in garden centres.

Bees are also under threat from pests and diseases, particularly the varroa mite which carries a virus that can infect bees and wipe out whole colonies.

Climate change and loss of habitat are also affecting bee numbers, especially the loss of the wild flower meadows that they love. If you find a bee in trouble give them some sugar solution – not honey as it could transmit diseases from other colonies, and make sure they are somewhere warm. They need a body temperature of 30C to fly. So if you have bees living in your garden – look after them.

GARDENING FOR BEES

First the good news. Don't be too tidy in the garden, a concept we have already heartily embraced. Bees (and other insects) enjoy a variety of different habitats, so leave dead stems standing over winter, leave a pile of small logs or twigs and make a compost heap – all potential bee nesting places. If you have a lawn, let some grass grow long and relax about weeds. Clover, especially red clover is a perfect bee food and dandelions make good forage for early bees. If the weather is mild some bees can fly as early as February. Make sure you have some flowers for these early bees: spring bulbs like crocus, snowdrops and winter aconites, perennials such as hellebores or shrubs like mahonia or pussy willow. Several species of small willows are often called 'pussy willows' but remember that it's only male plants that produce pollen. Many fruit trees flower early and are a useful resource for bees, including

ornamental fruits like crab apples. Don't forget the other end of the season when most summer flowers have finished. Sedums will be a magnet for bees (and butterflies) and Japanese anemones and autumn asters flower late. One of the best late plants for bees is the common ivy (*hedera helix*). Unfortunately plants only flower when mature, usually at the top of a big tree and are best enjoyed in hedgerows. There are a few bush ivies that don't climb and will flower while still small such as poet's ivy (*hedera helix* f. *poetarum*) which has orange berries.

For the rest of the season your choice is wide. Choose a variety of different flower shapes. Bees come in many shapes and sizes. Some bumblebees have tongues up to 2cm. long and can get right into tubular flowers like foxgloves and salvias. Daisy shapes are popular with most bees, as are pincushion shapes like scabious. Make sure you don't have a lot of double-flowered plants in your garden. They usually have less nectar and pollen than single-flowered varieties and it is often inaccessible to bees.

Don't use insecticides in your garden. All the evidence now points to them being really harmful to bees.

And if you find a bees' nest in your garden, don't disturb it – just be proud that you are the bees' needs.

Janet Day
and
John Wojdyla



The Chalgrave Games 2019

There's no doubt that, for the Chalgrave Memorial Hall committee, the annual fun and games day is the big event of the year.

The Chalgrave Games started over 40 years ago as a way of bringing the community together, which it still is. Yet now it's also a main fundraiser and a way of keeping hire fees for the Hall (a registered charity) low, especially for residents who are subsidised 50% on the commercial rate.

Preparations start as early as January when we decide on a theme (there's a few of the committee who like any excuse to dress up!). This year's theme was 'Magic and Mayhem'. Meetings are generally lively (they are held in a local hostelry) which is probably why there's no shortage of ideas; some weird, some wacky and some that turn out to be achievable.

This year, we made the Dog Show, organised by Lesley, helped by Barbara, part of the Games rather than an earlier event. So there was already a good sized audience there to have a laugh at canines and their owners as they were put through their paces squeezing through tunnels, jumping over hurdles and weaving unsteadily towards the finishing post, where Olga the miniature dachshund, showed the rest of the field a clean pair of paws.



The Chalgrave Games 2019



Even as the Dog show was being cleared away, the Chair of the Parish Council could be seen scaling the climbing wall loaned by Toddington scouts. Did he make it to the top? Well, no, but he did keep us entertained for quite a while (which is, after all, the main point of the Games).



Meanwhile, the bouncy castle kept the kiddies entertained, as did the little train, trundling along behind what looked like a small sit on lawnmower. This reminded me of last year when the driver ran amuck through the belly dancers as they performed , whilst also drowning out the ukulele band, already struggling due to a PA system melt down!



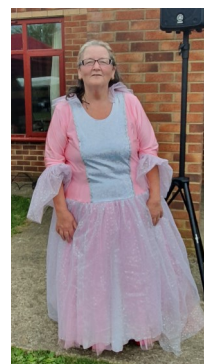
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This year's live music benefitted from a brand new sound system and featured the Rock Choir, all impressively dressed in matching black outfits apart from one small, brightly dressed-unicorn who, on closer inspection, turned out to be our very own Hazel Zimmer. Rock on Hazel!

Children's races were followed by adult races, where the usual pushing, shoving and cheating were in evidence but the wellie wanging went off without anyone being knocked to the ground by a flying boot this year, so that was a relief.

Ray and Sue's beer tent was kept busy, as was Colin's cocktail lounge, also manned by Bern, Imogen and Paul. A run on Pimms saw Colin dashing off several times to restock (well that's where he said he was going anyway).

What to say about the BBQ? Well mayhem certainly featured there with both deep fat fryers malfunctioning and a hole in the hose making one of the gas BBQ's unusable. Let's not mention how we managed to melt one of the hall's internal electric sockets.



Let's face it, it was always going to be a challenge. The BBQ has been Mick and Chris's baby for so many years. Even though they have now put a safe distance between them and us by moving to Devon, several urgent calls were made for advice on how to prepare and what to buy.

'Don't get chopped onions' said Christine 'They go mushy. Get onion rings'

What did we do? Got chopped onions... and they went mushy! Still, no one complained and no one got poisoned, so that's a success and thanks have to go to this year's BBQ stalwarts Lisa, Will and Hannah.

The Chalgrave Games 2019



In addition to all this hilarity, we had the wonderful archers back for another year, Janet and John's teddy bear orphanage and plant stall, guess the balloons in the car (89) by Sally from Local Agent, find the wine, the WI bric a brac stall raising money for the female residents of Yarlswood detention centre plus Mark doing some unnervingly accurate Tarot readings.

It felt emotional when the annual award, given by the parish council for service to the community, was presented posthumously to our lovely Lyn Green and accepted by Ken and family.

Meanwhile indoors, there was the tea stall manned by Andrea and Velda with lovely home baked cakes and biscuits with pretty tablecloths and bunting giving the hall a sort of 'Midsummer Murder' feel.

Fortunately no one actually got murdered, so that counts as a success and, as a bonus, it looks like we raised more money than ever before. Now that's what I call a win-win all round.

Lots of thanks go out to the major sponsors, MW Agri Ltd and Direct Pallets Ltd. Our big raffle prizes were an iPad and a Kindle.

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And finally, let's have a big hand for all our long suffering and hard working trustees. You know who you are.

Frances Masters

Lyn Green

The family want to thank everyone for coming to the celebration of Lyn's Life at the Queen's Head on Saturday 22 June.

We thought it was a wonderful and happy occasion and we were delighted that so many of her friends and family were there to celebrate with us. It was just what we wished for.

We want to thank everyone for their generosity in subscribing to the charities we chose in her name.

We know there were many people who were not able to come but know that they were with us in spirit.

We must give a very special thanks to Ed and Carlie who managed all the logistics and took all the strain away from the family.

We have been overwhelmed by the cards and messages of sympathy from so many people and the many repeated comment was that she was a lovely lady. Whilst we mourn her death deeply and miss her so much, we were so happy to have a special day to celebrate her amazing life.

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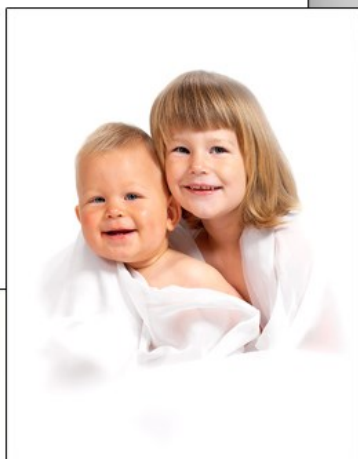


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Fly-tipping in Wingfield

On Sunday 14 July, late in the evening, a resident came across a nasty surprise as he drove into Wingfield.

Someone had dumped enough garden waste to block the whole road. The resident had the presence of mind to put some traffic cones around it to alert oncoming traffic and also posted a picture on the Chalgrave News Facebook page, which alerted the parish council to what had happened.

The police were contacted and Central Beds Highways came out to inspect. Deeming the scale of the problem too large to resolve immediately, the decision was taken to close off the road, which was how it stayed until the middle of the next day, when it was cleared, no doubt at some expense to all of us.

It's happened before and will no doubt happen again. But if you have any information about who did this, please do alert a member of the parish council.

If you come across a problem like this, you can also phone Highways direct on their emergency number 0300 300 8049. Needless to say, if you spot any suspicious activity, do take a registration number and alert the police.



Please always check people have a waste disposal licence before they take any garden or building waste away for you.

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Ingredients: Makes about 24 small biscuits.

- 225g (8oz) Self Raising Flour
- 110g (4oz) Caster Sugar
- 110g (4oz) Clotted cream
- 1 Large Free Range Egg, beaten
- 1 tbsp Milk



Method: Preheat oven to 220°C/425°F/Gas 7.

Mix together the flour and the sugar.

Add the milk, cream and egg until the mixture comes together to form a stiff dough. Cover with a tea towel and place the mixture in the fridge for 15 minutes to firm up. Roll the dough out onto a floured surface until about 2.5cm (1 inch) thick.

Cut shapes out of the dough using a cookie cutter of your choice.

Transfer to greased baking sheets and bake for 10 minutes.

Be careful not to let the biscuits brown too much!

Transfer to wire racks to cool.

Decorate with writing icing if desired.

Store the finished biscuits in an airtight container.

These biscuits are delicious served plain or with a generous smear of jam or clotted cream with tea as snack. Or decorated with writing icing to create intricate patterns for a beautifully presented after dinner treat.

Remember: the quality of your cream will show in the taste of your biscuits which is why I recommend using only good quality Devonshire variety.

How to worry well

Worrying is ok. It's not an illness. It's what we do when life presents us with challenges. The trouble is that most people don't do it properly!

Endless worrying is like an annoying worm wriggling around in your brain, making you feel restless, anxious or distressed.

If you have the same old worries going round and round, the reality is you're just not doing it properly. The worry worm (let's call him Walter) will deplete your energy because his favourite food is serotonin, and he can eat double his own weight in this important feel-good hormone, making you tired and depressed.

However, worrying is actually ok and everybody does it. It serves a genuine purpose by motivating you to get things done. But you need to do it efficiently. Learning to worry well will make stress really work for you.

Here's how . If anxiety has become a problem, set aside some time (no more than half an hour) every day when you do nothing but worry and problem solve.

At the designated time, start to sort through all your worries then use the 4D worry-well technique to sort them into categories.

The 4Ds stand for 'Do, Delay, Delegate or Ditch.' Ask yourself:

1. Do I need to 'Do' something about this?
2. Can I 'Delay' a decision?
3. Can I 'Delegate' this worry to someone else?
4. Do I need to 'Ditch' the worry and accept there is nothing I can do about this?

If there is something you can do, do it! Make a plan of action and break it down into bite-sized chunks. Have a strategy. What practical steps can you take to resolve this problem?

Perhaps you don't need to do anything right away and can put it into the 'deferred' box in your head. Can you delay making a decision and come back to it in a week, or a month, or longer? Put it on the back burner for now.

Or perhaps the problem is something somebody else can deal with rather than you? They say the sign of a good boss is one who knows how to delegate. Let's face it, you can't do everything yourself and everyone outsources these days!

Finally, if there is nothing you can do about it, even if you stayed awake every night for the next month, perhaps you need to decide to just let it go completely. Ditch it!

If you regularly confine and categorise your worries in this way, you're putting a fence around your own stress and you'll find you sleep better, feel better and have more spare capacity to deal with life's inevitable challenges

Frances Masters (psychotherapist)

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF LYN GREEN

On the 22nd of June friends and family from Chalgrave and beyond gathered at The Queen's Head to celebrate the life of Lyn Green.

It was a beautiful sunny day and we enjoyed music, good food and drinks, and shared our memories of Lyn.

Ken and his family had prepared a booklet of her life with slide-shows and videos. Later in the evening we enjoyed more music from Lennie, an old Queen's Head favourite. Lyn lived in Tebworth for over 40 years and was passionate about Chalgrave and its people. She would have loved the event, and will be sadly missed .



A big thank you to Ken Green and his family for their generosity and to Ed and Carlie at the Queen's Head for all their hard work.

If anyone did not get a copy of the booklet of her life there are a few left over. Ken can also supply a PDF of the full version, made for the family and Lyn's very close friends and/or copies of the slide-show, eulogy and other videos.

Please contact Ken Green on 874107 or email kenandlyn@tinyworld.co.uk

Janet Day

Aunt Agnes

Hello once again dear readers.

Some time ago I received a letter from a lady of the parish who does not want to be identified. In her letter she told me she was seeking my advice as she was shortly to go on a 3 month holiday with Chalgrave W.I. touring 16 different countries, which sounds like a fantastic holiday and I am sure will be enjoyed by all the 25 W.I.

members lucky enough to be able to go on this once in a lifetime trip.

The problem is that this lady has never been abroad before and knowing that I am a well-travelled person due to a lifetime of evading the tax man and presently living in my luxury sea front Caribbean villa, who better to give travel advice than yours truly? Anyway, the lady's problem was that as she had never travelled abroad before and she wanted advice on what she must take with her. A simple enough question to answer you would think? But no, not when the Chalgrave News team's spellchecker and proof reader became involved.

My answer was .. "The very first thing you must do is get yourself a passport which you need to carry with you at all times when travelling."

What could possibly go wrong with this answer I hear to ask?

Well, once the News spellchecker had got to work, my reply in the Chalgrave News read ... "The very first thing you must do is get yourself a pisspot which you need to carry with you at all times when travelling."

Now any seasoned traveller would have realised that something was amiss with this reply but unfortunately this lady was not a seasoned traveller.

The first I realised something was wrong was 2 months ago when she sent me a postcard and photo showing her carrying a chamber pot in Australia. Apparently she had been carrying it around the world believing that this was my advice!

(Incidentally, I would never describe a chamber pot with a rude word like pisspot. I would use jerry, or po, or potty, or thunder pot).

Once I had contacted her to point out this mistake she was very relieved and, by a stroke of luck, this was the very moment she found the chamber pot to be of use!

Until next time dear readers.....

Aunt Agnes



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August



**Many Congratulations to
Charlotte Scott Osborn
and her new husband
Simon Maynard.**

**They were married
in the parish
on
July 18th.**

Chalgrave Memorial Hall

Fees and Charges effective from 1st January 2019

Period	Parish Resident Individual and Parish Voluntary Community Groups	**Non-Parish Resident or Parish Commercial	**Non-Parish Organisation/ Commercial
MONDAY TO FRIDAY			
9am – 6pm	£9.00 per hour	£18.00 per hour	£21.00 per hour
6pm – 11pm*	£10.50 per hour	£21.00 per hour	£28.50 per hour
FRIDAY			
6pm – 12 midnight*	£130	£260	£295
SATURDAY			
9am – 6pm	£11.50 per hour	£23.00 per hour	£26.50 per hour
6pm – 12 midnight*	£145	£290	£370
12.30pm – 12 midnight*	£185	£370	£425
SUNDAY			
10am – 10pm*	£11.50 per hour	£23.00 per hour	£29.00 per hour
‘WEEKEND RATE’			
(Friday 6pm to Sun- day 12 noon) NB Hall must be vacated at 11pm Friday and 12 mid- night Saturday	£305	£610	£720

- 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.
- £300 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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