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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	WI	Memorial Hall	8–10 pm
Every other Friday	Quiz Night	Queens Head	8.30pm
29 April, 27 May	Joe's Session	Queens Head	8.30pm
18 May— Surgery	Cllr Mark Versallion	Queens Head	5.30-.30pm
Saturday, 4 July	Chalgrave Games	Memorial Hall	1pm
11-13 Sept	800 Festival	All Saints Church	
2nd Tues of month	Ukelele session	Queens Head	1pm

*At the time of going to print most of the above are cancelled or postponed.
Please check later to see if any are resumed.*

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Please send your contributions to: thechalgravenews@gmail.com

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A note from the editorial team

Hello to all of our dear fellow parishioners. Whilst we welcome in the Spring, life as we know it has changed for us all. What strange unprecedented times we live in! The global pandemic of the Corona virus or Covid-19 has affected us all in so many ways.

Some of us may have had symptoms or been hospitalised, others are vulnerable and needing support. Families have been thrown together to self isolate and home educate and all of us must social distance when in public. We hope and pray that this will be over soon. Thank you to the parish council for reaching out and offering their support .

During this difficult time we must not forget how amazing the NHS have been; out there in the front line, fighting this horrible disease and putting themselves at risk every single day. It has been so heart-warming seeing the public displays of gratitude to the NHS and all those key workers, in the public domain.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

Stay well, stay safe and stay at home.

Thank you
NHS
and all Key Workers



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CHAIR'S REPORT 2019/2020

The Parish Council decided to cancel this year's Annual Parish Assembly because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. It is a necessary but unfortunate decision as the Assembly over the last years has been a great occasion for our community. Not only is it an opportunity to find out what the Parish Council has been doing over the past year, but we also get up to date with other organisations in the Parish. The number of residents that attend the Assembly highlights the strength of our Community. We hope to arrange a similar event later in the year.



As we are not having our Assembly, we have asked organisations in the Parish to write a short report which we have collated and put into the next edition of the Chalgrave News.

As always the Parish Council works hard behind the scenes to maintain and improve our community by monitoring planning, highways, fly tipping, footpaths, speeding, flooding and much more, as well as liaising with the Police, Central Beds. Council and with our MP Andrew Selous.

We are also involved with anything that will have an impact on the Parish such as the development of Luton Airport and changing flight paths, housing development around Houghton Regis, protecting the Green Belt, the M1/A5 link road and the possibility of detrunking the A5 through Hockliffe.

Our Emergency Plan has come into operation again during this time of crisis. If you need any kind of help – or just a chat – the contact numbers are Barbara Jackson 07960 445492, Debbie Levy 07931 408697, Paul Whitton 07808 174843 Roger Fenwick 07814 598309, Phil Parry 07831 605600. The team has picked up a couple of prescriptions and has done a couple of 'shop runs' for residents. The few calls that the team has had again highlights our community spirit. We are looking after our neighbours and each other.

We had an election in the past year, and we were sorry to lose Paul Whitton who contributed so much to the Parish Council particularly with his contribution to resolving the Great Pond issue.

Frances Masters has joined the Council. Cllr. Masters has taken the responsibility for monitoring fly tipping. With the current closure of Household Waste Recycling

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Centres, we anticipate that the amount of fly tipping will increase. Cllr. Peter Warburton is on the Speedwatch team and looks after our website. Cllr Jan Day is a member of the Great Pond team. Cllr. Ken Green is Vice Chair and looks after our footpaths. Cllr. Kevin Ludgate has responsibility for our Police liaison. Cllr. Levy heads up the planning committee as well as being on the Speedwatch and footpaths teams. However, the most important person in the Parish Council team is our Clerk, Lesley Smith.

As well as having specific responsibilities, Councillors will attend other meetings for example Cllr. Green attends the Town and Parish meetings and I attend the BATPC meetings.

We get a Precept every year which is part of your Council Tax. A third of this amount goes straight back into the community in the form of grants, we keep an amount in reserve for the unexpected and the rest is for the running of the Council activities. If you want to look at our accounts, please contact the Clerk.

The Parish Council has developed strong links with our Church. We hope that the 800th Anniversary goes ahead, and we will be supporting the planned celebrations.

As we want to maintain the rural nature of our Parish, we discuss all planning applications and make comments. Importantly, if permission is given, we check that the development adheres to the permitted plans.

Cllr. Jan Day, along with Barbara Jackson and Paul Whitton, have done a lot of work on how to maintain and develop the Great Pond of Tebworth. We have also had some help from the Wildlife Trust - they sent us a report on how to maintain and enhance the Pond. As soon as we are able there will be a 'work party'. If you can volunteer, we would be grateful for your help.

Parking is a problem in our Parish, particularly in Tebworth. You will probably know that we are exploring the option of Yellow Lines on the corner of Toddington and Wingfield Roads. Despite polite notices asking residents not to park on the corner, some choose to ignore the request and continue to park on the corner making it dangerous for drivers turning into Wingfield Road.

We continue pressing Highways England to make the A5/ B5120 roundabout safer. We first brought this issue to their attention in 2017. We find it incredible that they have done nothing despite the number of accidents.

You may be aware that the Parish Council has two awards to give each year. The

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first is the Millennium Award for under 18's for an achievement of some kind, educational, sporting, charity or service to the community. The other is the Community Award for 18 years and above, again for an achievement or service to the community. If you know of anybody that deserves such an award, please contact any of the Councillors or Clerk.

Finally, you are always welcome to attend any of the Parish Council meetings. They are usually on the third Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. At the present time we are holding virtual meetings via Zoom. If you want to join these virtual meetings, please contact the Clerk for details.

Stay safe - and check on your neighbours.

Phil Parry , Chairman.

Andrew Selous, Member of Parliament for SW Bedfordshire.

Since I returned to work from home I have been dealing with a greatly increased number amount of casework trying to help our local hospitals, surgeries and care homes deal with the crisis as well as helping lots of local businesses apply for the business support available from the government. I am also lobbying hard to get enough personal protective equipment and testing available for everyone who needs this locally. One of my daughters is working on the front line in a London hospital and another is applying to go back to work at the Luton and Dunstable hospital so these matters are personal as well as Parliamentary to me.



I have been greatly heartened to see the outpouring of community and voluntary support for those who need it. We must not lose that community spirit once the crisis is over.

I know that many families are grieving for those they have lost and are worried about vulnerable family members and members of their family who are on the front line in health and social care. I also know that this lockdown is really hard for many people and I want to thank everyone who has done what they've been asked in order to protect the NHS and save the lives of those we love.

Kind Regards

Andrew Selous

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Mark Versallion, District Councillor

COVID-19

Council staff have been redeployed to prioritise food and medical provisioning to the vulnerable in our communities and care homes and the maintenance of critical services. Like all organisations there has also been a reduction in available staffing due to either contracting Covid –19 or to self-isolation. Some services have therefore been affected, such as green bin collections, which were restored on 27 April. Efforts are being made to co-ordinate the reopening of the tidy tip waste recycling centres, with neighbouring local authorities and to best manage what will undoubtedly be long queues and challenges in maintaining social distancing. The Police and Council have also been busy in organising and enforcing social distancing, such as at parks and woods where the closed cars parks have been ignored by some by parking outside the entrances. More than 6,000 residents are known to the Council as being clinically vulnerable and a further 6,000 as vulnerable and all have been contacted by CBC. If there is anyone you are concerned about or if you need help, you can contact Central Bedfordshire Council's dedicated Covid-19 helpline on 0300 300 8900.



BUSINESS GRANTS

CBC has so far processed over 2,000 applications with another 1,000 to go. More than £25m has been paid out to local businesses in central Bedfordshire.

LOCAL PLAN

Mark Versallion, District Councillor *continued*

Recent communications between Planning Inspectorate and Central Bedfordshire Council discussed the impact of COVID-19 on the submission of new evidence by the Council. In CBC's response (EXAM 103) they stated they were still working towards the 30th April deadline but it was impossible to say whether resources might be affected. Unfortunately this crisis has had an impact on officer resource, as well as on CBC's consultants and so they have been unable to complete this work within the timeframe. Any delay will be minimal and CBC expects to submit on or around the 14th May at the latest. A public consultation will follow this submission.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Some emails and social media posts claimed CBC's planning decisions were to be taken by the Chief Executive rather than the usual Development Management Committee and that this was an attack on democracy. The accusation was a misrepresentation of the truth and of questionable motives. The facts are that due to the Covid-19 pandemic and a national ban on holding committee meetings, a decision was taken at CBC's General Purposes committee on the 4th of April to allow, for the 29th April planning meeting only, a panel of three Councillors to determine a small number of planning applications, five in total as it turned out. The Chief Executive then used his emergency powers to formally 'make' the decision based on the panel's recommendations. For the next planning meeting on 27 May the intention is to have virtual meetings with public participation by video, until such time as public gatherings can be safely allowed again.

LEISURE CENTRE

I had previously reported that CBC's budget now includes £16m for a new leisure centre in Leighton Buzzard by 2023. In addition there is a £300,000 programme of refurbishment of the current Tiddenfoot leisure centre, including swimming pool changing rooms, installing new showers, new LED lighting, new flooring, additional hairdryers and other essential items. Air conditioning will also be installed in the gym and in the café area. Other works will also be completed while the centre is closed to the public, including repairs to the lift.

Mark Versallion

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CHALGRAVE MEMORIAL HALL

We are living in unprecedented times. The Memorial Hall has been closed since January and we don't know when it will be open again. It has been very strange going into the building knowing nobody is using it.

There are a few bills to pay, keeping the grass cut, some insurance and electricity, and some urgent repairs to be done, but of course no income. Fortunately we have the Parish Council to hopefully grant us some money for which we are extremely grateful. This together with our balances should keep us going for the rest of the year.

Sadly the Chalgrave Games has had to be postponed for this year so the Fun day on 4th July has been deferred until next year when it will be back with a flourish. Unfortunately we have also had to defer the prize draw for an I Pad; still this also will be back.

Anyway, my thanks go to all our Trustees and the work they have put in to the Hall. Also I wish you all well in this difficult time. Keep safe.

Roger Masters



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BOOK CLUB REVIEW



We lost a dear friend and book club member Lyn Green last year and miss her so much at our meetings, she is always in our thoughts. We had our annual lunch at Mama Rosa's in Leighton Buzzard this year and enjoyed some lovely food and great company. The books we have read have, as usual, been a mix of good and not so good, which always brings about an interesting debate.

There are currently seven of us in the club and we usually meet about once a month. We take it in turns to host the meeting over a cup of coffee and a biscuit, discuss the book we have read and have a general chit chat – it is a great opportunity to read some very good books and more importantly we get to socialise with people in the village we may not get to see very often.

If anyone is interested in joining please contact Noeleen Thomson on 872168

Chalgrave Senior Citizens Committee Report 2020

The unprecedented situation we are living in is a particular concern to the Senior Citizens Committee. Although the Covid-19 virus is a threat to everyone, it is especially important that the older generation keep themselves safe. In order to ensure this, the SCC delivered a note (well before the Government belated lockdown) to everyone on our register offering help with shopping and collecting prescriptions etc. (phone numbers are repeated below). We have heard many stories of kindness and know most people are being supported by neighbours, friends and families but even if you are not on our register (we know it's not comprehensive) or are just unable to get out please give us a call and we will do our best to help.

At the time of writing we are not aware of any cases of Covid-19 in the parish so it's important that people do not live in fear but it also important that we adhere to all the government safety advice. We realise it's very difficult for families not to meet especially when they live nearby but please resist the temptation to visit. With common sense we will all get through safely.

It is also important not to neglect other health issues and although we would not advocate rushing to a hospital or doctor's surgery, please ring your GP surgery for advice.

The Senior Citizens Committee are continuing to deliver birthday cards with contact numbers on and as our income is unaffected this year we will be delivering Christmas gifts as usual.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported us with our activities and please don't hesitate to get in touch on these numbers:

Roger Fenwick

Roger Fenwick: 01525 873768 or 07814 598309

Barbara Jackson: 07960 445492 Debbie Levy: 07931 408697 Phil Parry: 07831 605600

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CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB



We have had a quiet year. We have been struggling to get a team together to play a cricket match against a league side. As a result, have decided to change the 'direction' of the club. So that rather than play cricket at a league level we should play more social cricket where everyone can have a go at batting, bowling and fielding - playing against pub teams or similar. This is what we had planned for this year – before the Covid 19 pandemic.

The crisis has meant we have had to postpone both our Race Night and our Family Day. The Race Night is now planned for Saturday November 21st. We hope to have the Family Day before the end of the summer – and to have a couple of games before the winter.

We did manage to arrange two Golf Days last year – thanks to Ed Morton. Both were successful and were followed by a fabulous meal in the Plough.

There has been a lot of maintenance work on the pitch and in the clubhouse. Many thanks to Roger Fenwick and to Nev Andrews. Nev has really headed up the work and has spent many hours fixing, repairing, building, mowing, rolling and much more. Thanks to others that have helped such as Kevin Hydes. The 'yellow peril' is in operation, most things work in the clubhouse and the sports ground looks great.

Phil Parry and Mike Wells

Rogation Walk on Sunday May 17th 2020

We had planned to "Beat the Bounds" of Chalgrave again this year.

We walk most of the boundary and it is the only day of the year that we are legally entitled to walk those parts of the boundary that are not a public right of way.

This year the walk has been cancelled but for more info look at the 1986 survey on the history of Chalgrave at www.chalgrave.org



Ken Green kentebworth@gmail.com 874107

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CHALGRAVE WOMENS INSTITUTE

Debbie Parry has stepped down as our President after setting up our W.I. and running it for nine years.

We would all like to thank Debbie for working so hard for so many years to produce a wonderful W.I.

Maureen Gilmour has now taken over as President.



Our Calendar for this year, 2020, was to be varied and interesting.

In **January** Alan Higgs taught us to Hula Hoop and this was both fun and funny. Good exercise if you can keep the hoop going for any length of time. Many of us couldn't, though we did have some hooping stars. The hall resounded with laughter and the clunk of hoops falling to the floor.

February was a fascinating talk by Stephen Jones who has been working with computers for 40 years. He has a degree in Computer Science and an MSc in Computer Security and Digital Forensics.

His talk covered an overview of the range of threats those who use mobile phones and/or computers may get. He gave us some practical steps that we can take to reduce the risks of being hacked.

He told us about the history of hacking and explained that hackers often work in organised, specialist teams and are not the Hollywood version of the lone teenager. He also told us the meaning of some of the terms used when discussing computer security.

Sadly, Covid 19 arrived, so we have had to postpone future events. Hopefully, we can re-book the speakers and events when it is safer to gather together.

We would love more members from the Parish. Forget the old-fashioned image and don't worry if you can't cook or make jam, many of us can't. Neither can you be too old or too young, we have a range of ages.

Members can pick and choose which evenings they attend. And don't worry if you know no-one, we are a friendly bunch!

If you want to find out more about Chalgrave W.I. you can ring me, Maureen Gilmour, on 07818 043311 or email me on mg@maureengilmour.co.uk

Maureen Gilmour

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THE WI BOOK CLUB

The WI book club has now gone virtual due to lock down and social distancing. We are having our monthly meeting online using Zoom so that we can all see and talk to each other and it is not perfect but allows us to chat about the books we are reading. In the last three months we have read *A Thousand Roads Home* by Carmel Harrington, *The Starless Sea* by Erin Morgenstern and *Blood Orange* by Harriet Tyce. We are now reading *The Traveling Cat Chronicles* by Hiro Arikawa, which had been translated from Japanese and is being made into a film so something a bit different.

Some of us decided we would also meet up on Zoom for a virtual weekly chat just to keep in touch and to talk to some different faces, we chat about anything that is happening in these challenging times and hope things will get back to normal at some stage.

Sue Watling



The **Book club** meets on the **Fourth Thursday of the month** in the evening. If you are interested in joining our book club please contact Sue Watling (sue.watling@hotmail.com, M 07792 495950). You don't need to be a member of the WI to join the book club

Chalgrave Community Emergency Plan

Have you ever wondered what would happen if we had a severe winter that made our roads too dangerous to use? Or if lightning struck a property in one of our villages and started a blaze? Or if someone suffered a cardiac arrest while attending a community event at the Memorial Hall? Or if we suffered a power outage that lasted for days at the coldest time of year? Or if a water main burst and ripped up the road? Or if a wild animal escaped from Whipsnade Zoo and was sighted in our parish? What if the Chalgrave emergency was national news?

How well would our community cope? Who should be informed straightaway? Would anyone know what to do and what precautions to take until the emergency services arrived? Is there any means of spreading a message around our community quickly? Is there a place of refuge and safety that would be opened if we were unable to stay in our homes? Has anyone even thought about this?

Early last year, as part of a county-wide initiative, Chalgrave Parish Council formed a four-person Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), whose most significant task was to create a document, the Chalgrave Community Emergency Plan. The Plan sets in place a framework of community response to any future emergency, identifying specific risks – including a pandemic - and challenges for our community and assigning specific responsibilities to individuals, should the need arise. The Plan will be reviewed and updated annually.

The Plan addresses:

Where is the emergency? Is it near a school, does it place vulnerable folks in danger, does it obstruct a main access route?

What type of emergency is it? Is there a threat to life? Has the electricity, gas or water supply been affected?

Who is most directly impacted by the emergency, for example, the housebound, the elderly, families with children, people with specialised health needs or mobility issues?

What resources are needed to address the emergency? The provision of food, shelter, blankets and warm clothing, off-road vehicles etc.

The purpose of the Plan is to create a framework of risk assessment and emergency response that can be activated quickly when an emergency arises.

It considers: How we can support the local authority and emergency services (police, ambulance and fire)

Whom we can call upon locally who has specialised skills and resources, which organisations we should inform to help identify and assist vulnerable

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members of our community.

Whether we need to open any of our identified locations as a place of safety and focal point for administering assistance.

What messages need to be communicated to our community in order to keep everyone safe?

What actions can safely be taken, in response to the emergency, and who will take the lead?

The details of the Plan include sensitive and personal information and so it is inappropriate to publish them. However, Phil Parry, the Plan Administrator (07831 605600), Barbara Jackson, Co-ordinator (07960 445492) and Team members Debbie Levy (07931 408697) and Paul Whitton (07808 174843) are the people to approach if you would like to learn more about the Chalgrave Community Emergency Plan.

Additionally, Roger Fenwick (07814 598309) is a point of contact for senior citizens.

Peter Warburton



We're getting greener with new electric vehicles ...

We're going greener and will be using seven new electric vehicles as part of our commitment to reduce vehicle emissions.

The new Nissan E NV200 Electric Tekna vans will be used by our highway's inspectors, replacing diesel vans. As well as being better for the environment, they will also save fuel and maintenance costs.



The vans, which produce no emissions, have a 40kWh battery which gives a range of up to 187 miles on a single charge. This will help to reduce our carbon footprint as our officers drive a significant number of miles each year in order to keep the road across Central Bedfordshire safe for all users.

Inspectors will be using the vehicles to collect data on the condition of road surfaces, potholes, drainage, sign visibility and the extent of hedgerow growth, using Vaisala technology. The data recording means roads infrastructure can be monitored, problems spotted earlier, and maintenance work carried out sooner.

The vehicles will also be used to inspect traffic management sites and for supervision of third parties (e.g. gas, water, electricity) when they are working on the public highway.

Thoughts on LOCKDOWN



During lockdown I have had to find a new way to connect with my friends as I'm not allowed to see them. I do this by using facetime and houseparty to talk to them. So it's like I'm there without actually being there.

For school I have had to do all of my lessons online throughout the day and have had to register with every teacher when the lesson is actually happening each day so they can make sure we are there. Our teachers then instruct us on what we have to do for the lesson but for some teachers we use Google Meet, which allows us to have a face to face conversation with them through a screen.

A struggle has definitely been not being able to see my friends, but also not seeing my family either. When going to check on my Grandma & deliver food, we have to make sure we are far enough away to make sure she is safe.

This experience has given me an opportunity for spending a lot of time with my parents, like going on walks and bike rides almost everyday which gives us a chance to catch up about everything and it is always a fun time. But I can't wait for the day when I can see my family and friends again and give them a hug properly.

Millie-Rose Parker

We have enjoyed having more time for cooking and baking. Doing yoga and Pilates using YouTube or Instagram. Enjoying the garden and the peace and quiet - fewer planes and cars.

We have been doing virtual quizzes and having regular catch ups with your book group using Zoom.

We got a rescue dachshund at the end of February. Willa is getting on very well with Olga our existing dachshund and the pair of them have provided much needed entertainment.

Debbie Parry. Tebworth

Thoughts on L O C K D O W N

The lack of road and aircraft noise, allows you to hear birdsong and insects,
How tidy all the gardens are,
Thursday 8pm claps,
People helping each other in these strange times,
Finding different ways to communicate from the use of social media to megaphones,
Home cooking and home baking- with the obsession of what shall we eat next,
How full the bottle boxes are!
Will Randell. Tebworth

Life changed for us all when the Corona virus hit our country. Shopping , exercise, socialising and daily routines have all changed. We have a son in America so being so far from him and our granddaughter has been worrying, but regular facetime sessions have helped to alleviate our fears. Our eldest son is self isolating with his partner in Toddington, she is pregnant so in the vulnerable category. Our youngest is still at home but about to buy her own home with her partner, for me to have her at home with me during this time has actually been an unexpected blessing. It has given us time to talk, watch favourite movies, cook together and I have even taught her to crochet, time we would not have had together before the lockdown.

Tracy Malster. Tebworth.

Guilty of feeling selfish at having to share our lovely footpaths with so many other people. We usually have them all to ourselves, but no, really it is wonderful to see so many people enjoying the old meadows that surround our villages. We are very lucky.
PLL

Thoughts on LOCKDOWN

Missing our friends & family

Changing how we behave

Spending more time with family helping others

Connecting with others remotely, Embracing technology

Teaching & learning in a different way...

I am not good with technology but I have had to learn new skills very

quickly to help our students...many are not fortunate enough to have enough laptops, tablets, computers etc in the house for everyone to work on at the same time.

Parents need to do work at home & children are being sent work online....some students are over-whelmed & feeling bombarded with work,

some are not engaging & not doing it whilst others are rising to the challenges we are setting for them. It is a totally new way of learning for all of us & each school approaches it differently. I am sometimes in school for Keyworkers' children who need to attend, & that is so important to me.

But most of allI miss my students.

Yes, of course they sometimes drive me crazy! But I miss their friendliness, their kindness, their chatter, the cooking disasters, the pride in their work, the face to face contact, & even their Tik Tok routines! But most of all just being themselves, having fun with their friends & belonging to another 'family'.....their School community.

Su Parker



Drinks with the neighbours "lockdown style"

Thoughts on L O C K D O W N

I do appreciate that for so many individuals, families and business this has been a personal and financial disaster but there have also been positives so here is my countdown of them !

Number 1 just has to be the glorious peace and quiet - the sound of sheep and cattle in the nearby fields but the most fantastic aspect is the Spring birdsong. I feel like I'm almost hearing it for the first time

Number 2 the lack of vehicles on the roads. I understand the traffic levels are at the same level as the mid 1950's and for us pedestrians, dog walkers and all of us to reclaim our village and it's roads has been wonderful. I never thought of the 1950's as a decade to be jealous of but now I'm not so sure !

Number 3 the lack of aircraft noise (see points 1 & 2 !)

Number 4 So it appears I don't need to use my car to shop, work, see the countryside. I don't need to commute to London or Luton 1,2,3 days a week. It just seems such a nicer, peaceful and more natural way of life. How will it all change when this is over ? Let us see but I for one don't feel inclined to go back to "business as usual"

Number 5 So many more people out walking - OK we need to keep 2 metres apart but everyone is cheerful, smiling and says "Hello" - wonderful !

Number 6 As someone who isn't supposed to go out and certainly not go shopping the support from my friends in the village who have been shopping for me has been amazing

Number 7 When people do my shopping they often get slightly different brands/types/flavours/sizes than what I would normally get and it's really fun and interesting to see what turns up each time - like a Pandora's shopping bag !

Number 8 - No apologies for going back to this one again - the peace and quiet - waking up with the window fully open or sitting in the garden in "rush hour" and hearing virtually no traffic noise just birds, the wind in the trees - heaven !

So - it appears that between the mid 50's and a month of two ago we let our world be taken over by noise, stress, queues, cars, pollution, the rat race, the acceptance of a 1-2 hour stressful commute as "normal", no local shops, the loss of community, letting go of the beautiful flora and fauna that surrounds us. Why did we let this happen ? Well maybe we all know the answers to that. It was insidious, it crept up on us year by year, we accepted it as inevitable, there was apparently no other way, it was "progress". But now we know there may be another way, maybe it's not inevitable. Yes of course we need to meet somewhere in the middle, we have to let people work again and for many the commute is unavoidable. Yes many retail outlets may never return after this but I can't help feeling all Coronavirus has done is speed up an existing trend and it would have happened anyway.

Let us see what the future holds but let us not walk blindfold back into the past - well not every aspect of it anyway - got to at least get the pubs back open ! **Colin McCausland**

Thoughts on L O C K D O W N

Dolphins in Venice

When Italy went into lockdown, a hoax post claiming that dolphins had 'returned' to the canals of Venice went viral, helped along by various friends' mums. Of course, this wasn't true, but the environmental benefits of the ongoing lockdowns across the world are quite staggering. Venice has seen shoals of fish return to now crystal waters, now that the innumerate diesel-powered water buses and boats aren't polluting the canals.

In such an anxious and overwhelming time, it can be hard to care about the silver linings. However, working from home massively reduces your personal carbon footprint, and making only essential trips means that we are all travelling less in general. People working from home tend to use less paper; will cook their own meals instead of buying plastic-wrapped sandwiches; and cut down on washing clothes, as the same pair of comfy trousers can be worn all week. On our government-sanctioned daily exercise, we can go and enjoy nature in the flesh, rather than missing the daylight hours stuck commuting on a tube, train, or in the car. As we enter week four of lockdown, people are turning to gardening to pass the time, building bug hotels and planting flowers that support bee and other insect populations.

The world is expected to see the smallest May to May CO₂ peak CO₂ rise since at least 2009 this year, and levels of greenhouse gases have dropped drastically across cities such as London and New York. Whilst of course, these observations should not obscure the ongoing pandemic, the climate crisis is enduring. I hope that this unexpected 'pause' from our normal lives allows us to see evermore clearly the impact that human life has on our environment- and spurs us on to continue to take action. Imogen Parry



How to survive the lockdown!

An extract from WillenLife News (Willen Hospice)

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www.mindful.org/how-to-meditate

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You may have loved ones who are feeling concerned or confused about being furloughed. Have a look at ACAS for some advice in response to Covid-19.

www.acas.org.uk/coronavirus/furlough-closing-workplace

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HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Gardening during Coronavirus lockdown



Make do and mend has had a revival recently because of economic and environmental concerns, but due to the Coronavirus lockdown, it has become a necessity, especially in the garden.

At this time of year, gardeners would be buying compost, fertiliser and most importantly, lots of new plants. This is becoming more difficult, due to the closure of most garden centres, although it is still possible to buy plants and seeds on-line, even though the delivery times are currently longer.

This is a good opportunity for us gardeners to become more self-sufficient and acquire some new skills and possibly change the way we garden.

Compost – Anyone can make compost from dead vegetable matter from the garden such as grass clippings and prunings, vegetable peelings from the kitchen and even paper. I have built a compost bin from used wooden pallets, but you can use old builders bags or any container that will keep the rotting compost moist and warm. It normally takes 3 – 6 months to produce usable compost, depending on how often you turn it.

Home-made compost is far superior to bought compost, as it contains all the right bacteria, fungi and insects which are beneficial to growing plants. Another thing you can do is add your own wee to the compost heap to increase its Nitrogen content.



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? *continued*

Fertiliser – You can make your own fertiliser from nettles or Comfrey. You just chop up the green material and steep it in a bucket of water for a few weeks. This makes an excellent fertiliser, which you dilute about 1/10 for use. Try and keep the resultant brew away from your house and your neighbours, as it will be very smelly!

New Plants – You can sow seeds to produce new plants for the garden. This is a very cheap way to raise lots of plants. Another way is to take cuttings of existing plants or divide existing plants. Exchanging plants with friends and neighbours (at a safe social distance) is another way of increasing your stock.

This is a difficult time for all of us, but gardening is a good salve for the soul.

Get out there and take time to observe nature in all its wonder.

Happy Gardening!

John Wojdyla



Wild Chalgrave



Every cloud has a silver lining and the torrential rain that Chalgrave experienced this winter brought with it some unusual visitors. Little egrets were seen enjoying the flooded fields which at times resembled lakes and marshes.

These elegant birds were once common in Britain but a combination of over-hunting in mediaeval times and the 'little ice age' led to their extinction.

In the 19th century the craze for hat decoration using little egret feathers along with those of many other birds led to their decline in Europe as well and was one of the factors behind the creation of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Until fairly recently they were only occasional visitors preferring southern marshes and coastal areas such as river estuaries where they hunt for fish, frogs, insects and snails. Numbers are now increasing in the UK possibly due to warmer winters. In 1996 they were first recorded successfully breeding in Dorset and since then their range has continued to expand.

Now that the weather is warmer and drier the egrets have left and more familiar birds are making their presence heard. Birds sing loudest in the spring as they establish their territories and look for mates. Many people have said that the birds are singing louder this year and wondered if less human activity has made the birds bolder. In fact research has shown that birds sing their loudest when there is more background noise, in order to make themselves heard. So they may actually be singing more quietly but we have the time to stop and listen and appreciate their song.

Human wildlife has also been emerging from its winter hibernation and venturing out in Chalgrave. Small family groups have been seen emerging from their dens and stopping to greet neighbours from a cautious (social) distance. They can be seen taking their exercise in the fields and paths of Chalgrave, only occasionally venturing outside their territories to forage for food. If you're part of the local wildlife enjoy the Chalgrave spring and stay safe.

Janet Day

A new topical poem from Pam Ayres "Time for us girls"

Time for us girls"

I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace,
Because our lives were full,
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no flaming flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this awful virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!



A HELICOPTER CAME TO CALL!

I remember I was on the phone at the time, in the garden, it was the afternoon of 16th April and the noise of a helicopter was getting closer. We often get a few over Tebworth, but I always look up just the same. This one was different though, circling at low level, the orange and yellow Augusta Westland 169 registration G HHEM was clearly looking for a place to land. It found one, in Roger Fenwick's field behind Home Farm.

I decided to end my phone call, and being extremely noseey...well, my surname is Parker after all, I made my way to the landing site. 2 Paramedics and a doctor were already on their way, via the main road to the patient in St Mary's Close where they assisted the ambulance crew already on site, dressed in full PPE.

Both helicopter crew remained with the aircraft.



After an hour or so it was decided to transport the patient by road to Addenbrooke's Hospital for treatment, where I understand they are making a recovery. In this instance, the Helicopter was not needed to transfer the patient but departed to the hospital to collect the paramedics and the

doctor who went with the patient. The rotors were started, pre-flight checks completed and the machine lifted into the hover, aimed its' nose towards Cambridge, and was gone as quickly as it had arrived. They would land there, collect the medics and then return to their base at North Weald, flying time from Tebworth to Addenbrooke's in Cambridge, approximately 17 minutes by helicopter as against 72 mins by road.

The Air Ambulance service is supported entirely by charitable contributions. Each time it goes out, it costs in the region of £2,200. Herts and Essex have 2 helicopters and 2 bases, North Weald and the other in Earls Colne near Chelmsford. Each aircraft costs over £7,000,000 and is state of the art with full autopilot, plenty of power and apparently is quite easy to fly (so I am told). The cockpit is all glass screens, just like a computer and it has enormous redundancy meaning it's very

A HELICOPTER CAME TO CALL!

safe to fly especially over built up areas where the options of an emergency landing are limited to say the least. Its' primary function is to get the patient to hospital fast, in any weather, and the medical equipment they carry on board is second to none.

Talking to the crew, keeping social distancing rules of course! I got the impression they do it simply because they love it, plus, they are providing an invaluable service and saving lives! I was lucky, I could get up close without needing to use it, I hope I never do.

I asked many questions, including 'can I have a go mister' but bizarrely I was refused! However, the best question was from a local resident out walking their dog, and it's one I clearly hadn't thought of for some reason. The question was 'have you broken down'? I know who you are, but I am too much of a gentleman to say! JP

PROVING LIFE IS FULL OF THE UNEXPECTED

An update from Colin's frank account of his recent health "hiccup"

*Oh B*ugger!!*

Early March at my regular 4 weekly "chat" with the consultant he said "The protein levels in your blood are continuing to rise so we will now start treatment". We discussed a few issues then he said do I want to wait 2 or 3 weeks before we go ahead – I asked him if we could do 3-4 so I could slot in a weekend away "no problem" he replied .

Well as I looked into booking a weekend away the world closed, fewer and fewer countries or indeed hotels left open and even if I could get somewhere would I get back ? So gave up on that one – maybe a weekend away in the UK then ?

Nope - then the NHS decided hammering my immune system right now wasn't a great idea so chemo postponed until some date in the future

So Myeloma or Coronavirus – hmm now that's a choice isn't it ?

But I am overdramatising the situation – protein levels have now levelled off, consultant has said we can move from 4 week appointments to 6 and 5-7 mile dog walks every day mean I'm as fit as a fiddle – as is the dog

Maybe I'll make that motorbike holiday in September after all !

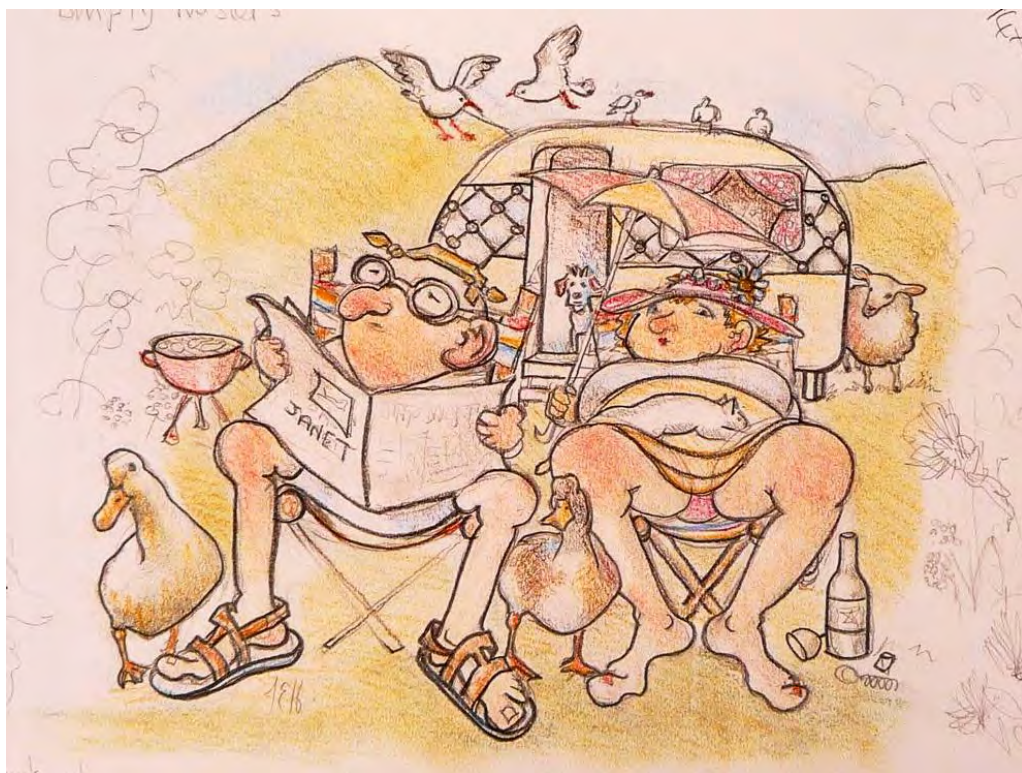
Colin McCausland

Open the Tidy Tips!

I was interested to read recently that, even though all the tips...or civic amenity sites as I believe they are now called, have been closed, the Government actually never told them to do so. This was a decision taken by local councils and is the usual public sector over-reaction....granted, some workers may have been ill.

The result of this is that 'fly tipping' is now far worse than it has ever been, as many of us who are at home clearing out our garages, sheds or whatever have nothing to do with the rubbish. There has certainly been an increase around our neighbourhood. It surely cannot be difficult to run a tip and maintain social distancing? Eventually, they will need to send out 'Waste Operatives' (they were called dustmen when I was at school) to come and collect it all.

The result of all of this is that when they are open, there will be massive queues into the street for those of us who haven't already thrown it down the Tebworth or Chalgrave Road! JP



"Lockdown" by Janet Hullond, artist who used to live in Pond Cottages, Tebworth and now living in New Zealand

Whose who 1955

The attached photo was sent to me by former Wingfield resident, David Molyneux and may of interest to you for the Chalgrave News. He is happy for the photo to be credited to him by name.



The photo shows the children from Tebworth and Wingfield at a fancy dress party held at the Memorial Hall around 1955. David is the chimney sweep, but can't remember who any of the others are – if anyone knows, please let us know.

David lived in Wingfield in the cottages then known as the Mitchells house (Manor Farm), next to the Plough until his father moved them into Dunstable in 1959. David has lots of memories from his time in the parish and thinks it would be good to keep a record of times gone by so that they are available for future generations.

David Molyneux recalls: *I can remember roaming all over the place, and paper chases through the countryside, playing and looking at wildlife in the local ponds, making dams on the stream that flows under Toddington Road, fishing with a bent pin fastened to a piece of bamboo down the lane. The brook at that time had lots of small fish Gudgeon etc. I suppose it was freedom that young children no longer get, but to us it was just normal and no vandalism, and respect for your elders. The Costin boys would remember me we used to walk to church every Sunday. We sang in the choir, I think that was when the reverend Watson was the vicar. I have many happy memories of my childhood in Wingfield/Tebworth from a time that is now disappearing due to the people who lived in that period departing. The life style was changing so rapidly I can remember Herbie Kingham coming to Wingfield to cut the grass verges with a scythe and he was probably quicker than the modern man with an motor mower.* **Simon Gatward**

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Bedfordshire Police now have a police hub at Toddington fire station

Our local 'bobby on the beat' PC James Bonnie has Informed us that, as of January this year, there has been a police hub at the fire station in Toddington.

You may have seen the police car parked there. Chief Constable Garry Forsyth, said 'Sharing office space at Toddington Community Fire Station will enable my officers to be on the beat within the heart of the community, dealing with issues that matter to local people, rather than having to always return to a central base.'

This will hopefully give reassurance to local residents who have been increasingly concerned about rising crime.

How to Organise your Larder

A job to do while in lockdown

FROM CIDER LIL (AKA EX PAT CHRISTINE MCDONAGH, NOW LIVING IN GLORIOUS DEVON)



You probably instinctively flinch at just the mere thought of organising the larder. I too would rather do just about anything else, but don't worry, it doesn't have to be that painful. Take a deep breath, turn up the music, and just do it. You will feel great afterwards.

Take everything out

Yup, absolutely everything – and line it up on the kitchen counter so you can see everything you have, ready for the big cull.

Throw away

Go through each item. If you haven't used it in the last 12 months, simply chuck it the bin. While we certainly don't advocate wasting food, there's no point in hoarding old packets with use by dates sometime in the last decade!

Clean the shelves

Get back to wherever you keep your long-life food; whether it's a walk-in larder or some open shelves in your kitchen. Thoroughly clean every surface, making sure to get rid of oil build up and old spice stains with a good cleaning liquid.

Take stock

Now turn your attention to the items on your counters. Think about what you have and what you need for storage. Go through every product – nuts, flours, cereal, beans etc. – they're all better off being in sealed containers. They'll stay fresher for longer, and you'll know exactly how much you have left.

Invest in useful storage

Now consider whether your current storage systems are working for you. Do you need new, airtight containers, wire baskets to group things in, baskets for vegetables you keep in the larder? This sounds expensive, but having good containers is going to save you money in the long run, and doing this will likely make you stick with a clean and organised larder or cupboards. Before hitting the shops, figure out exactly what containers you'll need and how big they should be.

Label your containers

While it's easy to tell apart a cashew nut from a peanut that's being stored in a jar, if you're storing your flours in the same way, you are rather unlikely to tell a plain and self-raising apart. Hence, labelling your items is very important, and will save you a lot of time in the long run.

Create a logical system

It is incredibly important to have a place for everything. This is especially true for your larder. Put like products together- tinned products, condiments, breads, crackers and biscuits and so on. Even label your zones if you think it'll help. Once you've worked out where all your goods will go, and have a place for everything, carefully put it all back in its place.

Enjoy your newly organised larder or cupboards. Try to keep it up by putting everything back in its rightful new place, and write lists for when you can go shopping or order on line. Life will be back to normal and how wonderful to have a beautifully organised larder...



Memories of Sri Lanka

I left Sri Lanka, or Ceylon as it was known when I lived there, when I was 5½ years old. Consequently, my memories are those of a very small child. However, I returned for a holiday 45 years later and was able to revisit some of the places I remembered.

My father was a tea planter and we lived on a tea estate in the “hill country”. These estates were quite large, or so it seemed to a small child, and we didn’t have many other Europeans living close by. It was, therefore, quite an outing to go to my parents’ friends on other estates and, if we were going to Colombo, the capital city, we would be there for several days because it took many hours to drive there down winding roads with sharp hairpin corners. I used to hate the journeys there because I felt so car sick, but loved our times staying with friends and relatives.

We lived in a large bungalow with many servants and my brothers and I had a nanny to look after us. My brothers were 8 and 5 years older than me, so were away at school much of the time and the nanny was mostly looking after me. It was an idyllic childhood really although I rarely had other children to play with. I had the whole estate to wander in, accompanied by my nanny, or our big garden to play in.

I do remember one morning when I was about three years old and was playing on a climbing frame on our tennis court. Suddenly it all went completely dark and I was terrified and ran shrieking back to the house. Apparently, it was a total eclipse, but nobody had warned me what would happen!

Our head house servant, Muthiah, had twelve children and he was always very proud of the education they received. Several of them having office jobs as adults and helping to support their parents in old age. I corresponded with Muthiah from my early teens until his death just a few years ago and was lucky enough to meet him again in 2002 along with his wife and various members of his family. He took me into his house, which my father had had built as a maternity unit in the ‘50s, where he lived with about ten members of his family. His wife proudly produced a china jug which my mother had given her before we left the country. Contact with the family still continues and my niece met several of Muthiah’s children and grandchildren last year.



MUTHIAH

Memories of Sri Lanka

We had a pool, or water tank, where we all learnt to swim and, I believe, I used to crawl into the water before I had even learnt to walk. That is not to say that I could swim at that age, but water certainly held no fears for me.

There was plenty of wildlife around but rarely anything to worry us too much. We had polecats that lived in the roof and the smell of their pee was something we all got used to in the house. There were also lots of snakes around, but it never stopped us wandering through the undergrowth. There was one day when my brother and I had gone down to our summerhouse with the nanny and my brother suddenly screamed and my nanny picked me up. The next moment I saw my father coming through the French windows and running across the lawn with a walking stick in his hand. What I hadn't realised was that there was a cobra in front of the summerhouse. Luckily for us, it had been asleep and was so frightened by my brother's scream that it quickly slithered off into the undergrowth. I don't think I was aware of how dangerous cobras are, but I wonder if it had some bearing on the snake phobia all three of us children developed.

We kept our own cow, or possibly two, to provide milk for the family and had a gaggle of geese, which I was terrified of! These geese could roam free in an isolated part of the garden and one day, when I was going to see some of the other animals, I fell into an open drain when trying to avoid the geese. This resulted in a nasty gash on my leg which necessitated a visit from the doctor (he came to us, rather than the other way around!).

We also had several chickens in a run and about a hundred rabbits which were mainly kept for their meat, although my brothers and I were allowed to keep one or two as pets. I remember we had a cupboard in our sitting room which was full of rabbit skins that I would enjoy getting out to stroke or lie on. My mother made me a pair of mittens when we came to England out of the skin of a long-haired rabbit and I kept these for years, just as a reminder of Ceylon.

FIONA WITH BROTHERS



Memories of Sri Lanka

As well as all these “farm” animals, we also had a couple of horses, a pony and two dogs. My father would often ride one of the horses when he was out inspecting the estate. One of our dogs, a dalmatian, was very naughty and was always trying to steal food. He had been known to run round the garden with a string of sausages in his mouth; break into the chicken run to steal an egg; and even get into the larder one Christmas and take a large bite out of the corner of a square Christmas cake!

One day, my mother complained about a strange noise coming from under her bedroom floor. As she and my father were going away for the night, some of the servants took up some of the floorboards and discovered that our dalmatian had found himself a mongrel lady friend whom he had brought back and ensconced under the bungalow where she had given birth to puppies. I remember watching as these puppies were lifted out of the hole, one by one, in a bucket. Until we left Ceylon, you would often see these half-dalmatian dogs roaming around the estate. My father would be out of the house all day, either working in the estate office or walking or riding around the estate checking on the tea bushes and the factory where the tea leaves were sent for processing. When Roger and I returned in 2002, the factory was still there although I learnt that last year it was closed for refurbishment. Very little money had been spent on the estate since we left and the road from the nearest town up to the estate was more potholes than road in 2002,

FIONA WITH SERVANTS AND BLACKBERRY



Memories of Sri Lanka

making it a very uncomfortable journey.

Things began to become more difficult for Europeans living in Ceylon in the mid-fifties and, even as a small child, I was aware of tensions between the Tamils and Sinhalese. I can remember seeing road signs which had been written in one language, crossed out, written in another language, crossed out and written in the first language again. Also, my father's car was vandalised in an anti-British attack. Obviously, my parents were far more aware of what was going on and in 1958, decided to leave the country. It was a huge decision to make, particularly for my mother who had been born there, but was probably just about the right time to leave as things got so much worse afterwards. Within a few years, the Sri Lankan government were not allowing British residents to take their own money out of the country and in one case that I heard of, confiscated their money and would not even let them spend it in the country.

For me, the thing I noticed most was the loss of all our animals, particularly the dogs; one of whom was too old to bring to England and the other was given to another family. I also had to leave most of my toys behind, including my new bike and scooter – I could never understand why they had to be left whilst my parents' car was shipped to England!

Fiona Parker

SAD NEWS

Raymond John Mooring

18 June 1935—8 March 2020

We are sad to report that a lifelong resident of the parish, Ray Mooring, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Tebworth on the 8th of March.

In line with social distancing guidelines a private funeral service for immediate family members was held on the 15th April at The Vale Crematorium in Luton.

When the restrictions on socialising are eventually lifted a memorial gathering will be arranged locally for Ray's friends, acquaintances and extended family to join with his partner Angela, his son Lee and daughters Lesley, Elaine and Bethany to share their memories and raise a glass or two in his name.

Fly tipping in Chalgrave

The last twelve months have seen regular episodes of fly tipping in Tebworth and Wingfield.

Dumped items tend to cover a range; from domestic bin bags, bottles and drinks cans to larger commercial waste and green waste too.

Two incidents saw Tebworth Road, Wingfield having to be closed due to the large amount of green waste dumped in the road itself, posing a danger to night time traffic in particular.

There are some regular hot spots; the end of Tebworth Road Wingfield, as mentioned, did improve after a CCTV sign was posted there by the parish council. The lay by on Chalgrave Road nearest to the Vicarage unfortunately now appears to be the most favoured dumping ground and there are plans to post a sign there too. Central Beds Council continues to be very responsive to reports and most items are collected within five working days.

Prevention is generally preferable to prosecution. The CCTV signs are helpful in deterring the tippers and are backed by access to a roving camera owned by CBC which can be positioned wherever there is a warning sign in place.

There have been two episodes of tippers actually being observed by local people and details taken; one being sent a warning letter by CBC and the other now under consideration for prosecution.

In the new reality imposed by Covid 19 we find Tidy Tips currently closed and we are now waiting to see if this will increase the rate of tipping for Chalgrave in the coming months.

Nationally, fly tipping is reported to be up by 300%. Plans are being made to reopen the tips but will have to be done in unison as the last thing we need for successful social distancing is for people to be travelling from one county to the next to dispose of their rubbish.

Some opportunists are reported to be calling door to door offering to dispose of waste. They will not be legitimate and should be challenged to show a Waste Carriers License Issued by the Environmental Agency.

Residents who have concerns can report to Frances Masters on 07530 803903 or any member of the parish council or can contact Central Beds Council direct on 0300 300 8302.

F Masters



Polite Notice for dog owners

Can I make a polite request for dog owners in the parish to exercise a little care whilst walking their best friends? Please, please do not let your off-lead dog approach other dogs without the express permission of the other dog's owner, particularly if the other dog is on a lead. This is for the safety and wellbeing of all.

Other dogs may not welcome the attention of your dog, whether it is friendly or not, for a variety of reasons. Other dogs may :-

Have health issues or pain.

Be a rescue dog being rehabilitated.

The world can be a very scary place for these dogs.

Have had a bad experience with another dog or is just not like the kind of friendly dogs which always want to say "Hi!"

Be a bitch that may be in heat or one that is nursing puppies at home.

Be in training.

Be very old and arthritic.

Be recovering from surgery.

Be nervous or shy

Just be a grumpy git!.



It costs nothing to be considerate and I know there are a few owners and dogs in the village including myself and my epileptic rescue dog who will very much appreciate your efforts .

Thank you for reading if you made it this far!

L Mead

LOCKDOWN can be fun



Twinkl has fantastic free resources for home educators including colouring sheets and project ideas for all ages, sign up for lots of free resources during Lockdown. <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/sign-up>

Fabulous clay tutorials from Love Art and Craft
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/>



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Bitesize

Children of all ages can access most subjects and additional educational material at
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

A cool colouring and art website for older children
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/MxHKChgvM08r1fS410jqV/colour-your-own-thank-you-to-nhs-staff>



An excellent site sharing information on getting kids active at home and how to stay healthy during lockdown, including healthy eating and recipes.
<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities>

Nat Geo for kids
Learn all about geography and fascinating animals.
www.kidsnationalgeographic.com



Music with Myleene Klass on YouTube.
Twice a week but can be viewed any time.

LOCKDOWN can be fun



Wildlife with Steve Backshall on Facebook
Everyday at 9.30 for answering all your
wildlife, biology, conservation, geography

Science with Maddie Moate on YouTube
Weekdays 11am. Maddie and Greg chat
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Maths with Carol Vorderman.
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RECIPE CORNER

FROM CIDER LIL (AKA EX PAT CHRISTINE McDONAGH,
NOW LIVING IN GLORIOUS DEVON)



FRIENDS OF MINE IN OUR LITTLE VILLAGE OF BEAFORD PUT THIS RECIPE TOGETHER DURING LOCKDOWN AND WE LOVE IT AS WE ARE ALL USING INGREDIENTS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR PANTRY.

These squidgy brownies need just five things - butter, chocolate, sugar, eggs and cocoa powder. They're also great for using up any leftover Easter eggs if the kids find quite a few left on their doorstep this weekend. You can break some up and add the pieces to the mix like chocolate chips. They don't contain flour, so be warned - these are very gooey.

Ingredients:

280g chocolate (dark is best for a rich brownie)

55g butter

150g sugar

Three eggs

20g cocoa powder

Method Preheat your oven to 180C and grease and line a baking tin. Put the chocolate and butter in a heatproof bowl. Boil about an inch of water in a pan and place the bowl on top, stirring so the heat from the water melts the contents. Add the sugar to the bowl, remove from the heat and set aside. In another bowl, whisk the eggs until frothy and then add in cocoa powder and a pinch of salt. Beat on a low speed until combined. Add the chocolate and butter mixture to the eggs and beat until the mixture is smooth and glossy.



Pour the mixture into the baking tray, spread it into the corners and tap the pan to remove air bubbles. Bake for 22-25 minutes. The mixture will be soft when it is removed from the oven but will become harder as it cools. Allow it to cool completely before you serve.

Queen's Head

TAKE-AWAY BEER!

It looks like the Queen's Head, along with all pubs will be closed for some time yet. Let's hope for a big turn-out when things finally get back to some normality

In the meantime they are providing take-away beer with local delivery by arrangement. Ring Ed on **07956823093**



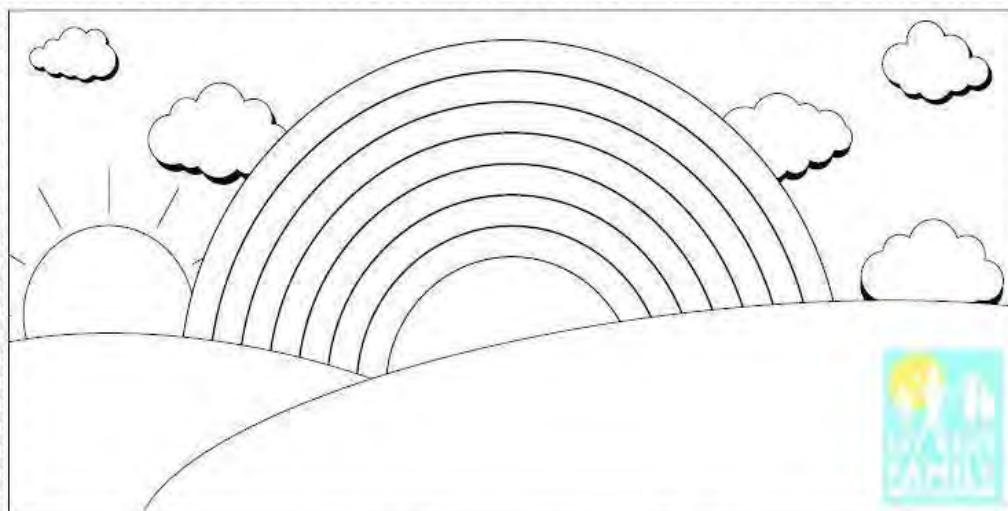
The Plough



'Since taking over The Plough on January 6th, we have been beset by problems of one sort or another, and once we come through this latest one, we will be stronger than ever, and hope that all our customers, past and future, can come along and enjoy the good food, beers and wines, and the atmosphere, for many years to come.

Paul, Sallie and the Team

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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
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(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
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- 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.

Enquiries—Bookings 07831 482556 Information—Roger Masters 01525 873039

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