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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Day/Date	Event	Location	Time
Third Tuesday of each month	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Second Tuesday of each month	WI	Memorial Hall	8.00 pm
Fourth Wednesday each month	Pop-Up tea room	Memorial Hall	11am -1pm
17 June	Fun and Games day	Memorial Hall	Noon
15 July	Ken's birthday party	The Queen's Head	

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A note from the editorial team

After a long cold winter it is really welcome to have some warmer days and spring seems so much more special.

Lots to read about in the magazine.

- The Sports club had a very successful quiz night.
- The coronation street party was a huge success and we have plenty of lovely photos. Thank you everyone who sent these in and apologies if we didn't have room to include yours.
- The Chalgrave Parish Assembly attracted a good crowd and some of the reports are included.
- The village hall committee are looking for more people to help run the games which will be held on 17 June—see page 37
- Sadly we have to report the death of two of our parishioners one past and one present. See pages 44 and 45.

Want to make your mark in our villages? Phil mentions that two councillors have resigned so the parish will be looking for new candidates.

People seem to be taking “re-wilding” more seriously and we have spotted some lovely weedy verges. Read John’s gardening page to see what you can do to make a difference.

Finally remember the Fun and Games day on 17 June—see you all there!

The Chalgrave News Team.



Chairman of the Parish Council

2023 Parish Assembly—Chair’s Report

The Parish Council consists of myself as the Chair, I am the Council representative on the West Trust; lead the Speed Watch Team and I am on the Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils; Ken Green who is the Vice Chair and heads up the Footpaths Committee, Peter Warburton leads the Planning Committee, looks after our website and organises the Litter Picking activities; Kevin Ludgate, Harvey Greenwood who is responsible for Police Liaison and is not only our newest member but also the youngest member of the team and of course our Clerk Lesley Smith.



Jan Day and Frances Masters have stepped down from the Council and we would like to thank them for their work.

We work on a voluntary basis trying to do as much as we can for our local community. As well as our monthly meetings and individual responsibilities we attend local and area meetings where decisions can be made that affect our Parish. We lobby MP’s and local councillors, we defend the rural nature of our community, we encourage and support local activities, we look for ways of improving facilities and the infrastructure, we strive to keep our community spirit and, as your representatives, we listen to you.

Our Precept this year is £8664. About a quarter of the precept goes straight back into our community in the form of grants and awards – we are limited to the amount we are allowed to allocate for grants. We keep a third for contingencies and the rest is used in the running of the Council activities.

The accounts can be viewed on our website or via the Clerk.

Our work over the past year included reporting fly tipping and potholes, reviewing planning applications, keeping footpaths clear, keeping gully’s clear and much more.

We have two solar farms to be developed in our Parish. We are in conversation with the developers of both solar farms to discuss community benefit or funding for projects in the Parish.

We are pressing for a site meeting with CBC Highways to discuss more substantial traffic calming measures and protection for One Home Farm on the first bend on the Toddington Road. That property has been hit by speeding cars six times over the years. The Speed Watch Team are out once a month in Tebworth and Wingfield to

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remind drivers of the speed limit.

We are aware that the sight lines coming out of Chalgrave Road onto the B5120 are not good. The bushes are overgrown, and we are tracing and contacting the landowner to ask that they cut them back.

We are in contact with the planning department about the development at Ivy Farm. The building is not what was in the original agreed planning application. The building should have larch or oak cladding on it which would soften the look of the building. The building at the moment looks nothing like the artists impression on the boards outside.

We are looking into rewilding some of the verges in the Parish and to do something with the land opposite the Queens Head.

We are fortunate to live in a low crime area. However, there are break-ins and burglaries so please make sure that doors and windows are locked and outbuildings are secure. It is important to report anything that you think is suspicious and report any crimes.

The Millennium Youth and the Community Awards for the past year. We need nominations. Both awards are to recognise a significant achievement or community service. The Millennium Youth Award is for 18 years and under and is a 'well done' for academic or sporting achievement, contribution to the community, overcoming difficulties, or other significant achievement. The Community Award is for over eighteens and is a 'thank you' for service to the community. If you have a nomination please contact the Clerk, Lesley Smith, or any of the councillors. Finally, The Parish Council have specially designed Coronation mugs for young people of our Parish as a reminder of this momentous occasion. The mugs are free for any under 18s living in the Parish.

They can be collected from the Parish Clerk.

You are invited to any of our meetings. They are usually on the third Tuesday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7:30.

Minutes of our meetings are posted on the Chalgrave Parish Council website and on the notice boards.

Phil Parry
Chair



View from The House

Andrew Selous MP for South West Bedfordshire kindly joined the Parish Assembly. He updated the Parish Council and residents on the following:

a) General Practice is a main issue in this area. The number of surgeries and available appointments is already below average. Covid and the number of new houses are having an adverse effect. However the Luton and Dunstable Hospital is due for a big expansion.

b) Policing. The impact of the rural funding formula is not good because Bedfordshire is treated as a rural area. The government has made a commitment to change the funding formula. Mr Selous also has issues with the allocation of officers.

c) Traffic through Hockliffe. The police have worked with National Highways between January and March 2022. During that time the police issued 257 fixed penalty notices for speeding. National Highways has promised to do something about controlling the speed of traffic through Hockliffe.

d) Business Skills Shortages. There are staff shortages for some local businesses and there is a danger some of them might fold.

e) Buses. More money is available for providing local buses. The government has provided £2.7 million and Central Bedfordshire Council has also provided money.

f) Education. Key Stage 2 results are not as good as they should be therefore extra money has been provided for our area. A register for home schooling is to be set up.

g) Fly Tipping. Mr Selous is pleased that the parish council has contacted McDonalds regarding the amount of their litter found in the parish.



MORE NEWS FROM ANDREW FOR THIS EDITION:

'Health issues, and general practice in particular, continue to take up a great deal of my time. Since the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care's visit to Leighton Buzzard last month, I have met with him again to check on the progress of providing additional health facilities for Leighton Buzzard as a result of the newfound ability to release value from the 4 acres of NHS owned land on Vandyke Road, something that we have not been able to do for the last 35 years. I am expecting an update on the scoping exercise to look at which additional health facilities will be brought to the town, undertaken by Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board, early next week. One GP practice moved into the Grove View integrated health and care hub on

View from The House

the 2nd of May and additional services will be moving into it shortly. Houghton Regis continues to grow with the new developments in Bidwell and Linmere. I have raised the need for additional health facilities for the town with both the Chancellor of the Exchequer and with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

On a related health issue, I've become the Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Bladder and Bowel Continence Care, a very important issue for those affected about which there is still far too much stigma.

In Parliament I raised the changes that BBC is proposing to make to BBC 3 Counties Radio, which are not good for our area, and I have asked the BBC management to think again. I have also raised in Parliament, the continuing murder of Christians in Nigeria, including as recently as on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. This issue does not get the attention it deserves in our media. I hosted a meeting with electric vehicle manufacturers in Parliament and was encouraged by the progress which is being made. We will need much greater capacity, and it needs to be cheaper to connect to the grid to enable everyone to take advantage of the new green technologies of the future.

The Government is undertaking a major piece of work on how to achieve this and will have proposals later this year. I also attended a meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Cycling and Walking and remain a keen supporter of active travel to improve our health and reduce congestion.

It was also good to be able to vote for more stringent controls on our water companies to make our rivers cleaner, and I am pleased that Anglian Water have committed that sewage issues will no longer be damaging the health of our rivers and seas in our area by 2030. There is a £56 billion investment programme to improve water quality and this will be achieved without a massive increase in water bills.

It was a huge pleasure to be a guest of Leighton Buzzard Rotary as they hosted another highly successful May Fayre last Monday. I would like to thank all the Rotary clubs for the tremendous work they do for so many people in our local communities across my constituency.'

For more information on these subjects and much more and on Andrew's work as your MP please access his website on <https://www.andrewselous.org.uk>

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West's Educational Charity

EDITORS' NOTE: It has been some time since a detailed report has been included in the Chalgrave news magazine and new people moving into the parish should take note of this amazing charity.

West's Educational Charity is a local charity which gives grants to young people aged 24 and under residing in the parishes of Hockliffe or Chalgrave. The grants must be for an educational purpose.

The background to the Charity – Francis West, by will dated 31 March 1690, directed £400 to be laid out in land, the rents thereof to be equally divided amongst the poor of Chalgrave and Hockliffe, to enable them to put their children to school, with a conditional gift over for testator's poor relations. The legacy was laid out in the purchase of lands in Simpson, Bucks., in lieu of which 33 acres, or thereabouts, were allotted in 1766 on the enclosure in that parish, producing about £32 a year, which under an order of the Charity Commissioners of 4 April 1905 was determined to be wholly applicable for educational purposes, and was carried to the general account of the National school at Chalgrave which was also attended by the children of Hockliffe.

Fortunately, this land was in the Milton Keynes designated area and the capital is now considerable and grants are made twice a year by the trustees.

The Trustees meet in January and July. Applications will be considered at the January meeting if received by the clerk on or before 31 December of the previous year. Applications will be considered at the July meeting if received by the clerk on or before 30 June of that year. If a deadline is missed the application will automatically be considered at the next meeting. For example, an application received on 1 January 2024 will be considered at the July 2024 meeting.

New guidelines (2020 onwards)

- Applicants must reside in the parishes of Hockliffe or Chalgrave and be aged 24 or under.
- All applications on behalf of children/young people under the age of 18 at the time of the application must be made by a parent/carer on behalf of that child/young person.
- All applications on behalf of young people aged 18 to 24 at the time of the application must be made by that young person him/herself.
- We would usually expect to pay: –

West's Educational Charity

- (a) a student grant of not less than £200 per half year for those studying full time for a degree
 - (b) a contribution towards costs of post 16 education (e.g. part-time college, apprenticeships etc)
 - (c) 50% of cost of lessons in the performing arts (music, dance, drama etc)
 - (d) 50% of cost of sporting activities (football, rugby, cricket, riding etc)
 - (e) 75% of cost of swimming lessons
- We will continue to make contributions to school trips of an educational nature (This does not include trips which are wholly for leisure, such as Alton Towers, Legoland etc.) An application will only be considered after the trip has been paid for in full and only after the trip has taken place. In exceptional cases, however, if there is real difficulty paying in advance, the Trustees may consider an early application.
 - We will only pay routine travel expenses in exceptional circumstances.
 - There will be a maximum grant per child/young person per application, which will vary from meeting to meeting depending upon funds available, except for: –(a) those receiving the minimum £200 student grant(b) out-of-the-ordinary, one-off events(c) exceptional circumstances.

It is very important that people remember that these are only examples. Anyone aged 24 or under residing in Hockliffe or Chalgrave is encouraged to apply for a grant towards any educational activity.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Chalgrave Parish Council website under Organisations or collected from the Clerk to the Trustees – Lesley Smith.

Completed forms, along with receipts, must be sent to Lesley Smith before December 31st and before June 30th

Lesley Smith, 4 Home Farm, Tebworth, LU79QD westscharity1@gmail.com



Village Hall—report

You might have expected to see Roger Masters here, but Roger has stepped down as chair of the Memorial Hall Committee after 20 years of sterling service. I have taken over as chair with William Randell as co-chair, but Roger is still an important member of the committee as he knows everything about the hall, including where the bodies are buried. Before I say anything else, I would like you



all to give Roger a round of applause for all his hard work over the years. After the Covid years, bookings for the hall have not improved, and we are well down compared with pre Covid. We will endeavour to pursue more fundraising, as this is important for the upkeep of the building and surrounds. We hosted a bingo night and we hosted a lovely jubilee party last June.

This year, some of our biggest expenditure will be an upgrade of our fire alarm system and emergency lighting. This has been ordered and work will commence in the near future. We are also getting quotes for repairs and replacement of some of our gutters, soffits and fascias. Most of you will know that parts of the children's playground have been dismantled for Health & Safety reasons. The playground was constructed at the same time as the hall out of the same funding source and a replacement is outside our means. We are in the process of applying for Lottery funding and possibly funding from the new solar farm.



We have also said goodbye to some of our members but also welcomed new ones. We have redrafted our constitution to meet current governance rules.

The Chalgrave Games will be held on Saturday 17th June. If anyone would like to get involved and help in the celebration, please contact me or any of the members of the committee.

The pop-up tearoom in collaboration with the church continues to be a great success. Big thanks to the rest of the committee for all their (unpaid) work.

John Wojdyla

Chalgrave Sports Club

CSC hosted a sell-out Quiz Night on Saturday 22 April 2023.

We had 13 teams battling over 7 rounds of questions, and 2 bonus table rounds. The question rounds were Saints (as the following day was St Georges Day), Looks Familiar (picture round), Food & Drink, Sport & Leisure, Twenty Twenty Two, Sounds Familiar (audio round), and Double or Nothing (get a question wrong and lose all points for that round!) The two table rounds were Famous Faces and Kids TV & Movie Characters.



It was closely fought, with the lead changing several times over the course of the quiz, but 'Who Dares Gins' made a strong showing on the table rounds to take first place, just beating 'Mike & The Mechanics' into second place. After some excellent freshly cooked fish & chips there was a game of our unique take on the classic Heads or Tails game with our quiz themed version, 'True or False'. Instead of a coin toss, everyone has to guess the answer to a very random true or false question on each round, putting their hands on their head if they think it is true, or on their bottom if they think false, with the last person standing winning a cash prize.

The night was a great success with many people complimenting us on the night and the food, with some saying that it was the most fun quiz they have ever been to. We are grateful to everyone that came along and supported the event, which has helped raise funds so that CSC can make a donation to St Georges Lower School to buy sports equipment to help enrich the children's physical activities.

Thanks go to the Club Committee – and their families - for a great team effort to put this together but special thanks must go to Simon Gatward for the many hours he spent working on the questions, slides and the audio/visual effects.



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Chalgrave Sports Club

We will be discussing an Autumn event at our AGM in May.

The Club's other activities continue with Yoga on Saturday morning and the Park Run/Walk at Houghton Hall. MAD continues (Mile A Day) with about 40 of us still going – we had one drop out through injury, but he has restarted (well done Kevin!). Danielle will be leading walks over the next few months, and we will be looking to organise a cricket match in the summer using Parkfields School pitch. Check out the Chalgrave Sports Club Facebook page

If you want to join the Club and/or be involved in any of our activities, please contact any of the Committee.

Simon Gatwood and Phil Parry





Our membership remained stable at 46

We have enjoyed a variety of talks and workshops and some great outings.

Meeting Summary

We have had talks from a

- Film, Television and Theatrical costume designer
- Royal Butler
- local crime novelist
- man who had built an Orphanage and school in Mombassa
- former policeman about the 2006 assassination of ex-Soviet spy Alexander Litvinenko

- ◆ Burlesque session and a show
- ◆ Guided Ghost Walk around Dunstable
- ◆ Christmas Afternoon Tea – Woburn Coffee House
- ◆ Christmas Party – Tilsworth Golf Club
- ◆ Escape room

Clubs

Our **Book Group** led by Sue Watling, meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.

We meet in either The Plough in

Wingfield or in group members' houses. We have read a wide variety of genres over the course of the year and have

had some lively discussions. Currently reading *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver – a Hill Billie version of

Dicken's *David Copperfield*

We also launched a **Supper club** – led by Bern Inzani. This takes place on the third Thursday of the month.

The group have tasted a wide variety of food – from tapas, Thai, Mediterranean to modern British. Restaurants have included:

Tracy Malster has set up a very successful **Craft club** which runs on the third Monday of the month at Chalgrave Memorial Hall from 7 to 9pm.

Our 17 crafty ladies have covered a range of different activities including needle felting, Lino cutting, embroidery, sewing and patchwork, cross stitching, decoupage and air dry clay. We made a commemorative wall hanging for the Queens Jubilee and are in the process of making one for the coronation of King Charles III.

CHALGRAVE WI — Parish Assembly report

23/24 Calendar highlights

- ◆ Indoor Kurling
- ◆ Pub walk
- ◆ Birds of Prey
- ◆ Suffragette Talk
- ◆ Decluttering: Where to Start and the Benefits.
- ◆ Belly Dancing workshop

The WI – Give us a Try!

Guests welcome at our meetings (£5) Second Tuesday of the month in Chalgrave Memorial Hall at 8pm.

Date	Event
Tue-11-Jul	You couldn't make it up! A light hearted laugh at ourselves
Tue-12-Sep	Answers in the dark- grief, sleep and dreams
Tue-10-Oct	TBC
Tue-14-Nov	Suffragette Talk
Tue-12-Dec	Christmas Crafts
Tue-09-Jan	A celebrant and the changing face of life ceremonies

The WI – Give us a Try!

We are a friendly and fun group and we offer a warm welcome to any woman who would like to join us for one or two sessions to see if our WI is for them. Please contact me if you would like to know more – or just pop along to one of our meetings.

Contact: Debbie Parry Debbie.helen.parry@outlook.com Tel 07770 543797





CHALGRAVE WI Book Club

The WI book group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm. We have gone back to meeting in group members houses as The Plough has only been opening until 9 on a Thursday. Currently we have 13 members and take it in turns to choose the books we read, covering all genres and tastes.

In February we read *Bite of the Mango* by Mariatu Kamara & Susan McClelland

As a child in a small rural village in Sierra Leone, Mariatu Kamara lived peacefully surrounded by family and friends.

Rumors of rebel attacks were no more than a distant worry.

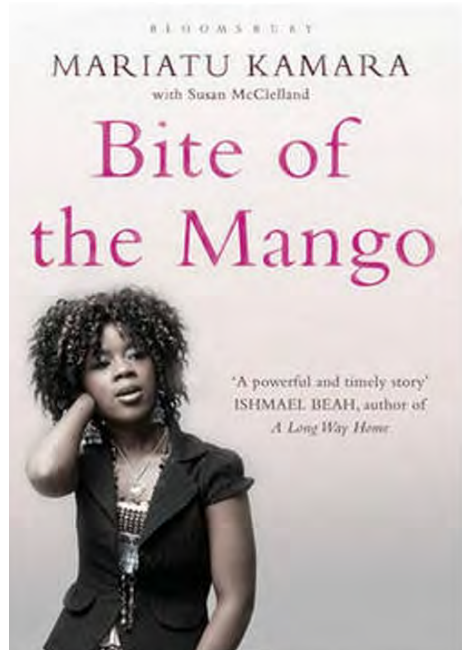
But when 12-year-old Mariatu set out for a neighboring village, she never arrived.

Heavily armed rebel soldiers, many no older than children themselves, attacked and tortured Mariatu. During this brutal act of senseless violence they cut off both her hands. Stumbling through the countryside, Mariatu miraculously survived.

The sweet taste of a mango, her first food after the attack, reaffirmed her desire to live, but the challenge of clutching the fruit in her bloodied arms reinforced the grim new reality that stood before her. With no parents or living adult to support her and living in a refugee camp, she turned to begging in the streets of Freetown.

In this gripping and heart breaking true story, Mariatu shares with readers the details of the brutal attack, its aftermath and her eventual arrival in Toronto. There she began to pull together the pieces of her broken life with courage, astonishing resilience and hope.

This was a difficult read in places but gave us a lot to discuss afterwards.



If you are interested in joining the WI book group please contact Sue

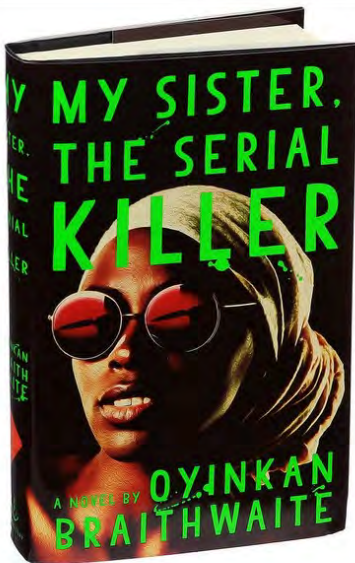
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You do need to be a member of Chalgrave WI to join this group.

Happy reading



CHALGRAVE WI Book Club



In March we read **My sister the Serial Killer** by **Oyinkan Braithwaite**

When Korede's dinner is interrupted one night by a distress call from her sister, Ayoola, she knows what's expected of her: bleach, rubber gloves, nerves of steel and a strong stomach.

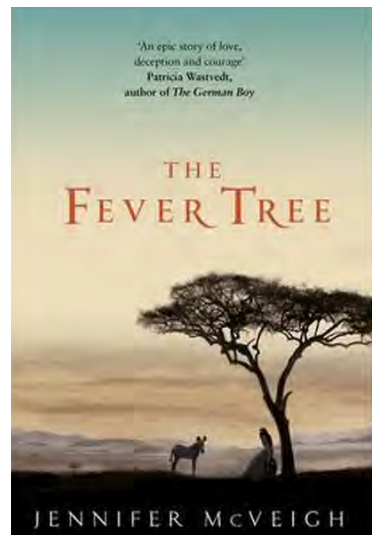
This'll be the third boyfriend Ayoola's dispatched in, quote, self-defence and the third mess that her lethal little sibling has left Korede to clear away. She should probably go to the police for the good of the menfolk of Nigeria, but she loves her sister and, as they say, family always comes first.

Until, that is, Ayoolastarts dating the doctor where Korede works as a nurse. Korede's long been in love with him, and isn't prepared to see him wind up with a knife in his back: but to save one would mean sacrificing the other. This book makes you think about how far you would go to protect your family.

In April we read **The Fever Tree** by **Jennifer McVeigh**

Frances Irvine, left penniless after her father's sudden death, is forced to emigrate to the Cape.

In this barren country, she meets two very different men - one driven by ambition, the other by ideals. When a smallpox outbreak sends her to the diamond mines, she is drawn into a ruthless world of greed and exploitation, of human lives crushed in the scramble for power. But here - at last - she sees her path to happiness. Torn between passion and integrity, she makes a choice that has devastating consequences. This book gave us lots of information on life in South Africa in 1800 and what a difficult place it was for women. We really enjoyed this book, a tangled love story with twists.



All Saints Church Chalgrave

The sun is shining, birds are singing, the tulips and bluebells are in bloom, and we are all happy that Spring has finally arrived.

Our Easter celebrations were joyous, with Chalgrave Church being beautifully decorated for Palm Sunday and Easter morning services. During Lent we also shared special times together over Lent lunches which raised funds for charity, a Lent discussion course, and a Maundy Thursday meal followed by a Benefice service with St George's at Toddington.



The excitement is building as we approach King Charles III Coronation this week and we enjoyed this month's Coronation Pop Up Tea Room. They are such a wonderful chance to get together as we enjoy lovely cakes and chat. On Friday, May 12th there will be a Benefice Service of Thanksgiving for King Charles III at 6.30pm at St George's Church Toddington. The Quintet Choir will sing a couple of celebratory pieces, and Royal British Legion Representatives will be present.

Looking forward, we have, unfortunately, had to postpone both the upcoming Harpsichord concert and the Afternoon Cream Tea with Toddington Town Band due to a structural problem with a beam in the church Chancel.

We first noticed a problem months ago with traces of brown dust gathering on the Chancel side wall. On further investigation, and the opening of a large hole in the chancel roof, it has been discovered that the beam has completely rotted away at one end, due to damp, and needs urgent repair. Scaffolding has been erected and a screw jack is holding the beam up. The chancel has been cordoned off as a no access area. Due to Health & Safety and Fire regulations, we are not able to have large numbers of people in the church as the chancel has no alternate escape access. We are hopeful that the repairs will be done soon.

Despite this, our Sunday morning weekly services continue at 9.30am and we would love you to join us and promise you a warm welcome. On Sunday 19 May, the service will start slightly later at 10.30am, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and afterwards refreshments. Do please come if you can.

It has been sad to say farewell to Sheila Parkes and Sheila Deamer, this year and to Jean Ludgate last year. It was a privilege to hold their funeral services in church. They were all longstanding members of Chalgrave Parish and we pay tribute to them.

All Saints Church Chalgrave

Looking forward, we will be hosting a Craft Fair at Chalgrave Memorial Hall on November 4th from 10am-4pm. Please let Alison Stone or Sandy Ryan know if you would like to have a stall. Cost is £10.

Upcoming Dates for your diary:

June 17th- Chalgrave Games - All Saints will be providing cakes, teas, & coffee.

June 28th- Pop Up Tea Room

July 26th- Pop Up Tea Room

We have a small and friendly congregation and we'd welcome you to join us for our services and our activities. If you'd like to join our gardening group, flower ladies, cleaning crew or the fundraising committee please contact Sandy Ryan Sandra-ryan@sky.com or 07989645040.

If you would like a home visit, home communion, prayer or to discuss a special event like a wedding, baptism, funeral, just feel like a chat, or have an idea to share, please contact Linda the Rector on 07715 603557 or revdchalgrave@gmail.com



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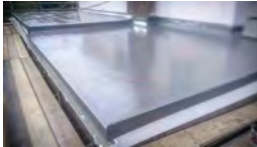
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THE GREAT POND

You may have noticed that some of the willows around the Great Pond were cut down late last year. These were vigorous species that probably started as seedlings many years ago. If left unpruned they would rapidly grow out over the footpath causing an obstruction and so had to be pollarded every few years.



As the pond is in a conservation area planning permission has to be obtained before pruning or removing any trees. The Parish Council contacted Central Bedfordshire's tree officer who suggested that the willows be replaced with less vigorous species. We have now planted two varieties of *salix alba*, smaller willows with brightly coloured new stems. They will still need some pruning but should be much easier to manage and we hope that in a few years they might look something like the pictures below. **Janet Day**



WILD CHALGRAVE

Do you mow or
strim your lawn
without
checking for
hedgehogs?

Is there netting
which could
entangle
hedgehogs?

Is there litter
on the
ground?

Think Hedgehog!

Have a look around your garden or
local greenspace and imagine what
it would be like if you were a
hedgehog!

Is it a good habitat for them or are
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Rogation Walk

A group of 15 along with a few canine friends gathered at the Queen's Head Pub, Tebworth, at 10am, Sunday 14th May for the annual walk along the ancient Boundary's of Chalgrave.

The morning stage followed an ancient path that took the group across fields with a few stiles, ditches, fences and streams. This was an easy route just a-bit challenging in places and perfectly safe. Ken headed up the group stopping at points on the way and providing some very interesting history. We reached the Fancott Public House at circa 1pm for a well-deserved beverage and a spot of lunch. This is where some decided to hang up the walking boots for the day.

We said goodbye to around half the morning walkers and Ken with a small intrepid group left the Fancott at around 2pm. The walk continued to follow the ancient boundary on a route that in some places pre-arranged access had to be agreed with the landowners for the day. We followed a flat path across open fields that took in some fanatic views of the area, we headed towards A5 then turning right for the final push along forgotten designated pathways up and over farmed fields back into Tebworth for a well-deserved early evening beverage at the Queen's Head.

The entire walk was around 11.5 very enjoyable miles and I can honestly say it didn't feel that far and its suitable for all ages and abilities.



Rogation Walk

On behalf of all the walkers on the day I would like to thank Ken Green for making it informative, interesting and very memorable.

All who took part look forward to doing it again and if you didn't make it this time, please put this as a must do in your calendars for next year!

Russell Charrington



We are always excited and happy to share your photographs, so if you have any pictures and/or stories to share about our wonderful parish, please send to thechalgravenews@gmail.com

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Re-wilding – it's the latest fashion in gardening, even at the Chelsea Flower Show but how do you do it? If you walked out of your garden and didn't go back for a couple of years it would be re-wilded but it wouldn't be what most of us recognise as a garden. The good news is you don't have to go the whole hog and it might even mean less work. The main thing is not to be too tidy and I consider myself a pioneer in this. Start with your lawn if you have one. Let the grass grow longer and don't stress about the weeds in it, or maybe set aside part of it to create a mini meadow. Even a small meadow area will provide food and shelter for a wide variety of wildlife.



Red Clover

Yarrow

Dandelion

Nettle

Be relaxed about the weeds in the rest of your garden too. Dandelions provide nectar for early bumblebees and nettles are an essential food source for the caterpillars of peacock and small tortoiseshell butterflies.

If cultivating nettles is a step too far for you the hedgerows and footpaths of Chalgrave seem well-supplied with them. Yarrow flowers for a long time even in dry conditions and is good for short tongued insects like hoverflies. Red clover is a particularly good nectar source and along with daisies can be attractive in lawns.

What we call weeds can grow and flower in almost any weather throughout the year and although this can be a nuisance to us gardeners it's what makes them so useful to wildlife. After flowering their seeds are food for birds and small mammals. Many weeds have more attractive cultivated forms but don't choose double-flowered ones as insects can't get at the nectar and pollen. If the idea of cultivating weeds horrifies

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

you maybe you could set aside a hidden corner of your garden as a wild habitat. Make a log pile for beetles or amphibians, or a pile of sticks and leaves for small mammals or a hedgehog.

Or how about 'adopting' an area of grass verge near your house for a spot of guerrilla gardening. Some residents of Chalgrave have already done that.

Whatever the weather, enjoy your gardening.

John Wojdyla



Thanks to Peter Warburton for this photo - Sunset from Hill Farm, Wingfield



Devonshire Honey cake from Chris McDonagh aka Cider Lil., a Tebworthian resident who now lives in Devon sharing her wonderful Devonian recipes.



Easy Devonshire honey cake is perfect for a cream tea or enjoying with your afternoon cuppa.

Ingredients

250g clear honey, plus about 2 tbsp extra to glaze
225g unsalted butter
100g muscovado sugar
3 large beaten eggs
300g self-raising flour



Method

Preheat the oven to fan 140C/ conventional 160C/gas 3.

Butter and line a 20cm round loose bottomed cake tin.

Cut the butter into pieces and drop into a medium pan with the honey and sugar. Melt slowly over a low heat. When the mixture looks quite liquid, increase the heat under the pan and boil for about one minute. Leave to cool for 15-20 minutes, to prevent the eggs cooking when they are mixed in.

Beat the eggs into the melted honey mixture using a wooden spoon. Sift the flour into a large bowl and pour in the egg and honey mixture, beating until you have a smooth, quite runny batter.

Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 50 minutes-1 hour until the cake is well-risen, golden brown and springs back when pressed. A skewer pushed into the centre of the cake should come out clean.

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CORONATION STREET PARTY

A Street Party is a community event and ours was very much a community event. It was a great success. Thank you to all who were there and for bringing food to share with others. There was a great selection of sandwiches, dips, cakes, scones with cream and strawberry jam, sausage rolls, as well as two BBQs on the go. Fantastic!

Boe Dibb won the Best Crown for girls and Charlie Osborn for the boys. The adult winner was Ken Green with his tallest crown on the street!

Thanks also to Paul Younger, Mark Greenwood, Ed and the Queens Head Crew for setting up the street and clearing at the end. Thanks also to Vicky Greenwood for organising the Children's games and to Greenwood Roofing for sponsoring the games and prizes.

Phil Parry



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Coronation mugs

The Parish Council is giving away a Coronation mug to any child who lives in the parish and is under 18. There will be some mugs left and they are available to anyone over 18 at £4.50 each. If you haven't already claimed mugs for under 18s or would like to buy one please contact Lesley, the clerk, at chalgravepc@btinternet.com, or any of the Parish Councillors.



Tribute to Lyn Green

This lovely lectern has been installed outside Lane Farm in memory of Lyn Green who died last year.

Members of her family designed the artwork and also did all the amazing paintings. A wonderful tribute to a much missed parishioner.



Sheila



We were all very sad to hear about the death of Sheila who was very well known around the parish.

Unfortunately we were unable to write a few words for this edition but hope to have some information next time.



Derek Smith

Derek grew up in Stanmore, North London, then, following school, he embarked on a career as a motor mechanic and more recently became an MOT tester. Derek loved New Zealand, so following his marriage to Lorraine, he persuaded her to try a new life there with baby son Aaron, but, after a year, it wasn't for them and they returned to the UK. They spent a few years in Dunstable before moving to Tebworth for about 15 years, where Derek supported Lorraine with her catering business as well as working full time. Derek joined Chalgrave Parish Council in roles such as traffic speed watch and he thoroughly enjoyed serving his community.



When Derek and Lorraine parted, he moved to Hockliffe. He gave up many Christmases to volunteer for Crisis, preparing and serving Christmas dinner for homeless people in London. He was a keen buyer and seller of antiques, which gave him a lot of pleasure. Derek always sought the funny side of life and was a great friend to so many people. His smile and infectious laugh will live with us forever. Derek is survived by son Aaron, daughter Louise, granddaughter Zurri and sister Barbara.

John Keech

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