

SUMMER  
2023  
ISSUE 79

# CHALGRAVE NEWS

*Celebrating Chalgrave*



## 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 | 11-1    |

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# A note from the editorial team

What a busy Summer its been. After the excitement of having our new King crowned, we have had a Coronation street party, The Chalgrave Games, Ken Green's 80th birthday celebration and the Annual Wingfield car show, not bad for our little parish and lots to be proud of.

As we head into Autumn it looks like the weather has decided to be kind to us, the fields are being harvested and the blackberries and elderberries are ripening nicely.

The wonderful pop-up tea room resumes on 27th September from 11-1, why not drop in for a slice of homemade cake and a chat.

For those in the parish who are interested, the yoga classes resume in the village hall in September on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings, organised by Chalgrave Sports club and in October there is another Quiz night again organised by the sports club, always a fun event and very well attended. See the information about both events in the magazine or on the sports club website.

The Chalgrave news team are always happy to hear from members of the parish so if you have an interesting story, article or photo for the front cover, please send it to our email below. we look forward to hearing from you.

*The Chalgrave news team.*



# Chairman of the Parish Council

## From the Parish Council –

We met the developers of the Ivy Farm Barns (plot 2). They were seeking retrospective planning permission to retain the grey concrete cladding that has been used instead of the larch or oak cladding originally approved. We objected strongly as the cladding does not blend in with the surroundings and contravenes planning rules. We have since learnt that the developers have removed their application. We wait to hear what they are going to propose.



We are in the process of arranging a meeting with CBC Environment Team to discuss rewilding verges in the Parish.

Work on the Tebworth Solar Farm has started. It has been agreed that transport to and from the site should not come through Tebworth but use the A5, B5120 and then Chalgrave Road. We are in discussion with the developers, Enso, about funding for community projects.

The Wingfield sign damaged by a car hitting it is going to be replaced.

Work continues 1 Home Farm. By the time this edition of the News is published the work should have been completed and the road open again. In the meantime please be careful as there have been incidents of careless/reckless driving going through the traffic lights. We will be in discussion with CBC about more effective traffic calming measures on the corner.

We are asking CBC for a footpath from Church Road to Toddington. A number of people walk along that route but it is a difficult and uneven surface.

CLlr Peter Warburton will be leading another litter pick in the Parish.

Speed Watch continues every month - we are very grateful for the cups of tea from Ian Drummond!

We still have several Coronation mugs on sale for £4.50. Contact, Lesley, the Clerk if you would like to buy one.

Our next meeting is October in the Memorial Hall. You are welcome to attend.

**Phil Parry**

## View from The House

We have had the good news this month of the publication of the tender for consultants to start work on the business case for the Leighton Buzzard primary care facility by the end of this month. This is happening because we now, at long last, have the capital and revenue in place as we have legal clearance to release the capital value from the 4 acres of land which the NHS owns in the town.



I was also able to raise air quality issues on Luton Road in Dunstable in a debate in the House of Commons. Local residents were expecting less HGV traffic along Luton Road as a result of the Woodside link road opening in 2017 and this has not happened, so the matter requires further consideration and urgently given the health implications for those who live along the road.

A planning application in Houghton Regis for a small number of houses came to my attention and I was shocked to see contributions towards infrastructure of half a million for education, a quarter of a million for environmental mitigation, £100,000 for play equipment and only £50,000 for health. I quoted these figures in Parliament and I'm investigating further to find out why so little money has been given towards extra health facilities when they are so badly needed.

I also had a meeting with housing developers, CBC and two hard-working Eggington Parish councillors about the danger on unadopted roads in Clipstone Park and Linmere because there is no legally enforceable traffic regulations in place. This needs to be sorted urgently.

It was also very good to meet again with BP Light Source who have a solar farm in Eggington as well as to host in Parliament the Renewables UK exhibition on tidal power which can generate 11% of the U.K.'s electricity, and this is an area in which the UK is a world leader. It was a huge honour to open the Reclaim Life centre in Bridge Street as well .

It was good to see that the Armed Forces families strategy is now implementing many of the recommendations of the report I was asked to write to improve life for Armed Forces families.

I have very much noted the concerns about the future of the Leighton Buzzard ticket office and would encourage everyone to respond to the consultation which closes on the 26th of July. I am also asking for complete transparency from Central Bedfordshire Council on where the six pothole repair gangs are working across the local authority and

## View from The House / continued

on how many potholes they are filling in each week. Yet again, I raised the need to urgently amend the police funding formula to be fair to Bedfordshire.

I was delighted to see that teachers and Royal Mail staff have now settled their industrial disputes as have the nurses, and I very much hope that doctors, radiologists and staff on the railways will do the same.

It was particularly good to meet with the education secretary to talk about apprenticeships given that levy is now been fully spent and that we will soon have 21 institutes of technology across the country. A quarter of apprentices already have a degree and apprenticeships are often a very good way to get the skills to earn a good wage with no debt.

I was also pleased to record a podcast to encourage veterans to come forward to serve again in other areas of public life.

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Kind regards,

**Andrew Selous**



**Member of Parliament for SW Bedfordshire**

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# Wingfield Classic Car Show



*On 23rd July we visited the car show and had a great morning in the sunshine, chatting to the classic car owners, about their beautiful vehicles and admiring their skills and knowledge about their machines.*

*There were several charity stalls, a tea and cake stand, food, beer tent and tombola.*

*Well done to the organisers for putting on such a wonderful event.*





# Wingfield Classic Car Show



# Chalgrave Sports Club

Since our AGM in May our activities have continued. Our Saturday morning Yoga classes continued through to July. There is now a break until they start again in September. Through the club's partnership with CBC Active Communities, we have been able to subsidise the yoga classes to benefit the local community, to encourage everyone to get involved and be more active. It has allowed us to introduce new Monday evening yoga classes starting in September in addition to the Saturday morning sessions. The classes on Saturday and Monday are one hour and cost £3 for CSC members and £5 for non-members.



We still have 30+ people, many of them CSC members, taking part in the Mile a Day challenge (MAD), out there in all weathers.

Club members Christina Lawrence and Mike Jackson took part in the Race to the Stones ultramarathon which is a continuous 100km (62 mile) run along the ancient Ridgeway Trail from Lewknor to Avebury, which includes over 4,000 ft of ascent along the route. They both finished the race in just over 14 hours.



Our 5K Park Run continues at Houghton Hall on Saturday mornings. You are very welcome to join us to run, walk or both. Details of our activities can be found on our Facebook page or on our new CSC website- [www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk](http://www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk)

The website has been designed and developed by our CSC member Simon Gatward. We are immensely grateful for the many hours that Simon has spent on this project. As well as containing details about our activities, it also has a history of the Club with great photos and names from the past that long-term residents of our community will recognise. Thanks go to Nev Andrews for supplying us with lots of information.

All CSC memberships will be due for renewal in September. Annual membership only costs £10 - you get discounted entry into CSC events and activities, 10% discount at SportsShoes.com and regular newsletters. New members can join at any time and will receive a free CSC water bottle as a welcome gift. **Phil Parry**

**A date for your diary – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October our Quiz Night.**

**A fun evening with a fish and chip supper, tickets are now available online at [www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk](http://www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk) or contact Debbie Levy 07931 408697.**

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## Meeting Update

In **April** we had a great talk from Cali Bird who shared anecdotes about her varied handbag collection, some of which have dubious names, and why she decided to give herself the title of the Countess of Kennington. She told us how she made all of this into a chick-lit novel and gave pointers on where to start if you want to write a book.

At our **May** meeting we had a go at **Indoor Kurling**. It was great fun and we enjoyed it so much we have rebooked for September 2024!

We made a donation to Canine Partners in lieu of a speaker's fee.



In **June** Dave Bollins led another great walk around Aspley Woods with drinks afterwards at the Fir Tree Inn.

In **July** we had a hugely entertaining talk from Sarah Harrison - author, comedienne and actress. She covered a wide variety of topics including poems - from sausages to underwear! We made a donation to the charity, Home-Start which supports families through their Home-Visiting service and Family Support Groups.

A group of us also went **Stand Up Paddle boarding** at Box End Park. The wind and rain didn't spoil our enjoyment!





## Clubs

Our **Craft Group**, run by Tracy Malster, did a variety of activities including wet felting and we made another wall hanging to celebrate the Coronation. This was unveiled in time for the Chalgrave Games

Our **Supper Club**, led by Bern Inzani, has continued to try different local restaurants with April at the Yakamoz Meze in Amptill, May at The Greedy Italian at Fenny Stratford, June- the Coconut Garden in Dunstable and July - the Five Bells at Stanbridge.

## Future Meetings

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm in Chalgrave Memorial Hall, Wingfield Road, Tebworth, LU7 9QQ. We typically have a number of additional outings and events throughout the year



## 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.

| Date          | Event                                                          |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tue-12-Sep-23 | Singing for fun and confidence                                 |
| Tue-10-Oct-23 | Birds of Prey                                                  |
| Tue-14-Nov-23 | Suffragette Talk                                               |
| Sat-09-Dec-23 | Brick Lane Music Hall in London – Jungle Bells Show and Dinner |
| Tue-12-Dec-23 | Christmas Crafts                                               |
| Tue-09-Jan-24 | A celebrant and the changing face of life ceremonies           |
| Tue-13-Feb-24 | Decluttering: Where to Start and the Benefits.                 |
| Tue-12-Mar-24 | Belly Dancing workshop                                         |

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# 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 been, but that may change in the future, with news of the Plough about to reopen. Currently we have 12 members and take it in turns to choose the books we read, covering all genres and tastes.

## In May we read **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver

This book was winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Think that was announced after we started reading it! *Demon Copperhead* is set in the mountains of southern Appalachia. It's the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. It is quite a long book but we all enjoyed reading it.

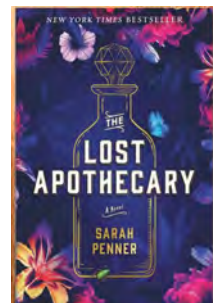


## In June we read **The Wrong Mother** by Charlotte Duckworth

Faye is 39 and single. She's terrified she may never have the one thing she always wanted: a child of her own. Then she discovers a co-parenting app: Acorns. For men and women who want to have a baby, but don't want to do it alone. When she meets Louis through it, it feels as though the fates have aligned. Just one year later, Faye is on the run from Louis, with baby Jake in tow. In desperate need of a new place to live, she contacts Rachel, who's renting out a room in her remote Norfolk cottage. It's all Faye can afford - and surely she'll be safe from Louis there? Is Rachel the benevolent landlady she pretends to be? Or does she have a secret of her own? This is twisty thriller and kept us guessing till the end.

## In July we read **The Lost Apothecary** by Sarah Penner

Hidden in the depths of eighteenth-century London, a secret apothecary shop caters to an unusual kind of clientele. Women across the city whisper of a mysterious figure named Nella who sells well-disguised poisons to use against the oppressive men in their lives. This book was a little unbelievable in places but still a good read. If you are interested in joining the WI book group please contact Sue ([sue.watling@hotmail.com](mailto:sue.watling@hotmail.com)) You do need to be a member of Chalgrave WI to join this group.



# Kens 80th birthday celebrations

Ken Green decided not to wait for his funeral. Instead he held a great party on 15 July at the Queen's Head for all his family and friends.

Sixteen family members travelled here from the States and many present and past residents from Chalgrave and around.

The Queen's Head was packed most of the day and Ken served drinks and food with the help of Ed and Carly. It was great to meet up with so many people again—many after several years.



Ken celebrates with daughters Linda, Penny and Sally.



Carly with past publican Cynthia who ran the QH



# Memorial Hall and Chalgrave games

It has been a busy year for the Chalgrave Memorial Hall. We have had a lot of repairs and maintenance done to spruce up the Hall.

A major upgrade to the Fire Alarm system and emergency lighting has been carried out.

A lot of guttering, fascias and soffits have been replaced. This includes extra

protection for the drainpipes against damage from wayward footballs.

The enclosure for the oil tank has been repaired and made more secure.

Last winter during the big freeze in December, the heating oil in the pipes supplying the boiler solidified (it was that cold!) All these pipes have now been lagged with insulation.

We are still in the process of applying for grant funding for a childrens' playground.

The monthly pop-up tearoom goes from strength to strength.

The Chalgrave Games were held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The weather was kind to us and it proved a great success, raising much needed funds for the upkeep of the hall. There was a welcome return of the Water Games after 4 years, which were much enjoyed by the youngsters.

I would like to thank all the members of the Memorial Hall Committee for all their hard work on the day, that made it possible.

Special thanks go to Andy Perry and Darren Kidd for their sterling work on the BBQ; Colin McCausland for shaking up the cocktails; Debbie Kidd and Sharon Brown for managing the Kids Games; Lesley Smith and Michelle Kellington-Hand for controlling the Dog Show; Hazel and Mark Zimmer for Tarot and Reiki; Carlie and Ed from the Queen's Head for their help with the bar; Laura Spiers for greeting the visitors; William Randell for his star turn as MC and Roger Costin for supplying the straw bales for the swimming pool.

And a very big thank you to Dan Osborn and his crew for the construction and filling of the swimming pool, at such a busy time of year for farmers.

Thanks also goes to Jane Spiers for her sterling effort to sell so many raffle tickets to make this a huge success. Also thanks to our sponsors **Childs Family Bakers** and **Local Agent**, for their generous raffle prizes.

**John Wojdyla**





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# Restaurant Review: Woburn Thai

Woburn is always good for a day out with its interesting shops, pubs, restaurants and galleries, although there are now a lot less than the 27 Inns recorded in its coaching heyday of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

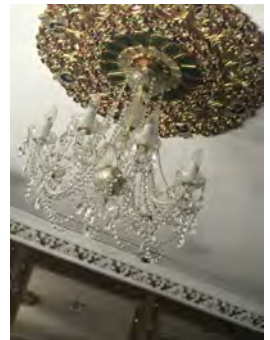
The old Town Hall stands at the heart of Woburn on what is known as the Pitchings and this is where the bustling farmers' market is held on the third Sunday of every month. A market has traded here since 1242 when Woburn was officially made a Market Town by Royal Charter in 1242.

Tucked away behind the Town Hall is a lovely Thai restaurant that is definitely worth a visit.

A small delegation from the Chalgrave News restaurant review team had lunch there recently (research ☺) and chose the set menu for £24.95.

There was a mixed starter of hors d'oeuvres (pictured) and mains of sweet and sour tiger prawns, beef and mushrooms in oyster sauce, Thai red curried duck and stir fried vegetables with sticky steamed rice.

The food was authentic and obviously all freshly prepared but the real surprise was the silver service experience and beautifully decorated restaurant. There were plenty of people having lunch there even though it was mid week. Word has obviously spread.



This is a high quality dining experience and highly recommended by the team.

<https://www.woburnthai.co.uk/>





# THE PLOUGH—Wingfield



## Good News!

The Plough Inn, Wingfield re-opened on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

The Chalgrave News would like to welcome the new proprietors Emma, Dan and Finley to the Parish.

The whole place has been spruced up inside and outside and is looking great, and they are now serving food. Why not drop in and sample their hospitality.

Full details can be seen on the Plough's Facebook page.

## The Footpath Group

We used to have an active footpaths committee in the parish but with time this has diminished and it is getting increasingly difficult for me to keep on top of things. It has been suggested that we set up a WhatsApp group so if you are someone who walks the footpaths regularly and agree to your telephone number being added to this group would you please let me know?



All I'm asking is that you report any problem with path clearance, condition of stiles and bridges waymark posts etc. I can contact the farmer/landowner on stiles and path clearance and sometimes with help I can replace waymark posts but bridges and any follow-up has to be left to the Central Beds Rights of Way office to action.

Unfortunately this department has been cut in size and budget and it becomes increasingly difficult for our officer, Lindsay Measures, to keep up with the workload but if we don't report things nothing gets done! Thanking you in anticipation of your help.

**Ken Green** [kentebworth@gmail.com](mailto:kentebworth@gmail.com)

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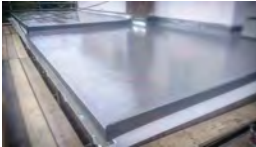
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## WILD CHALGRAVE — birdsong

In spring and early summer the air is full of birdsong. Birds use their songs to re-establish their territories after winter and to advertise for a mate and the males do most of the singing. Some ornithologists distinguish between bird 'songs' which are complex with many varied notes and bird 'calls', shorter simpler noises made by birds such as the crow family. Songbirds include our familiar blackbirds, thrushes, robins, tits and finches although they too use simple calls such as the blackbirds distinctive alarm call when it sees a threat or to distract a predator from its nest. Birds sing using a complex organ called a syrinx located at the bottom of their throat (syrinx is a Greek word for panpipes). They can pass air across the membranes of this structure on left and right sides independently so some birds can produce two notes at the same time. Young birds are thought to learn how to sing by listening to their parents and other birds around them while still in the nest.



By late summer however many birds fall silent. After the exertion of the breeding season they save their energy to find food to fatten up for winter and to moult. Most birds feathers are worn and damaged after the breeding season which would make it more difficult to fly and to keep warm in the coming months so they shed their feathers and replace them with a new set. Moulting can take several weeks or months depending on the species and size of the bird and during this time they keep fairly quiet and concentrate on finding food to give them the energy to grow new feathers.

# WILD CHALGRAVE — birdsong



Some of the birds you may hear in late summer are young birds fledged this year. Red kites can be seen circling high in small flocks giving high pitched cries. These are almost certainly youngsters looking for their first territory. Tawny owls make their familiar hooting calls in autumn and throughout the winter. They breed early in the year as it's easier to hunt when there is less vegetation to conceal their prey. In late summer young tawny owls can be heard trying their first hoots. Robins are fiercely territorial and both males and females sing all year round, although not as loudly or frequently in the winter. They have one of the most complex songs of all songbirds and an individual robin can have a repertoire of several hundred phrases. Robins were originally just called redbreasts until the 15<sup>th</sup> century when some birds were given proper names. Their brightly coloured breast is more orange than red but the word orange as a colour didn't exist in the English language until the 16<sup>th</sup> century when oranges were first introduced. Red or orange it's a joy to hear a robin singing loud and clear on a cold winter's day.

**Janet Day**

If you're not sure what birds you can hear around you try the **Merlin app** (it's free) and it will record and identify them as you listen. You may be surprised how many different birds there are in Chalgrave.

## *Sheila Parkes—Obituary*

Sheila's funeral was held at Chalgrave Church on 23 February this year.

Sheila was a popular, friendly member of Tebworth community but was also private and independent. She had a love of animals and cared for many different pets...rabbits, cats, dogs, horses, chickens and more. She was good company and enjoyed a cuppa and a chat.. or sometimes something a bit stronger. She was a good laugh, a good friend, and a fountain of local knowledge. Sheila enjoyed village life and used to sit and watch the world go by, but she was not so keen on tourists! It is a wonderful tribute to Sheila that so many gathered at the church to remember her.

Sheila was born in Studham and lived with parents Joan and Joseph Little in a cottage at 49 Holywell Road. She went to the local village school.

In August 1969, she met Sue (now Sue Willis) on the Whipnade bus to work and they became good friends. They used to go swimming in Martha Bullock's pool as teenagers and Sheila persuaded Sue to joining the young ladies dart's team at the Red Lion Pub, Studham. They went out together a few times as a foursome with some brothers but that soon fizzled out and they then used to a hang out at the Red Lion Kensworth to meet the lads playing darts. Sheila and Sue played darts numerous times in different local pubs. Their final game was at the Fleur de Lys pub in Hockliffe. Sheila also used to play dominoes in Hockliffe.

Sheila met and married Richard Parkes who had lived in Kensworth. One sensed it hadn't been a happy time as it ended in divorce. Sheila moved to her little cottage in Tebworth where she lived for about 40 years and became a settled, important member of this local community.

In her early years Sheila did a little travelling and had been on holiday to Ibiza, but in later life she remained very local to Tebworth, a home bird.. keen to be around to care for her pets. She did however, enjoy visiting local pubs: the Plough, Fancott Arms, Toddington and Hockliffe and others, but as she didn't drive, she relied on transport by others.

She used to work at the Queen's Head and was a loyal supporter of the pub with Colin and did his book keeping. She attended local events and had a wide knowledge about the village.

## *Sheila Parkes—Obituary*

She used to sit outside the Queen's Head and watch the world go by. Sheila loved caring for animals whether her own or other people's... guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens, cats, dogs, horses, it didn't matter which. She loved them all.

After Sue remarried, she moved to Tebworth with husband Ray and the friendship between the two friends was quickly reformed. They have been friends on and off for over 30 years.

Sheila had been unwell for some time, with various different ailments which seem to have shielded diagnosis of the main one which so sadly took her life. Sadly, she died in hospital, but thankfully had Susan and Jane Spiers alongside. She will be very sadly missed.

**A huge thank you to Rev. Linda Washington for sending us her eulogy from which this extract has been prepared.**



## Apple and Blackberry In and Out Devon Pudding

*Another recipe from Chris McDonagh AKA Cider Lil  
A previous Tebworthian resident now living in sunny  
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This pudding is a Devonshire favourite! That's probably why they recommend Clotted Cream to be served with it.

Mmmm . . . you can't beat a buttery pudding, filled with tart apples and sweet blackberries topped with a healthy dollop of rich clotted cream.

### Ingredients:

**8 ounces of self raising flour**

**4 ounces of shredded beef suet (can use half a cup grated ice cold butter instead)**

**3 granny Smith apples, peeled ,cored and sliced**

**A handful of blackberries**

**3 tbsp of caster sugar**

**Half a pint of milk**

### Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 190\*C/375\*F/ gas mark 5. Butter a 9 inch round baking dish. Set aside.

Mix the flour, suet and sugar together.

Add the apples and enough milk to bring the mixture to a dropping consistency.

Fold in the blackberries, gently.

Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and then bake until it is brown and crunchy on top (30 to 35 minutes.)

Eat warm, spooned out into bowls and topped with dollops of clotted Cream.

Note: If your apples are very tart, you may add a bit more sugar if you wish.





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