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CHALGRAVE NEWS

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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
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A note from the editorial team

When it comes to the weather it seems that the only thing certain these days is that nothing is certain. Extremes are now the new normal. A wet miserable summer has turned into a wet miserable autumn. On 22nd September the weather monitoring station at Woburn recorded over 2 inches of rain in less than 2 hours. By 27th September it had recorded 232mm (9.1 inches) in the month so far, over 4 times the monthly average. At least Chalgrave escaped most of the flooding that some nearby areas experienced. If summer seems a distant memory this issue has some great photos to remind you of some of our local events.

Looking forward we have a fund-raising Christmas wreath-making workshop (see details in this Issue) and All Saints Church are holding a Craft Fair on 9th November.

Don't forget to check our Facebook page for other events and local news.

This October we might be lucky enough to see a comet with the naked eye. From 11th October comet C/2023 AC might be seen close to the western horizon at around 19:00hr. Autumn is also a great time to spot the milky way as it is aligned directly overhead and less affected by light pollution.

Happy stargazing.

The Chalgrave News Team



Chairman of the Parish Council

We were disappointed to learn that the developers of Ivy Farm Barn in Tebworth had won their appeal not to clad the outside of the property with larch cladding as in their original planning agreement. This is despite our objection, residents' objections and CBC's objection.

We are replacing the defibrillator cabinet at the Memorial Hall with a new cabinet which will house the defibrillator and include a bleed kit. The bleed kit helps control life-threatening bleeding. Both the defibrillator and bleed kit are accessible and come with full instructions for their use.



The Great Pond of Tebworth needs maintenance. We are getting advice from the Wildlife Trust and hope to be working on the Pond in the Autumn. We are grateful to Barbara Jackson for restoring and repainting the railings.

Fly tipping in our Parish is a problem. Unfortunately, there is little the PC can do. We do report it to CBC as soon as we know about it. CBC is usually quick to respond and pick it up and to cone-off the debris if it's on the road.

We were delighted to award the Community Award for 2023 to Dan Osborn and for 2024 to Jan Day and John Wojdyla at the recent village games. The award is for an achievement or service to our community. We also have a Millennium Award for under 18s. Again, this is for an achievement in sports, music or academics, for voluntary work or service to our community. Unfortunately, we have not had any nominations this award for a few years. If you know of someone who deserves recognition for either of these awards, please contact the Clerk.

We have a great community and we are grateful to those in our community who give up their time to join the Speed Watch team, or the litter picking group, the Footpath Committee, pond maintenance group as well as all the other groups and activities in our Parish.

We continue to press CBC to repair potholes, clear gullies and empty dog bins.

Finally, we are sorry to lose Andrew Selous as our MP. Andrew was a great constituency MP. He was accessible and supportive and always attended our Parish Assemblies. We hope that our new MP, Alex Sayer, will be as visible and supportive.

Phil Parry, Chair

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Chalgrave Memorial Hall

Our main event of the year, the Chalgrave Games was held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 13th July. Although the weather was not as clement as hoped, it stayed dry and the large crowd had a very enjoyable day.



As you can imagine a lot of planning and preparation is involved beforehand. See Frances Masters article in this issue for some behind the scenes activity.

In addition to our regular attractions, we also had Judo and Yoga demonstrations, live music from the Toddington Town Band and Fairground rides.

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; 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; Maddie Ostacchini for greeting the visitors; Russell Ostacchini and Cristel Flanagan for helping set up and take down the various bits, Roger Fenwick for his fabulous train, William Randell for his star turn as MC and Phil Parry for presenting the raffle prizes and community awards, Roger Costin for supplying the straw bales for the swimming pool. And a very big thank you to Dan Osborn for the construction and filling of the swimming pool..

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The other bit of news is that we expect our new website to be up and running very soon.

John Wojdyla and William Randell (Co-Chairs)



Chalgrave Sports Club



After a short break during the summer our activities continue. We have our Yoga classes on Monday nights at 7.00 in the Memorial Hall, some members are continuing MAD 24 (Mile a Day) and we meet for a Park Run at Houghton Hall on the first Saturday of the month.

Upcoming activities include Ten Pin Bowling in September, Couch to 5K, a Golf Day and our Annual Dinner during the Christmas period. Looking further ahead, we will be planning our next hugely popular Quiz Night for the spring.



CSC member Mike Jackson is organising the Couch to 5K group beginning in September with the NHS Couch to 5K training plan. This fantastic program is designed to gently ease complete beginners into running and help them transform from a couch potato to a 5K runner in just 9 weeks. This proven plan is both simple and effective, so don't worry if you've never run before or if you feel out of shape. The plan gradually builds your endurance and fitness, ensuring you don't feel overwhelmed at any point. If you want to join the group contact Mike or any of the Committee or go to our Chalgrave Sports Club website.



Toddington based CSC Member Roy Carey and his cycling partner Nick have just completed a 1017 mile, 14 day cycle challenge, riding from Land's End to John O'Groats. They overcame a punishing schedule to complete the ride, and even more remarkable Roy also kept up his 'mile a day' walk/run as part of the CSC MAD 2024 challenge.

They took on the challenge to raise funds for the MS Society so far raising over £3,000. To sponsor them visit their Just Giving page. **Continued on page 9**

CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP/FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA WITH PROSECCO/MULLED WINE

Chalgrave Memorial Hall Tebworth LU7 9QQ
30th November 10.30am-2.30pm

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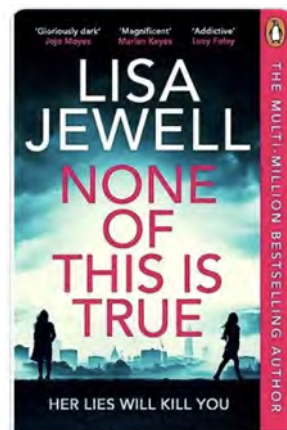
CHALGRAVE WI Book Club

The WI book group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm. There are currently 13 of us and we meet in group member's houses, or a local pub, often The Oddfellows in Toddington. We take it in turns to choose the books we read, covering all genres and tastes. Not everyone always finishes the book by the meeting date but the rule is to be prepared for spoilers, if you've not got to the end in time!

In June we read *None Of This Is True* by Lisa Jewell

Celebrating her 45th birthday at her local pub, podcaster Alix Summers crosses paths with an unassuming woman called Josie Fair. Josie is also celebrating her 45th birthday. They are, in fact birthday twins. A few days later, Alix and Josie bump into each other again, this time outside Alix's children's school. Josie has been listening to Alix's podcasts and thinks she might be an interesting subject for Alix's series. She is, she tells Alix, on the cusp of great changes in her life. Alix agrees to a trial interview. Josie's life appears to be strange and complicated, and although Alix finds her unsettling, she can't quite resist the temptation to keep digging. Slowly Alix starts to realise that Josie has been hiding some very dark secrets, and before she knows it Josie has inveigled her way into Alix's life - and into her home.

This is a psychological thriller, quite a quick read, which keeps you guessing with its twists and turns.



In July we read *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden

Anyone who loves *The Woman in the Window*, *The Wife Between Us* and *The Girl on the Train* won't be able to put this down. *The Housemaid* is an international digital bestseller about the shockingly dark heart of a seemingly perfect family.

Another psychological thriller that keeps you guessing till the end as nothing is quite what you are led to believe.





CHALGRAVE WI Book Club

In August we read **Strange** Sally Dia-

mond by Liz Nugent

Sally Diamond cannot understand why what she did was so strange. She was only doing what her father told her to do, to put him out with the rubbish when he died.

This book is shocking, in many ways but most of us found that we could not put it down once we started.

It is a quick, sometimes traumatic read but you will want to know what happens and will have a need to get to the end.

Brilliantly written and many of us now want to read other books by this author.



If you are interested in joining the WI book group please contact Sue (sue.watling@hotmail.com) You do need to be a member of Chalgrave WI to join this group.

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Christina Lawrence, who is no stranger to running challenges, is officially going round the bend – over 800 times! Christina has signed up to participate in the Trackwars Indoor 24hr challenge in September. This is an endurance running event on an indoor athletics track. Christina hopes to complete 100 miles (161km) in 24 hours, which involves running round and round in circles 805 times.

The mental challenge of going round the same track so many times will probably be more demanding than the physical challenge. Christina is taking on this crazy challenge to raise funds for Dementia UK - your support would be very much appreciated, visit her Just Giving page.

If you want to join the Sports Club now is a good time, September is membership renewal time. Contact a member or join via our website – Chalgrave Sports Club.



Simon Gatwood, Phil Parry

Meeting Update

In **June** Dave Bollins led a guided walk around Toddington followed by drinks at the Oddfellows Arms.



In **July** Evan Willison shared some Tales from the Auction Room. He spent 30 years working in the Woburn Auction Rooms with Charlie Ross from Bargain Hunt. Evan was a highly entertaining speaker and brought some interesting items to show us.

There was a competition to guess what was hidden in a black bag. Correctly guessed by Annie F!





Clubs

Our **Book Group** – led by Sue Watling, meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. Bern Inzani runs our **Supper club** which meets on the third Friday of the month at different restaurants.

Tracy Malster leads our **Craft club** which runs on the third Monday of the month at Chalgrave Memorial Hall from 7 to 9pm.

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.

Date	Event
Tue-10-Sep-24	Indoor Kurling
Tue-08-Oct-24	Eyes on the spies
Tue-12-Nov-24	One of Our Own - the wartime story of Victor Ekins
Tue-10-Dec-24	Christmas Crafts
Tue-14-Jan-25	Volunteer River Warden, Safeguarding our rivers
Tue-11-Feb-25	The Patterned Road to Freedom. The story of how codes and quilts helped slaves to flee to Canada using the Underground Railroad
Tue-11-Mar-25	The World War II History of Bletchley Park

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.

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Chalgrave WI President
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Chalgrave Games behind the Scenes



One way or another I've been involved with the Chalgrave Games for nearly 40 years now. It pops up every year as if by magic.

However, in reality, there is no Games fairy and a tremendous amount of organisation and work goes on behind the scenes to make it all happen; to physically set it up and, more importantly, to clear away afterwards.

Generally the fun begins in January with a decision on the actual date and theme for the day. We try not to clash with any local fete or any sporting event that people might be watching on TV, like Wimbledon, for instance. We try and book our musicians for the day early too. Live music has become a popular part of the experience for many and musicians do get booked up. We were very lucky this year to secure Toddington Town Band.

Once that's done we can design a poster so that people can save the date and volunteer to take part in some way, perhaps by having a stall or helping to organise. After that, by Spring, it's all systems go with scheduling the activities for the day, including games, stalls, the pool, the little train and, this year, a small funfair for the children.

Over the years I've seen the day transition from being mainly games focused to more of a fundraiser for the Memorial Hall. Let's face it, small village halls are closing down all over the country through increased running costs and lack of volunteers. Tebworth and Wingfield are very lucky; despite being so small we are described as a hamlet rather than a village, to have Trustees and volunteers in place to support the hall with its grounds as key community assets (more volunteers are always welcome of course).

By late Spring we find ourselves crawling around under the stage looking for the lucky dip, the tug o war rope and the coconut shy plus trying to work out if we have enough gazebos for the day that actually function.

Later on we are getting down to the detail about the main raffle prize so we can get

Chalgrave Games behind the Scenes

tickets printed. Decisions have to be made about how much drink and burgers to purchase, without knowing for sure what the weather will be like and how many people are likely to come along.

Finally, as the date approaches there is a lot of major activity setting up the pool (thanks Daniel O) the gazebos (thanks all Trustees and volunteers, Darren and Andy, and the little train

(thanks Roger F) plus getting ready for the pop up tea room with all their lovely homemade cakes and bakes (thanks Chalgrave Church ladies).



When the day happens we try and take as many photos (thanks Debbie P) of the games, events (thanks Phil and Leslie) and stalls (thanks Mark and Hazel, Lyndie and Tracy, Maureen and Evaline and the Cat Rescue) as possible so we can post to social media and write up something for the Chalgrave News about the event.

Finally, the day comes to and end with the raffle draw and the pool games then, as people leave to go home, the the big clear up begins! Gazebos and bunting have to come down, the pool is dismantled, the liner dried out, folded and put away for next year and the hall swept and tidied. Generally that takes up most of Sunday.

And next year it will all happen again. We'll begin in January 2025! We can't quite describe ourselves as a well-oiled machine yet...but perhaps we're getting there.

Thanks for everyone who came and everyone who supported us.

See you next year!

Frances Masters



Chalgrave Games



What a fabulous day we all had at the Chalgrave Games in July. Thanks to all those that came along and joined in and big thanks to all the organisers for putting on this brilliant event. Here is a snapshot of the day, seen through the lenses of Debbie and Frances.



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WINGFIELD CAR SHOW Sunday 14th July

This was the 11th year that Wingfield hosted a fundraising car show in aid of Keech Hospice Care. This year was very different as the main organiser of the vehicles, marshalling and many other aspects of the show moved to Dorset so I made a decision to give it a go this year and if we had a successful result would probably keep the tradition going, after all it is such a worthy cause and all charities need community support.

Thank you to everyone for the massive support with this event, I am pleased to confirm that over £2,000 was raised for Keech and it was a privilege to visit the hospice and confirm the amount we had raised in support of their amazing work, all given in support of those families and people in need free of charge 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

The sun was shining, the vehicle turn out was fabulous with nearly 200 vehicles in attendance, Toddington Scouts did themselves proud providing a fabulous BBQ and giving help around the event on the day and I think from the wonderful positive feedback of compliments from many people attending I can safely say IT WAS A SUCCESS.

A couple of pictures of the winning vehicles being presented with their treasured trophies and a fabulous picture of the legend which is Roger Fenwick with his 1955 Fordson Major Diesel Tractor that has lived at Hill Farm Wingfield all its life, perhaps next year a few more hidden vehicle treasures could be pulled from the depths of storage and come along and enjoy the day with us.

The bar has been set high but we will be back in 2025.

Lisa Scanes



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The Chalgrave News Face book page

The Chalgrave News has a pretty active Face book page and, from time to time, a photo pops up that triggers memories from past and present residents. Here's an old postcard that the Toddington Community group unearthed recently and the chat that followed.

Do check out the Chalgrave news Face book page to stay in touch with what's happening in and around the parish.

I remember when the shop was run by the two Miss Shackelfords in the 1940s/50s. I would be sent down for "a quarter of short-back bacon" quite frequently. At the time the village was served by Currington's greengrocery (just past the farmyard gates to Tythe Farm), Isaacson's general stores on the corner opposite the front drive up to Tythe Farm, Osborn's butchers more or less opposite the Methodist Chapel.

And in Wingfield a lady ran a sweet shop in her front room, the cottage being in a row that squared off the Costin's farmyard at Pond Farm. She was a wonderful lacemaker and used to make the Church vestments for the Vicar (The Revd Watson) and also for her husband, Ernest, who was a church warden. Just remembered, not Ernest but Leonard, wish I could remember their surname... Jean S R



My mum worked in the shop when the Forder's had it and after that when Alan and Carol Higgs owned it. I'm old enough to remember the butcher shop and the greengrocers but can't recall the other ones mentioned... Lesley M

Lesley Mead lovely memories for you... what a great shop too! Tracy M

Tracy Malster yes, typical village shop of the time... a little bit of everything! Lesley M



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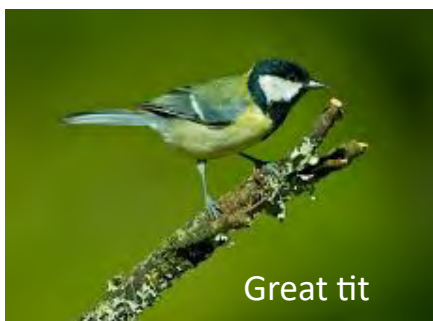
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Climate chaos

We are all having to come to terms with the reality of climate change but adapting to the changes will be easier for us than for much of our wildlife. The JNCC (Joint Nature Conservation Committee) has developed a Spring Index to assess the effect of temperature change on the timing of 4 observable biological events: the first flowering of hawthorn, the first flowering of horse chestnut, the first flight of an orange-tipped butterfly and the first sighting of a swallow.



Great tit

These events are variable from year to year but since 1998 have occurred on average 8.7 days earlier than when records began in 1891. Warmer spring temperatures result in earlier emergence of insects and many bird species such as the great tit are adapting by nesting earlier to take advantage of peak caterpillar availability, the main food for their chicks.

Unfortunately for migratory birds such as the wood warbler, many arrive in the UK when the peak caterpillar season is almost over and can struggle to find food. For honeybees warmer winters mean they are more active during this time and can deplete their food stores before spring arrives. We can all do our bit by planting early-flowering plants for early insects.

A cold period of winter weather is necessary for a good set of fruit buds on flowering trees, and warmer winters can mean smaller crops of apples and pears and fewer berries for wildlife. As well as increasing average temperatures climate change is creating much greater unpredictability in weather patterns and more extreme events.



Wood warbler

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On average UK winters are now wetter and summers drier than in previous years. October 2023 to March 2024 was the second wettest 6 month period since records began with almost 60% more rainfall than average.

For farmers many winter crops were lost and spring sowings had to be delayed. The wet weather also depleted insect numbers, already under threat from habitat loss and pesticide use. Many insects such as bees can't fly or forage in rain and ground nesting bumblebees were flooded in their nests. Many other ground-dwelling creatures will have drowned or struggled in flooded or waterlogged land.

Low insect numbers will have had an adverse effect on the many species that rely on them as a food source, especially nesting birds.

All flying insects are important pollinators, not just bees. There have been fewer butterflies, moths, hoverflies and we have all noticed how few wasps there were this year. We might regard them as pests at a picnic but they are important for keeping other insect pests in check.

On a slightly more positive note the wet spring has curbed the spread of the invasive Asian hornet (with its distinctive yellow legs) which threatens our native bees.

Only 5 nests have been located and destroyed so far this year compared with 70 last year, although the advice is to remain vigilant.

Janet Day



Asian hornet

Restaurant Review - The Fancott Arms

The Fancott Arms is just a few minutes away by car down the hill from Toddington on the way to Chalton. For this reason it's always been a bit of a favourite with local people, especially as it has a lovely garden and play area, one of the last 2 remaining pub trains in the UK and offers food nearly all day.

Once the Chalgrave News team realised it had closed for refurbishment and was now under different ownership, we felt compelled to pay a mid week lunchtime visit and check out what's new.

The pub is now owned by the Morgan Group; a small family business who have just a few pubs in Bedfordshire.

First impressions were very good. It's all been repainted and tidied up on the outside with a lovely display of baskets, tubs and greenery. Walking in, we were greeted by a roaring log burner in the cosy inglenook fireplace in the bar where we chose to eat rather than in the more formal restaurant.

There's a new 2 course (£12.95) or 3 course (£15.95) lunch menu on offer which looked good and we chose what you can see in the pictures:

- ◆ Salt and pepper squid with mayonnaise
- ◆ Pie of the day, mash, broccoli and gravy
- ◆ Biscoff cheesecake with ice cream

All this plus a soda water (free) and a cup of tea for under £20! Pretty good value these days.

The service was speedy and the staff warm and friendly. We sat in the large bay window and, although it was a damp and rainy day outside, felt very warm and cosy. It's definitely worth a visit. It was great to see the pub looking good and working well. We will return!

Frances Masters



Setting goals: the power of manifestation

Staying positive when life gets bumpy can be a real challenge.

I'm a psychotherapist and coach and, over the years, one of the most important discoveries I've made is that how we talk to ourselves can have a dramatic impact on how we feel, how we act and often, how our life unfolds.

Whether you believe manifestation is linked to quantum physics or the Law of Attraction it's true to say that where attention goes energy flows. Thoughts become things as they say, so it makes sense to try and choose the positive ones if you can.

Some people are happy to let life unfold as it will but in most cases it's probably a good idea to decide what it is you actually want and then, rather than sit back and wait for it to just happen, perhaps take action that will move you in that direction. Don't be like Bob!

Bob Bob wanted to win the Lottery. Every day he would fall to his knees and call out to the Universe *'Please, please just let me win the Lottery.'* This carried on for months. In fact, after a while, Bob's knees were getting pretty sore. Finally, as Bob was on his knees again, the clouds parted and a voice boomed out... *'Come on Bob, give us a chance. At least buy a Lottery ticket!'*

Isn't it Wonderful

The very best way I have found of making good things happen is by using the 'Isn't it Wonderful' technique. Here's what you do:

Once you have an idea of what your version of 'The good life' looks like, take just 4 minutes a day to sit quietly, close your eyes and imagine getting a special phone call.

Someone has some good news for you. It's all happened, just as you wanted. Notice how that feels. Emotion really is the secret sauce when it comes to training your brain to focus.

And don't just stop there. It's a good idea to review your goals every year, every month or even every week as they are likely to shift over time plus, once those first goals are achieved, you'll probably want to set some more!

Happy manifesting

Frances Masters



All Saints Church, Chalgrave

The roof beam restoration work is now finished, and we are so grateful to be able to gather fully in church again. We held a special celebration 'Songs and Scones' afternoon event - our first social fundraising (since all that building work) and we were thrilled to hear Richard Poyner entertaining us so beautifully on his guitar, singing classic songs from the past. It was such a lovely occasion with half time cream teas and wonderful cakes provided by the church team.



The Pop Up Tea Room continues to be popular and returned in September after a Summer break in August. Our next sessions will be at Tebworth Memorial Hall on 23rd October and 27th November and you can be sure of a quality range of savouries, soup and cakes and wonderful fellowship.

The next big fundraising event will be the Christmas Craft Fayre at Tebworth memorial hall on 9th November from 10am to 4pm, with another wonderful spread of cakes and food to tempt you, plus a very interesting range of craft stalls. Do come along and choose a few early Christmas presents.

We continue to meet weekly for our Sunday 9.30am Service and will celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday October 6th at 9.30am. Do come and join us! November is a sensitive month when we remember loved ones who have died at our annual 'In Loving Memory Service' (3rd November). We will read out the names of loved ones and light a candle in their memory. Do join us for this sensitive and caring service.

The following week, on Remembrance Sunday we join Toddington Community on the Green at 11am for their Service of Remembrance, but also offer a short service in Chalgrave churchyard at 2pm at the Memorial Cross, before joining Tebworth community 'Remembrance Service' at 3pm at the Memorial Hall.



All Saints Church, Chalgrave

We support Toddington Church with Messy Church and the Youth group. If any children would like to join in, please head along to Wilkinson Hall on the given dates. And don't forget to go to Toddington Community Fridge too, available each Saturday, 9.30-11am, Wilkinson Hall. The food is available to all neighbouring villages to Flitwick, including Tebworth and Wingfield, and it is free! The food sustainability initiative is so inspiring, it is attracting interest in Dunstable to set up something similar.

Have a blessed Autumn.

Rev Linda Washington, Rector

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Dates for your diary

- ◆ 6th October – Harvest Service 9:30
- ◆ 27th October – In loving Memory Service – 2pm
- ◆ 9th November – Craft Fair – Chalgrave 11-4pm Memorial Hall
- ◆ 10th November – Remembrance 2pm Church grounds, 3pm Tebworth Hall
- ◆ 13th December – Scouts Carol Service
- ◆ 18th December – Pop Up Café possibly community carols
- ◆ 21st December – Carols by Candlelight – 6pm
- ◆ 24th December – Crib Service 3 pm
- ◆ 24th December – Midnight Mass – 11.15pm
- ◆ 25th December – Benefice Service @ Toddington – 10 am
- ◆ 29th December – Benefice Service @ Toddington – 11 am



How does your garden grow?

As promised, an update on the polytunnel.



My tomatoes and chillis grew much better in the soil than in pots as I'd hoped and they needed much less watering. Unfortunately I planted them too close together which made picking the fruit more difficult. Also I let some of the fruit trusses grow too low on the plants where the tomatoes trailed on the soil and were eaten by mice.

The mice also had a nibble at the sweet peppers I tried this year, so not a great success. I also grew a mini cucumber and although the plant looked sickly (red spider mite I think), I still got quite a few nice small cucumbers.

One drawback I discovered was that by planting in the soil rather than in pots is that everything is closer to the ground, so more backache when picking.

I'm now wondering how I can use the space in the winter. I will definitely plant some of my herbs in there so I can keep them cropping for longer.

I'm also going to try some winter salad leaves such as Mizuna, Pak Choi, Mibuna and Mustard Greens.

Elsewhere on the vegetable plot.



Courgettes and Butternut Squash have been very prolific.
Fig tree produced quite a few figs in only its second year.
Likewise the Lemongrass grew really well despite the cool summer.
French Beans were a total disaster due to blackfly infestation.
I hope your growing season went well.
Don't forget there is still time to plant bulbs for the Spring
Enjoy your gardening, whatever the weather.



John Wojdyla



CHURCH BULLETINS

Yes these are all bulletins that were either printed or announced at church services!

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off. Let the Church help.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?'. Come early and listen to the choir practise.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm: Prayer and medication to follow.

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Weds 18th December



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Aunt Agnes



Hello Dear Readers.

Once again I find myself apologising to a reader.

Please, please when writing to me check the spelling in your correspondence, which will put a stop all these annoying problems.

This dear reader's first letter stated –

Dear Auntie Agnes, can you help me with a problem I have at the moment with my teenage son who still lives with us.

Having just watched this years Olympic Games he has decided that he wants to compete in the 2028 Olympic Games but is not sure what sport to choose, although he is very keen to start his training as soon as possible. You went on to tell me that once he sets his mind on something he is fully committed and will train 24 hours a day 7 days a week in order to achieve his ambition.

He has now told you that he has decided to concentrate on representing his country as a member of the Great Britain Crochet team but does not know how to go about training for this, so do I have any suggestions to help him?

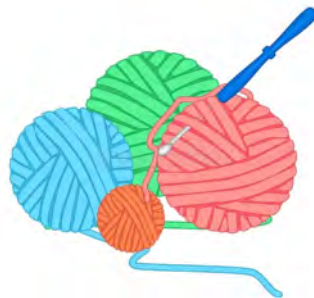
I must admit at the time I did think this request a little strange but who am I to question my readers?

I therefore suggested that he needed to buy a balls of wool and a Crochet needle and start by producing a few simple small items before working up to larger items.

It was not until sometime later when you contacted me for help once again, telling me your house was full to the rafters of Crochet items your son had produced over the past year, that I realised there had been a mistake and that you had meant to write 'Croquet' and not 'Crochet'.

Croquet is of course a game played on a lawn with wooden mallets, balls and hoops. As I later explained to my dear reader, despite the misunderstanding I had actually saved her son another 3 years of needless training as Croquet is no longer an Olympic sport.

I will not repeat the vitriol contained in her final letter to me which I thought was quite uncalled for especially as I had just told her what her son could do with his Crochet work!



Well until next time dear readers.

Chalgrave Memorial Hall

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