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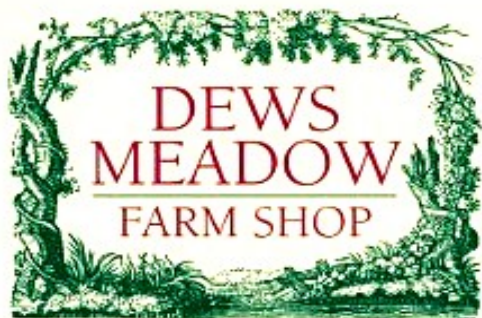
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Regards Howard



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**All entries for December and January 2018 Challow News
to be received by November 15th please.**

If you would like to place an advert for your business in Challow News or just send in an item about things happening in the village . please contact us for more information.

To :- Pat & Dave Hudson (01235) 760526. mob 07787 120044

Westview House, Faringdon Road, East Challow, OX12 9TH.

Email entries can be sent to david66hudson@gmail.com

Van Owners

Thames Valley Police is warning all van owners to be vigilant following a series of vans across the Wantage and Faringdon areas being targeted by thieves for their tools.

"Vehicle criminals are opportunists, and you can help to prevent vehicle-related crime by taking simple security measures.

"We urge people to take note and share our advice to stop more people becoming victim to this crime."

Thames Valley Police advice to help secure your van and its contents -

- Make sure you lock the doors and shut the windows whenever you leave your van unattended
- Never leave any valuables visible - keep all possessions out of sight. Even if you know that there is nothing valuable in your jacket pocket or file left on the seat, a thief may try their luck
- Remove tools from your van when left overnight
- If removal of tools is not possible, fit a tool safe and ensure it is fully secure
- Consider parking your van close to a hedge or wall in order to restrict access for anyone trying to get inside. Always park your van in well-lit areas
- Engrave or mark tools and their box with your details. This can be done with a UV pen or permanent marker
- Fit additional external locks to van doors
- If you see any suspicious behaviour, please call 101

Bonfire night advice

Fireworks can cause serious damage or injury if not used correctly, so always follow the instructions. Keep them away from property, trees, fences, bushes or vehicles and always stand a safe distance away when setting them off.

An organised display is the best way to enjoy fireworks safely.

If you do decide to have your own display remember:

- you must be over 18 to buy fireworks
- letting off a firework in a public place is an offence
- you are breaking the law if you let off fireworks between 11pm - 7am (this is extended to midnight on Bonfire night)
- make sure fireworks conform to British Standards BS 7114, EN 14035 or EN 15947

Remember not to forget your pets. Keep them safe indoors and make sure they have a comfortable, quiet space to relax in.

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

I have been reading the book *I married a soldier* by Brenda Hale, which was published this summer by LION.

It tells us of Brenda's experiences, both as an army wife and then as an army widow after her husband Captain Mark Hale died in Afghanistan. It ends with her re-election last year to Stormont in Northern Ireland, where she lives. They are selected experiences but include how both of them became Christians, how the family dealt with the disruption of separation and how subsequently they were coping with the devastation of bereavement.

The book brought back lots of memories for me, for I first met Mark when he was Company Sergeant Major of "A" company of the 1st Battalion Devon and Dorset Regiment when I joined the Army as a chaplain in 2000. I remember reading the Bible and praying with Mark in Crossmaglen, refereeing him in rugby matches; visiting the family in hospital after their second daughter was born and conducting her service of Blessing and Thanksgiving and Dedication at the little corrugated chapel in Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow where they attended.

Mark had a great care and sense of responsibility for his men, and it was while he was trying to save one of them that he was killed.

What this book makes clear, far better than I could is that it is not only the service personnel who make sacrifices, but also their families as well. It also conveys the anger, frustration and despair at the horror and waste of life that war causes.

Brenda took those strong feelings and channelled them to make a positive difference.

Our national act of remembrance this month gives us an opportunity to show gratitude for the sacrifices made by sailors, soldiers and airmen, as well as their families; but it should also help us positively focus on striving to maintain freedom, security and peace.

As a Christian minister, I find myself returning to the phrase Jesus said – "*...no one has greater love than this that they lay down their life for their friends*"; and finding hope in the belief that his sacrifice has begun the process to bring about the end of all war and conflict.

By the way if you are interested in reading this book you can buy a copy of it at Cornerstone bookshop in Grove.

We will remember them.

John

Pastoral Support

To help our Vicars Revd John Durant and Revd Alec Gill in the pastoral support of the parish Liz Belcher will be acting as local contact within the village for those who are in need of a home visit, home communion or other support that we as a church may be able to provide. If we can help please contact Liz on 01235 763966

St Nicholas Church 200 Club

October winners

£50 No 151 Mrs Howes
£20 No 28 Mr J R Swift
£10 No: 168 Mrs M Lovegrove

We would welcome any new members to the 200 club.
If you would like to join, please contact Tricia Shand—01235 764222
or email: the.shandies@btinternet.com

Church Fellowship

The next meeting of the Church Fellowship will take place on
Tuesday 21st November at 7.30pm at Windrush, Challow Road.

We shall be showing a film called 'What We Did on our Holiday'.
The film sees Doug (David Tennant) travel to the Highlands with his wife
Abi (Rosamund Pike) and their three children to attend the birthday party
of Doug's father, Gordie (Billy Connolly) where it's soon clear that when
it comes to keeping secrets under wraps, their children are their biggest
liability.

Service of Memories

After recent discussions, it will now be possible to re-instate our
Service of Memories which will be held on Sunday 12th November at
3.30pm. There will be light refreshments in the Church afterwards.

We invite all who have lost loved ones whether recently or longer ago
to join us in this service to remember them and to give thanks for
their love and lives.



Pat Hudson and Janet Parker are very grateful for the generous
sponsorship given to them for the Ride and Stride. £235 pounds was
collected and sent to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.
£117.50p will be returned to St. Nicholas Church.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30
p.m. on Wednesday 8th November. All villagers are invited to attend Parish
Council meetings as observers and there is a 10 minute Public Discussion
Time early in the meeting when you can raise any matter you wish with the
council. The minutes of each meeting are available on the website.

FOOTPATHS/RIGHTS OF WAY – COUNTY COUNCIL'S DEFINITIVE MAPS

In 2026 any historic footpaths/rights of way or ancient lanes that are not on
the County Council's Definitive Maps will be lost forever.
Please seek out these routes, they may be used every day or hidden in the
past, but after 2026 they will be gone forever! It is the public's responsibility
to check these routes and apply to the OCC to have them added to the
Definitive Map by way of a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO).
Open Spaces Society are running two FREE training days to help people
get started, anyone can do it, local historians, walkers, cyclist enthusiasts.

Free workshops for rights of way enthusiasts. The aim of these training
events is to enthuse, enable and empower rights of way researchers to
make definitive map modification order applications to ensure that rights
that would be extinguished in 2026 are saved for future generations to use.
18 November 2017 Henley Town Hall, Henley On Thames, Oxon, RG9
2AQ Bookings & enquiries to Ellen Froggatt, e: ellenfroggatt@oss.org.uk

19 November 2017 Bicester Hotel & Spa, Chesterton, Bicester, OX26 1TE
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Both course dates are free of charge but places are limited so must be
booked in advance. Arrival 9am for 9.30am start, finish 4.30pm. Tea and
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should be used for Henley Town Hall. Delegates should bring a laptop
(wi-fi provided) - tablets or smartphones may not be suitable for some
training exercises - and OS maps of your local area.



PARISH COUNCIL

AUTUMN CLEAR UP

It's the time of year when we are all tidying up our gardens for the winter. Please could we remind villagers any vegetation overhanging public rights of way should now be cut back.

WASTE BINS

A reminder: please could you ensure that you remove your Waste/ Recycling bin from the kerbside as soon as possible after the waste collection. This is to prevent it being blown into the road during bad weather. Thank You.

DOG OWNERS AND WALKERS

Please be advised dogs **MUST** be kept under control at all times in public areas. You **MUST** also remove their faeces. It is well known that dog faeces are very dangerous, especially to children, and can cause blindness.

NOTE: Dogs are not permitted in the fenced off play area in the recreation park.

Cont

Readers

Nov 5 4th before Advent	R.Pepler
Nov 12 Remembrance	J.Penfold
Nov 19 2 nd before Advent	M.Mann
Nov 26 Christ the King	P.Pepler
<u>Year B</u> Dec 3 Advent	L.Parker

November Rotas

Micah 3.5-12 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13
Amos 5.18-24 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
Zephaniah 1.7 12-18 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Ezekiel 34.11-16 20-24 Ephesians 1.15-23
Isaiah 64.1-9 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Date	Sacristan	Sidesman	Coffee	Cleaning
Nov 5th	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perkins	L. Belcher
Nov 12th	J. Penfold	J. Penfold F. Webb	H. Smith J. Parker	
Nov 19th	P. Pepler	P. Hudson D. Hudson	Ody Family	M. Perkins
Nov 26th	M. Mann	V. Webster P. Pepler	P. Hudson D. Hudson	
Dec 3rd	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perkins	J. Penfold

Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday Sacristan	
Nov 5th	P. Hudson	S. Swift	Nov 9th	M. Perkins
Nov 12th	M. Mann	Helen	Nov 16th	M. Perkins
Nov 19th	L. Parker	H. Smith	Nov 23rd	J. Teare
Nov 26th	J. Penfold	J. Penfold	Nov 30th	J. Teare
Dec 3rd	P. Pepler	Advent No flowers	Dec 7th	J. Penfold

If you are unable to take your turn, please arrange to swap or get someone to step in. It would be very helpful if you would amend the copy on the church notice board. Thank you.

Village News

East Challow Neighbourhood Watch

Our neighbourhood watch AGM is on Tuesday 7th November 2017, 7.30pm at the Challows Royal British Legion followed by our half yearly meeting

If you would like to get involved as a co-ordinator or if you have any issues that can be supported by the NW, come along to the meeting. You can always contact me on 01235 764475

Sue Woodley

East Challow WI Programme into October and November

October 10th- Brass Rubbings
November 14th - Craft Evening
December 12th- Christmas Social

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January 9th- Where there's a will
February 13th- Seesaw

East Challow WI meet on the second Tuesday of each month at East Challow village hall at 7:30pm.

Visitors welcome to attend our meetings. Please feel free to bring a friend.

CHALLOWS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The committee is fundraising to replace the leaky roof in the main hall. We're hoping to hold the following events. Please come and help us achieve our goal.

11 th Nov	Mustang Club Dance
12 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday Dinner
26 th Nov	Table Top Xmas Bazaar
9 th Dec	Silent Disco
23 rd Dec	Mr & Mrs Quiz night

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St Nicholas Church Flower Festival Weekend, 7/8th October.

A big 'thank you' to all who visited and contributed to make our Flower Festival and Art Exhibition such a successful weekend. We have raised about £1300 towards our church reordering project, which is a wonderful contribution to the fund. With contributions from the congregation, friends St Nicholas School, King Alfred's Quilting Group, East Challow WI, Wantage Flower Arranging club, the Gardening club, Playmates and the OTB team, it was a real community event. The flower arrangements, with biblical themes, the art exhibition and sale, the produce and gifts for sale and the extensive refreshments in the village hall, were an amazing demonstration of the beauty and creativity of God's world.





EAST CHALLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the consultation survey in the summer the information you submitted is now being analysed. Planning policies specific to our village are being prepared in the following areas :-

HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT PATTERN
OPEN SPACES
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The Steering Group will report on these policies, and development of the Neighbourhood Plan itself, at a village meeting early in the new year. In the meantime, if you would like to see a summary of the data obtained in the survey it is available on the Parish Council website in the Neighbourhood Plan section.

Help needed with Document Preparation

Over the next six months, preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan will be captured in a substantial document - preparing and formatting perhaps 60 pages of text in Microsoft Word including many photos, plans and tables. We need a volunteer who can join the steering group to take on the task of compiling this document from text and material provided by others. Can you do this job for the village?

If you would like more information or are interested in getting involved in any way, please contact Peter Rumsey (Chair, NP Team) on 07580 219258



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Letter of appreciation from Jeff Penfold

Dear all,

I am still overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness that you all showed to me when I stood down as churchwarden earlier in the year. Having deliberated for some time on how best to use the wonderful gift vouchers from the Dolphin Galley that you so generously gave me I can now let you know how I used them. As you can see from the picture I have had a painting of the view over the Vale from Court Hill framed, and it is now hanging in our dining room. It will be there as a constant reminder to me of your generosity and support during my time as churchwarden. In addition I was also able to buy some special watercolour paper which will keep me occupied during the coming months.

Thank you all so much for such generous and perfect gifts.

With love and great appreciation

Jeff



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St Nicholas Church, East Challow

Re-ordering project

An update on Church Alterations: Toilet, Entrance and Servery

The aim of the project is to make the church more welcoming, accessible and more usable for a wider range of church and village activities by sensitively introducing some modern facilities and making the building more compatible with the needs and expectations of the 21st century.

This involves providing a toilet suitable for disabled people, reorganising the entrance area, adding some basic catering facilities, and creating permanent independent disabled access via a steady slope up to the door. This will give easier access and better space inside for pushchairs etc as well as wheel chairs and will be more user - friendly for large gatherings at weddings, funerals etc.

Although we will do some parts of the work ourselves and we hope to raise some of the total from grants, there is still an urgent need for substantial direct giving, and fund raising. Any gifts, ideas or offers of help gratefully received .

The first phase in the work will be the work on the drain run that we are doing ourselves which will run from the church down to the village hall car park to access the drain from the Village Hall This has been agreed by the DAC, the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee.

The gradual slope of the path to the Church door to make access for wheel chairs and ambient disabled better will be done after the drain run has been installed.

The estimated cost is approx. £50,000

The current position October 2017 is:

Direct Giving	£12,328.40
Dickensian Evening 2016	£348.20
Market Stall September 2017	£202.00
Hand Bell Concert	£163.00
Flower Festival	£1,270.00
All Churches Trust (received).....	£1,000.00
Gift Aid to be recoverable.	£1,891.50
Grants Agreed.	£23,000.00
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