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Vicar Rev John Durant

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Parish Council

Chair: Ms V. Bosley, Coach Row, Main Street, East Challow
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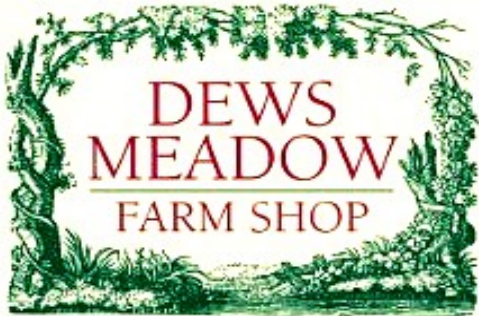
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The Parish Council Meeting takes place in the Village Hall at
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**All entries for April 2018 Challow News
to be received by March 15th please.**

**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
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Email entries can be sent to david66hudson@gmail.com**

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

Our reordering work is progressing and to begin with when the internal porch structure was taken down there was a lot more light, now as the new structure is in place and before the electrics have been fitted the entrance is rather dark. The ultimate plan is to create a more welcoming entrance with the facility of a toilet; we hope this will benefit the community but also to bring glory to God.

The process brings to my mind the dark periods of the Crucifixion and Burial of Jesus before his triumphant resurrection.

As you read this, we will be halfway through Lent and heading towards Easter and one of the things that Jesus said as he approached the final week of his life was : ***I am the light of the world.*** You may not associate light with Easter but many churches observe the tradition of a sunrise service on Easter morning with a bonfire and lighting the Paschal Candle.

Lampstands or light fittings is an imagery that is used to describe churches in the new Testament. and God's people are expected to hold up the light of Jesus to shine through what they say and what they do.

So may I encourage you as we get closer to the period when we remember Jesus death and celebrate his resurrection to share the light of Christ's love by bringing the warmth of a smile; the encouragement of a caring action and the comfort of kind word to those you meet.

Wishing you the dawn of Christ's Light this Easter

John

Rev W John N Durant
Vicar of Vale Benefice
Rev W John N Durant
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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

February winners

£50	No	7	Mr & Mrs Mawdesley
£20	No	2	Mrs Stonehouse
£10	No:	130	Mr & Mrs Handley

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

St Nicholas Church East Challow

SUNDAY 9.30AM

Mothering Sunday

A family friendly service for approx. 30minutes
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EAST CHALLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



The Steering Group continues to work on the development of policies to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. These are likely to include the following:-

Green Gap (between East Challow & Wantage)
Protection of the Open Countryside
Local Green Space
Carbon Footprint
Parking
Traffic
Community Infrastructure

The policies will be publicised to the village for comment as soon as they are in a final draft form. If you would like more information or are interested in getting involved in any way, please contact the Parish Council, or Peter Rumsey (Chair, NP Team) on 07580 291258,

PARISH COUNCIL

PCSO HOWARD PACK PCSO Howard Pack has supported the village for over 10 years, he has decided to relocate to a neighbouring area. We would like to thank him for his commitment to the village and wish him the very best for the future.

DOG POO Thank you to everyone who puts their dog poo in bags.

Please remember to put the bag in the bins provided.

LITTER There have been complaints regarding litter in the parish carpark. We acknowledge that this is an on-going problem. This will be made a priority by the litter warden.

EASTER BIN COLLECTIONS Bins will be collected a day later than usual. The green bin, food waste and garden waste collections will be made on Tuesday 3 April 2018

VILLAGE SPORTS FACILITIES East Challow Parish Council would like to encourage enthusiastic people to form a working group with a view to planning for the future and improving facilities of the sports and recreation area. If you are interested in being involved please contact the clerk (details below).

PLANNING Our district and county councillor, Yvonne Constance attended a planning meeting at the Beacon on 13 February. It was decided that the proposed roundabout at the junction on the A417 with Letcombe Hill should be changed to a ghost island to include to a crossing with traffic lights. East Challow Parish Council are disappointed with this result..

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 14 March. 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.

Avian Flu

It has been confirmed that two dead swans found in the last week at Baulking Lake died from Avian Influenza, Strain: H5N6.

DEFRA advice is if you own birds (chickens etc), it is important to keep them contained, and monitored for signs of illness. If you suspect any type of bird flu you must report it immediately by calling the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301. Failure to do so is an offence. Bird flu is a notifiable animal disease.

PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Vanessa Bosley (Chairman): 764068; Frances Webb: 765176; Iris Game: 770412; Ruth Vigor- Hedderly: 07860 136965 Sarah Parker : 01235 762565 Sheryl Sanders: Clerk to East Challow Parish Council. e-mail: eastchallowpc@gmail.com. Tel 760394

Readers

Mar 4th R. Pepler
Lent 3

Mar 11 G. Parker
Mothering Sunday

Mar 18 C. Swift
Lent 5

Mar 25 P. Hudson
Palm Sunday

Apr 1st P. Pepler
Easter Day

March Rotas

Exodus 20.1-17
1 Corinthians 1.18-25

Exodus 2.1-10
Luke 2.22-35

Jeremiah 31.31-34
Hebrews 5.5-10

Isaiah 50.4-9a
Philippians 2.5-22

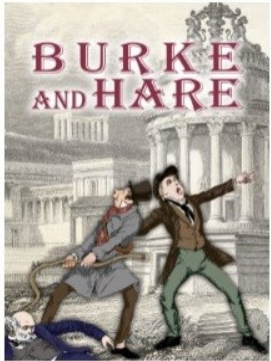
Isaiah 25.6-9
Acts 10.34-43

Date	Sacristan	Sidesman	Coffee	Cleaning
March 4	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perkins	J. Parker
March 11	P. Pepler	P. Hudson D. Hudson	Ody Family	
March 18	S. Swift	P. Shand F. Webb	L. Hopkins V. Brewster	M. Perkins
March 25	J. Penfold	J. Penfold S. Swift	P. Hudson D. Hudson	
April 1	R. Bustany	R. Bustany S. Giles	M. Perkins	S. Giles

Date	Intercessions	Flowers	Thursday	Sacristan
March 4	P. Pepler	Lent No Flowers	March 8	S. Swift
March 11	J. Penfold	All Vases	March 15	M. Mann
March 18	M. Mann	No Flowers	March 22	M. Mann
March 25	L. Parker	No Flowers	March 29	S. Swift
April 1	J. Brown	Everyone	April 5	S. Swift

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