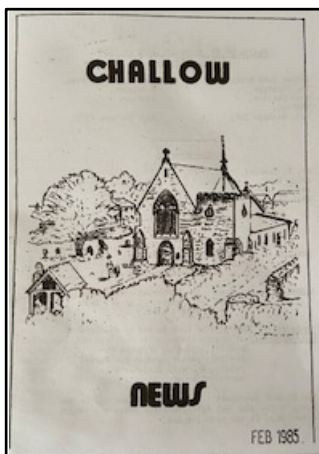
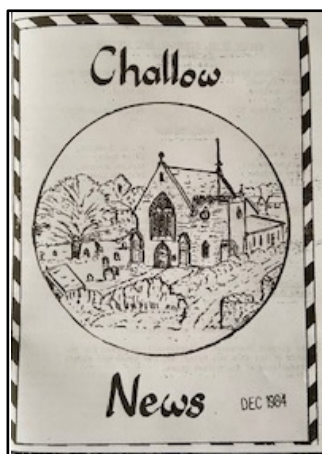


# Challow News

May 2022

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37 Years and still going.....



Read all about the history of the Challow News and how it started, originally just as a Church Newsletter.

'Challow News' is the Community Newsletter of St. Nicholas Church, East Challow

*St. Nicholas Church, East Challow. OX12 9SH*  
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**Weekday Eucharist**

Thursdays - 10.00 am

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**Pastoral Support**

To help our Vicars Revd John Durant and Revd Alec Gill in the pastoral support of the village, Liz Belcher will be acting as the 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

# VICAR'S LETTER ~ A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

How do you know that someone loves you?

How do you show someone that you care for them?

Our words and actions can show others how we feel about them. Gary Chapman writes about love languages, 5 ways people demonstrate and receive love. These are through spoken words of affirmation, sharing quality time, with physical touch, in acts of service and by receiving or giving gifts.

It is suggested that we favour certain ways of demonstrating our feelings for someone and prefer certain ways in which we feel loved by others; we might want to show our love by giving gifts and we may feel really cared for when people spend meaningful time with us.

The Christian music artists DC Talk sang that “Love is a verb”, a “doing-word” and a way of behaving that combines our thoughts, feelings, words, actions, will and attitudes. It is about what we do and what we choose not to do. In the New Testament love is described in these down to earth and practical terms:

***Love is patient and kind, never jealous, boastful, proud, or rude. Love isn't selfish or quick tempered. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do. Love rejoices in the truth but not in evil. Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful and trusting.***

***Love never fails!***

***(1 Corinthians 13 CEV)***

This is the way that the Bible calls for us to be treat others and how we should be treated. Another factor that can impact the way we communicate love, is our past experiences. Both our negative and positive past relationships with others can influence and affect our future connections with the people in our lives.

Love is a complicated and dynamic thing. The Bible challenges us that this is the way that we should treat others. We are to have more than just hope and faith in others, we are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, this is a costly and at times uncomfortable instruction as it disrupts our tendency towards self-focus and comfortable routines.

We live in a world where people have demonstrated their capacity to care for neighbours, strangers and refugees. And sadly, we are all too aware of the damage that is caused by a lack of love, care and respect for the lives, wellbeing and rights of others. Yet, it is this world which the Bible informs us that God loved so much, He sent his Son to save it. Being open to God's love for us and this world can help inspire us to love others.

God bless,

Alec

## ~ Our Natural World ~

### Observations of the natural beauty surrounding us locally

As spring arrives and the natural world bustles into activity, I take great enjoyment from seeing 'old friends' again. The first Yellow Brimstone butterflies were in the garden mid March, having been over wintering amongst the ivy.

I saw a beautiful vivid copper coloured Comma butterfly sunning itself on the allotment, freshly emerged from a chrysalis judging by how vivid the colours were, this was near the end of March - the books tell me that Comma butterflies are on the wing at the end of June.



Ladybirds have also been hibernating amongst the couch grass on the allotment, it is very reassuring to see them gathering for another season.

A sunflower seed has germinated where it fell, and will do much better than the cosseted seeds I have yet to sow.

We have frog spawn for the first time in the allotment pond, and newts are gathering for an easy feast.

I have built a new hedgehog shelter and I wonder if I will see any hedgehogs this year, last summer was the first time I had a sighting in our garden.

There is a collared dove nesting in the birch tree. She has not moved from the nest since 14th March. Other male species of birds are in evidence defending their territories, but not many females about this week - are all the hen birds sitting on eggs just now?

**What are you seeing in your patch? Please email and let me know so that we can log the interesting sightings and link up with Wild Wantage and monitor what we have in our local area.**

Has any one seen a green finch this year, or a swallow yet? Or heard a cuckoo? If so when did they arrive with you?

**Please email any interesting sightings to Juliet**

**[jgteare@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jgteare@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Pictures are very welcome.**

Also what is absent that you used to see regularly.

Thank you for your help.

*Juliet Teare*

## - NEWS FROM THE PEWS -

I hope you all had a joyous and wonderful Easter..... I know that I did.

Into May and hopefully the good weather is on its way. I was remembering the May Day celebrations we had when I was a child. A May Queen, and dancing around the maypole weaving patterns with the ribbons at the top of the pole as people danced.

**We are hoping for the village to unite to celebrate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the Cricket Club on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

**So keep the date in your diary and we can make it a village day to remember.**

**If you have any Coronation memorabilia that you would be willing to loan to the Church for a display for the Jubilee weekend please let us know, we would like to have things included in the floral displays we are hoping to have.**

**Any help with the floral displays would be appreciated.**

**Any items loaned would be cared for and returned.**

While walking my dog one sunny day I was delighted to come across our local Beaver group planting some of the trees that have been purchased by the Parish Council to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee it was most heart-warming. I shall enjoy watching them flourish. (Both the trees and the Beavers.) We have very busy Beavers in the village, I have seen books about the place to be read and shared and decorated stones appearing, its good to see them so involved with the community.

I love it when the sun is shining, it brings all the wild flowers and blossoms into bloom, celandines cowslips beautiful resilient daisies which seem to thrive on being mown, as well as bluebells and buttercups. Blackthorn and lots of blossoms that I don't know the name of are brightening up the hedgerows and the trees gradually bursting into leaf. The magnolia trees in the village were magnificent.

I am hoping to hear a cuckoo this year, despite being out and about early in the mornings I never heard one last year. I did manage to spot a woodpecker after hearing it lots of times hammering away and not able to locate it, I got lucky and it really was a good feeling to see it. My own bird table encourages lots of birds so has to be kept well stocked. We have even had a woodpecker on that on a few occasions.

Now the weather is getting better gardening doesn't seem such a chore, my garden at the back doesn't see much sun until the end of March and then only brief bursts until April then it is lovely and it is a pleasure to work at it. Planting seeds and encouraging plants to grow is very fulfilling and we always look forward to harvesting runner beans and tomatoes.

**So don't forget 5<sup>th</sup> June at the Cricket Club, keep safe for yourself and others.**

Liz



May  
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# St. Nicholas Church

## 11 am Sundays - Rolling Rota

| Week | Prayers       | Sacristan     | Sidesperson        | Reader         | Music  | Flowers |
|------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|--------|---------|
| 1st  | Philip        | Philip        | Frances Nigel      | Alan or Ruth   | Ruth   | Heather |
| 2nd  | Mary          | Mary          | Peter / Noel Linda | Peter or Nigel | Ruth   | Mary    |
| 3rd  | Jenny or Jeff | Jenny         | Jeff Liz           | Jenny or Jeff  | Graham | Jenny   |
| 4th  | Juliet        | Nigel         | Tricia Sue         | Graham         | Graham | Mandy   |
| 5th  | Jeff or Ruth  | Linda or Ruth | Philip Nigel       | Mary           | Graham | Linda   |

### 10 am Thursdays

|     |        |
|-----|--------|
| 1st | Mary   |
| 2nd | Jenny  |
| 3rd | Juliet |
| 4th | Mandy  |
| 5th | Nigel  |

### Week Cleaning

|       |              |
|-------|--------------|
| 1 & 2 | Linda & Liz  |
| 3 & 4 | Mandy        |
| 5     | Sue & Tricia |

## Service Information

|                                                                         |                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>May 1st</b> - Easter 3<br><i>Rev Chris Ashton</i>                    | Revelation 5: 11 - 14<br>Acts 9: 1 - 6 [7-20]                |
| <b>May 8th</b> - Easter 4<br><i>Rev Alec Gill &amp; Rev John Durant</i> | Revelation 7: 9 - 17<br>Acts 9: 36 - End                     |
| <b>May 15th</b> - Easter 5<br><i>Rev Alec Gill</i>                      | Revelation 21: 1 - 6<br>Acts 11: 1 - 18                      |
| <b>May 22nd</b> - Easter 6<br><i>Rev Chris Ashton</i>                   | Revelation 21: 10 + 22: 5<br>Acts 16: 9 - 15                 |
| <b>May 29th</b> - Easter 7<br><i>Rev Peter Rich</i>                     | Revelation 22: 12 -14 + 16 - 17 + 20 - 21<br>Acts 16: 16 -34 |

## Churchyard Maintenance

14th May - M. Culverwell

28th May - D. Perkins



## THE 2022 CRICKET SEASON IS HERE !!!!!

With the Cricket square and outfield looking fantastic, we are now looking forward to another busy summer season

The senior sides have already kicked off their campaign with friendly matches and games in the Cherwell League start on 7<sup>th</sup> May, and the Youth training starts on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – see our website [www.challowcricket.co.uk](http://www.challowcricket.co.uk) for all of our match details

As the club gets busier with a match or training taking place pretty much everyday, the bar will be open when there's something on (again check our website for further info)

We always welcome new friends to the club, whether you want to play a game, grab a pint, or sit and relax with the stunning backdrop of the Downs

If you would like to join the club as a member, you can do so via our website, and if you would be able to help us out in any capacity then we'd love to hear from you! We're always looking for players, umpires, scorers, coaches and of course anyone who can give us an hour or so occasionally to do the little jobs that keep the place ticking over

Remember that everyone is welcome at Challow, membership is not required to enjoy the facilities (although it does mean we can keep you up to date with news and events at the Club)

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## TOPICAL TALK

### Out and about on the roads? Remember the NEW Highway Code

When did you last read the Highway Code? Various 'fundamental' changes were recently made which will surely affect you.

For example, there is a new hierarchy of road users, where drivers now have new responsibilities to watch out for people who are walking, cycling, or riding a horse.

Another example is that cyclists are now advised to cycle in the *centre* of lanes in slower-moving traffic.

Finally, do you even know how best to open your car door?

According to the Highway Code, you should use your hand on the opposite side to the door you are opening; for example, use your left hand to open a door on your right-hand side. This will make you turn your head to look over your shoulder. You are then more likely to avoid causing injury to cyclists or motorcyclists passing you on the road, or to people on the pavement.

Read all about the new rules at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>





## Packed lunches are back in style

With food prices soaring, who needs a bought sandwich or salad? They can cost nearly £8 a day from LEON or Pret or other food outlets.

Instead, it seems we are investing in plastic food containers (John Lewis reports sales are up 64 per cent on last year) and taking our own lunches to work.

As one cookery blogger explains, "You can't reduce your council tax, but you can make little savings on everyday meals, which add up to a significant difference."

"It's 'cool' these days to take a packed lunch to the office," says Suzanne Mulholland, author of *The Batch Lady: Shop Once. Cook Once. Eat Well All Week*. "Being organised and prepared is seen as a good thing."

## Nature threatened by dog poo

These days, it is unthinkable to leave your dog's waste on the pavement when in town. But in the countryside, too many of us still think it is okay to let our pets foul an area of natural countryside. Now a recent study has found that this can be especially harmful to nature reserves.

The problem is that dog waste contains high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus, which can damage many species of plants. As one scientist explains: "In many nature reserves, the management is specifically directed towards lowering soil nutrients levels, to enhance plant and animal biodiversity. Our findings suggest that the currently neglected inputs of dogs in nature reserves could delay restoration goals." The findings were published in the journal *Ecological Solutions and Evidence*.

## Time to take some responsibility for our health

Did you know that nearly one half of the NHS budget is spent on diseases that could have been prevented? And that Britain's overall health budget is now bigger than the GDP of Greece?

So says the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, who has recently warned that the NHS cannot continue spending "vast sums" on lifestyle conditions that are "wholly avoidable".

## Knit a corgi for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thousands of people across the country are buying in light brown and white wool just now, in order to knit up a corgi in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is a fun way in which anyone with knitting needles can get involved in the coming celebrations.

If you google 'knitting patterns for corgis', you will find a wide variety of free patterns on offer. Knitted corgis could help decorate house windows, local shops and churches as the big day approaches.

## English is becoming, like, less formal stuff, maybe, okay?

In the biggest ever study of its kind, researchers from Lancaster University looked at 100 million words to analyse trends. One expert says: "The most striking thing we found is how informal language has become. There has been a systematic shift towards more informal vocabulary and grammar."

Some examples include a steep decline in the use of modal verbs such as 'shall', 'must' and 'may', while the use of Mr and Mrs is down by up to 57 percent. Instead, first names are used more and more often, even in formal letters.

Split infinitives are on the rise, and 'shorthands' such as 'omg' (oh my God), 'tbh' to be honest and 'defo' are used so much that they are now common parlance.

Could apostrophes become a thing of the past? In the last three decades alone, its use has declined by eight percent.

On the other hand, the word 'amazing' has increased in use five-fold – from 16.6 times per million to 88.6 times per million, while the use of 'maybe' has almost tripled, from 89.3 to 236.1 parts per million.

'IN' words on the street now include: A bit, amazing, 'cos, focus groups, fame, global, internet, just, like, maybe, me, net, ok, online, phone, really, stuff, website

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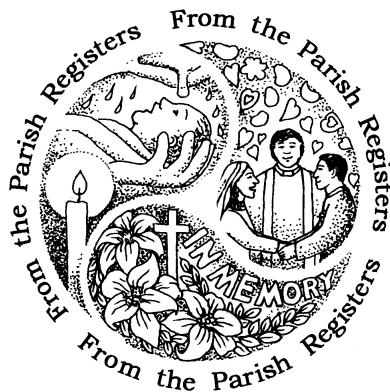
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## Understanding the Bible

The Bible is a popular book, with five billion copies sold worldwide every year, as well as a uniquely precious book. At her coronation the Queen was given a Bible, *‘the most precious thing this world affords’*.

The Bible isn’t simply one book, but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over a period of 1500 years in a range of styles including history, poetry, prophecy, letters and apocalyptic (looking at the end times). Despite having a number of different writers, the Bible claims one author - God Himself!

As the Word of God, it is the primary way by which God speaks to us. *‘All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work’* (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is inspired (*‘the word of God in the words of men’*) and is a *manual for life*, equipping us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit, who helps us to apply its words to our lives: *‘But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth’* John 16:13.

The Bible can also be described as a *love letter* from God, as it deepens our relationship with Him. Jesus said: *‘You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about Me, yet you refuse to come to Me to have life’* (John 5:39,40). Christians follow a person not a book, and the Scriptures are intended to help us to know Jesus better. Like a signpost, the Bible points us to the person of Jesus.

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## Christ’s Legacy

There was no mourning when Christ’s resurrection appearances came to an end. After the final occasion we are told the disciples *‘worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy’*. They had already experienced the onset of grief caused by His death, intensified because of the dreadful manner of it and the consequent crushing of their hopes. Then, with feelings combining bewilderment with elation, they were confronted by Christ alive and had to rethink everything they had understood until then about the certainty of death.

They became convinced that the Crucifixion and Resurrection signposted a new beginning, not an ending, and that it gave fresh purpose to humanity, past, present and future.

**Why was Christ’s final departure met by joy rather than gloom? Here are some reasons, which we might think of as His legacies.**

**First**, He had said that He was going to prepare a place for His followers. It’s worth pondering John Chapter 14, to see why Jesus’ disciples were so confident after His Ascension.

**Second**, He taught them His departure was, actually, for their benefit. Only in this way would the ‘Advocate’ come. ‘Advocate’ is one translation of a word meaning ‘called alongside’ and is a description of the Holy Spirit’s work in and for humanity, then and now.

**Third**, Christ continues to campaign for the human cause, though now out of sight. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews puts it bluntly: *“He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”* Paul writes something similar in his letter to the Romans. It means that Jesus prays for us nonstop, so when we pray it’s like treading on a moving walkway taking us in the right direction.

**Fourth**, He came to show us what the unseen God is like. When one of His trainees asked, “Lord, show us the Father”, the reply was, “Have I been with you all this time and you still do not know Me? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father”. So, the more we contemplate Jesus, the closer we get to the unseen God.



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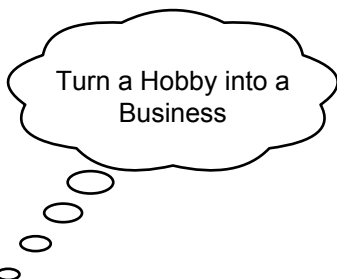
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***Tricia Shand***



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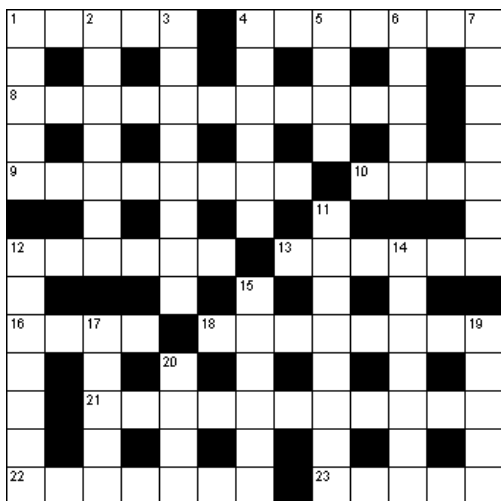
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### ***Christian Aid week 15th May - 21st May 2022***

*Our collection at St. Nicholas Church on Sunday 15th May from our 11am service will be given to the charity, Christian Aid. This year the charity will focus on the plight of drought which numerous countries around the world face. It recognises that droughts have become more intense and more common because of the changing climate.*

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### Solutions on Page 22

#### Across


1. Young person (5)
4. Sharp pointed implements (7)
8. Butterfly larva (11)
9. Exhilarated (8)
10. Yield (4)
12. Humble (6)
13. Ineffectual (6)
16. Movable barrier (4)
18. Drover (8)
21. Glorious (11)
22. Scaling devices (7)
23. Surface boundaries (5)

#### Down

1. Luxury craft (5)
2. Articulated (7)
3. Innocuous (8)
4. Disturbances (6)
5. Snakelike fish (4)
6. Big (5)
7. Earnest (7)
11. Sudden unexpected event (8)
12. Sorcerous (7)
14. Mass of frozen water (7)
15. Furniture items (6)
17. Diffident (5)
19. Days of the month (5)
20. Fiend (4)

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## **Village Scarecrow Competition**

**June / July 2022**

The theme for this years competition is **Heroes**

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

> More information to follow next month <

We would like to see as many Scarecrows around the village, and raise some much needed funds for our Village School

# Challow News ~ Then and Now

It is 26 years since I finished editing Challow News and my memories as to dates may not be accurate. The people involved then and their relations whom I have asked about memories of its production also had trouble with remembering dates and numbers. I have seen and taken copies of the December 1984 and February 1985 issues, thanks to Francis Webb.

Father John Wright came to Challow in 1971. As far as I can remember by 1980 or so he was producing a small news letter 10 times a year, called Challow News. This was given to members of the congregation. I have the feeling we paid a small sum for it each month. It consisted of a letter from the vicar and other church news and was I think one or two sheets of A4 folded in half. With a picture of the church on the cover. He would run this off on his flat bed duplicator. I imagine the number produced was around 50. Around 1981/83 I took over the editing of the Challow News. By 1984/85 it consisted of 3 sheets of A4 folded, 4 sheets on busy months. I used the cut and paste method to produce the copy ready for typing on stencils. At first I would type any additional copy on my fathers very old portable typewriter. This was replaced by an electric one in 1988 and in 1992 by our first computer. The stencils were then cut by Wendy Stuart who lived in Old School Lane. She had a wide carriage typewriter. I am not sure when she ceased cutting them for us. I then sent the copy to a gentleman in Ansty who cut the stencils and returned them to me. He was able somehow to include drawings on the stencil. If I had space to fill I used small articles , and cartoons with a religious slant, from a company that provided these each month at a small cost. The magazine now included as well as church information , that about what was happening in the Village Hall and other village organisations.

At some point we made the magazine free of charge and delivered it to more people, We now began offering space for advertisements . Edith Alder would then run them off on an old Gestetner duplicator in her attic at Manor House Farm. On numerous occasions I would have an S,O,S, from Edith saying she had a problem with the Gestetner, but somehow she always managed to fix it. Sheila Stonehouse would then come to “Kemgisel “, and help me stamp the date on the cover (these printed for the year in January.) collate and staple them together. We produced I think 100 or so copies. I have no memory of who printed the copy before Edith took over, as the quantity was clearly not done on a flat bed printer.

I remember chasing after advertisers at the start of the year. I do not think we had sufficient income from these to cover the whole cost of production. I used to deliver it to some of the houses at Challow Station and the cottages on the way.

In 1996 Jenny Penfold took over from me, using Microsoft publisher and printing the complete magazine . This was then given to Sue Swift to copy. At some point a friend, Mick Robson of Copyright Systems helped with this. I believe 350 to 400 copies were produced, not all being distributed. By this time much more advertising was included in an effort to cover production costs. Sue also collated and stapled the magazine before getting it out to the deliverers. At some point the news sheet “What’s on in Wantage” was delivered with the magazine.

At the end of 2009 Jenny handed the editorship to David Hudson, With Sue Swift still copying the completed magazine. Since about 2015 the printing , collating etc. has been done by Serco Media Services at the the Defence Academy at Shrivenham. (Jeff Penfold knew of them as they printed Lambourne village magazine). The copy is sent electronically and someone fetches it when ready.

The format of Challow News had a revamp when Nigel Langford took over in 2020. Printing 435 copies. This year 500 copies are printed. it is now a village magazine with Church news and village news. Any space being filled with articles from a website resource, “The Parish Pump” at an annual cost.

The advertising is still contributing to running costs.

*I would like to thank all those volunteers who over the years have used their time to produce the magazine and those who have delivered it come rain or shine.*

*Mary Mann.*

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### East Challow Village Hall Committee Meeting

Anyone interested in joining the Village Hall Committee are welcome to come along to our next meeting.

**Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm**

## **Local developers**

We are still having problems with the local developers fulfilling their duties to the community. I was told by Crest Nicholson that the footpath along the A417 would be complete by April 8<sup>th</sup>. After chasing them this has been pushed back to 10<sup>th</sup> June. The work needs to be started by May 9<sup>th</sup> otherwise the county council will start proceedings to call in the bond.

Similarly, I have reported earlier on the delay in getting the footpath completed through the McTaggart and Mickel site. This was meant to be complete by August last year! Despite being given assurance that it would be open by the end of February this has also been pushed back to the middle of this month! I wrote to the company directors (in Glasgow) but you get very little out of these people, just bland assurances that mean nothing.

This state of affairs has now been passed to the Chair of the Planning Committee for review. Both District and County Councils need more leverage with these people.

One positive thing that has come out of pressure on Crest is that they have said that they will replace the two promised small Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) with the more expensive and flashier Speed Indicator Devices (SID). Guilty conscience maybe?? ....

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## **Council tax rebate**

As a result of sharply rising energy costs residents in properties in Bands A-D will receive a single £150 payment from central government. No need to do anything. The district will contact you, or if you already pay by Direct Debit, the money will go straight into your bank account.

## **Wetland plants**

The Freshwater Habitats Trust (FHT) is trying to stop the decline of rare wetland plants and are asking for volunteers to help prevent further decline and restore populations by growing some plants at home! During summer 2022, FHT can deliver a pack of seeds or seedlings with all the necessary equipment to grow your plant in a location convenient to you (preferably some garden space outside, or somewhere it will get some sunlight e.g. a windowsill). When your plant has grown, FHT will collect it from you to plant out at one of Oxfordshire's high-quality wetland habitats. To find out more see their website: <https://freshwaterhabitats.org.uk/projects/oxfordshires-freshwater-network/growet/>. Lizzie Every ([eevery@freshwaterhabitats.org.uk](mailto:eevery@freshwaterhabitats.org.uk)) is their Community Engagement Officer so please contact her if you want to get involved.

## **Broadband**

Oxfordshire County Council are continuing the roll-out of the Ultra-Fast Optic Fibre Broadband to the villages, including East Challow. The spines to which individual houses could be connected are being laid in East Challow during this spring and summer.

## **Ukraine**

The Vale is working with the other Oxfordshire councils to put in place a new system for managing the national hosting scheme for Ukrainian refugees. The situation is changing frequently as we get further guidance from central government. The Vale website is the best place for residents to find the most current information on ways of helping, including making a donation (<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/support-for-ukraine/>) which will also give you the link to the government "Homes for Ukraine" scheme.

## **Woodhill Lane and flooding**

All these infrastructure projects seem to take forever! We have been working for 2 years to prevent the flooding that we have seen several times on the A417 near Haynes. Water drains through culverts into the ditch along Woodhill Lane and into Woodhill Brook. The ditch along the lane is partially cleared. The drainage culvert leading from the road to the ditch is partially collapsed and will be repaired – no date as yet but hopefully before the autumn.

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

Just in case you had forgotten about this, we are now nearing completion for submission to the Vale. More on this when we get feedback from them.

*Cllr Dr. Paul Barrow*

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<https://www.facebook.com/Cllr-Dr-Paul-Barrow-104943001583284>

# PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting takes place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm  
on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

[www.eastchallowpc.co.uk](http://www.eastchallowpc.co.uk)

## ***Early May Bank Holiday Waste Collections***

| Normal Collection Day |         | Revised Collection Day |         | Which Bin    |
|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Monday                | 2nd May | Tuesday                | 3rd May | Black & Food |

## ***Vale of White Horse District Council Pay & Display car parks***

You may have already heard, but free car parking in the council car parks has been reduced from 2 hours to 1 hour

From **Monday 4 April**, people parking in district council car parks in Abingdon, Faringdon and Wantage are advised that:

Free parking will still be available but reduced to one hour a day

New fees will apply if you want to stay for more than one hour

Other fees will go up by 40p

New and renewed permits will be valid for the specific car park they are issued for and will not be transferable

Where currently on offer, free parking will continue to be available on Sundays

## ***Grass verges throughout the Village***

Could all drivers of all vehicles avoid driving on the grass verges that have been / are being maintained by local residents and the parish council please.

# OCC are looking for Super Fix My Street Volunteers - please see attached poster and press release.



## Fix My Street Super User Volunteers

Oxfordshire County Council created OXTOG – Oxfordshire Together – to mobilise and support a team of volunteers around the County to help look after their own roads, pavements and public rights of way. As part of OXTOG there is a growing team of volunteers known as Fix My Street Super Users.

The Super Users are, in effect, the ‘eyes and ears’ of the County Council Highways Officers and are trained to report and action certain road repairs, specifically potholes and damaged kerbs, on low-speed, minor roads using Fix My Street.

The Volunteer Co-ordination team at Oxfordshire County Council is currently recruiting more Fix My Street Super Users in this area. The training takes place online in small groups.

If you already use Fix My Street and can walk around your town or village regularly (or even daily) and would like to find out more, please contact:  
[volunteercoordinationteam@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:volunteercoordinationteam@oxfordshire.gov.uk)



## Super user volunteers

**The Volunteer Coordination Team...**  
 ...is looking for people to volunteer to be Fix My Street Super Users in this area. Super Users are, in effect, the ‘eyes and ears’ of the County Council Highways Officers and are trained to report and action specific road repairs (potholes and damaged kerbs), on low-speed, minor roads using Fix My Street.  
 Training takes place online  
 No experience necessary  
 Over 18's only

Find out more: [volunteercoordinationteam@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:volunteercoordinationteam@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Do you:

Use Fix My Street to report highways problems?

Have time to walk around your local streets weekly?

Do you want to do your bit to help improve the condition of local roads and pavements?

If so, you could be a SUPER USER



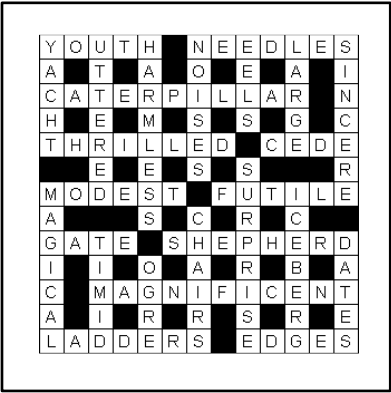
**Parish Council Meeting**  
 7.30pm Wednesday 11th May  
 in the Village Hall

**Clerk to East Challow  
 Parish Council**  
 Linda Hooper

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Please note NEW postal and email addresses - email is no longer accessible at the old email address  
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**The Annual Parish Meeting**  
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**Tuesday 24th May**  
 at 7.30pm



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