

Challow News

October 2022



St. Nicholas Church, East Challow. OX12 9SH
(Vale Benefice)



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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

What do an Ancient Greek philosopher and Bob Dylan have in common?

They both believed that “the times they are a-changing” or as Heraclitus put’s it, change is the only constant in life.

As we journey through autumn into winter, we can see changing of the seasons all around us. Life can feel in a state of flux, with the future being uncertain and daunting, particular with all that is going on in the world at the moment.

Yet, nature also reminds us that there is a cycle and a season to life. The season’s change, yet their pattern is known; summer leads to autumn, autumn to winter, winter turns to spring as summer approaches.

The writer of the Ecclesiastes 3:1-3, puts it this way:

There’s a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens: a time for giving birth and a time for dying, a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted, a time for killing and a time for healing, a time for tearing down and a time for building up. (CEV)

The cycle of life continues to repeat itself and we gain much from being aware of its rhythms and routines, for as George Santayana warns us “those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

We cannot predict the future, but we can learn the patterns of life from the past and these can help us navigate what is ahead. For myself realising, that in life we should “expect the unexpected” (Oscar Wild) with life being more like a roller-coaster then a pleasure cruise, has helped me in facing what ever life throws at us next. Life is messy and it is how we deal with the mess that counts. And sometimes the best way to deal with the uncertainty of life, is to take it, one day at time; as Jesus said, “don’t worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will have its own worries.” (Matthew 6:43)

Life can feel uncertain yet recognising its times and seasons can aid us in reflecting on our past to help us look forward, even if we can at times only take it one day at a time.

God bless,

Alec

Wild Watch

September Sightings and Observations

Mary writes.....

One of the plants I love in my garden is *Verbena bonariensis*. I let it grow almost everywhere it self seeds, as it is such a joy.

It flowers from early summer to almost Christmas, the little flowers just keep coming. the insects love it and since we have been growing it we have seen a Humming bird Hawkmoth at least once a year, but this year since July we have seen one most days, (unless its raining) at home and recently often 3 or 4 times a day. it is fascinating to watch him hover and move to another flower.

We have also seen a Comma butterfly and a painted lady in the last few days.

Mary M

Following the reporting of the sighting of a kingfisher on 2nd August
Tom Page writes.....

Hi Juliet

Thanks for letting us know about the Kingfisher sightings, they can often be heard or seen up and down the Letcombe Brook - we are very lucky to have them! We hope that there have been a couple of nesting sites along the local stretch of the Brook this year, so fingers crossed for a good population for next year.

Keep looking out for and helping local wildlife

Tom Page

(Wild Wantage Project Leader)

If any one wants to get involved with the Wild Wantage project which is trying to improve local habitats for wild life, please contact Tom Page
wildwantage@gmail.com

**Please share your Wild Watch sightings or observations
with me: Juliet Teare
jgteare@yahoo.co.uk**

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

It was with sadness that we had the news that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth had passed away, what a unique woman she was, a devoted monarch to her nation and an example to the world. God Bless her. A woman with a devout faith, a wonderful leader for our Church. A new era started, so God save the King. I am sure Charles will make a wonderful monarch. It was good to come together with the Parish Council and place their Book of Condolence in the Church to allow people of the village access in daylight hours to sign it, no matter what their beliefs.

This year seems to zipping away at a frightening rate of knots, or so it seems to me. We have had a busy time in Church with Harvest Festival, and the Church looked lovely, I hope you had the chance to call in and see it. Thank you to all who contributed and all who decorated. The total amount we were able to donate to the food bank will be announced later.

Many congratulations to our own Emma of the Beavers and Cubs, who has received a much deserved award from the Scouting Association for working so hard to bring Scouting back to the village.

Our Challow Beavers and Cubs are thriving and outgrowing the village hall. The pavilion in the recreation area is hopefully going to be repaired or replaced which would give the village a base for the Beavers and Cubs and may be used for other village activities. Funding is obviously needed and I am sure any help in that direction would be appreciated, it would be such an asset to the village to have that facility in working order.

The rain we have had at last, has been very refreshing and even walking in mud was fine, though I expect the novelty will be short lived. Walking out with Meg my dog, I have noticed how the burned and charred grass has revived and become green once more.

Saint Francis of Assisi is celebrated on 4th October he is one of our most well known saints renowned for his love of animals. One story tells of him taming a wolf by making the sign of the cross. It had been terrorising a neighbourhood by killing people and sheep. He was born to a wealthy family in Assisi, Italy 1181. As a young man he was involved in a war with Perugia and became a prisoner, but was released when his father paid the ransom. After an illness he experienced visions from God and become a devout Catholic. He left home, and took a vow of poverty, following in the footsteps of Christ. He founded the Franciscan Order and was instrumental in the founding of the Order of Saint Claire for women and the Third Order of Saint Francis for men and women who didn't take vows and kept their jobs but lived by the principles of the Franciscan Order. He is also credited with displaying the first nativity scene in 1220. He died in 1226 and declared a Saint in 1228.

As ever please stay safe for yourselves and others.

Liz Belcher

Service Information

October 2nd – Trinity 16 <i>Rev Alec Gill</i>	Lamentations 1: 1 - 6 2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14
October 9th – Trinity 17 <i>Rev Alec Gill</i>	Jeremiah 29: 1 + 4 - 7 or 2 Kings 5: 1 - 3 + 7 - 15c 2 Timothy 2: 8 - 15
October 16th – Trinity 18 <i>T B A</i>	Jeremiah 31: 27 - 34 or Genesis 32: 22 - 31 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5
October 23rd – Trinity 19 <i>Rev Alec Gill</i>	Joel 2: 23 - 32 or Jeremiah 14: 7 - 10 + 19 - 20 2 Timothy 4: 6 - 8 + 16 - 18
October 30th – Trinity 20 4 th Sunday before Advent	Habakkuk 1: 1 – 4 + 2: 1 – 4 or Isaiah 1: 10 – 18 2 Thessalonians 1: 1 – 4 + 11 - 12

St. Nicholas Church - Rotas

Week	Prayers	Sacristan	Sidesperson	Reader	Music	Flowers
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1st	Philip	Philip	Frances Nigel	Alan or Ruth	Ruth	Heather
2nd	Mary	Mary	Linda Noel	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
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10 am Thursdays

1st	Mary
2nd	Jenny
3rd	Juliet
4th	Mandy

5th	Nigel
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Week	Cleaning
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1 & 2	Linda & Liz
3 & 4	Mandy

5	Sue & Tricia
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~ If you are unable to attend please arrange cover for your week ~

Churchyard Maintenance

1st October - M. Culverwell

15th October - D. Perkins

God in the Sciences

Editor: This series is written by Dr Ruth Banciewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Continuing the Celebration!

On 9th-16th October this year many people around the world will be celebrating the Jewish festival of Tabernacles, or Sukkot. They will celebrate the Harvest, and also remember God bringing the Israelites out of Egypt and through 40 years in the desert.



The biblical book of Deuteronomy contains a description of what Tabernacles should have been like back then. “Celebrate... for seven days. Be joyful... you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns.”

These festivals were not just a celebration, but also an expression of gratitude to God: “celebrate the festival to the Lord your God...For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.” Tabernacles was a proper holiday, with two whole days off normal work and seven days of feasting.

Farming looks very different today. Very few of us have had to sweat long hours over crops, so we’re not as ready for (or deserving of) a rest and a party as our ancestors were at this time of year. That might be even more the case in future, as the agri-tech revolution unfolds. For example, small autonomous tractors are already becoming available that do less damage to the soil and make better use of steep or oddly shaped fields.

Many arable farms already hire contractors to do the routine work with large specialist GPS-equipped machinery. In future years those people might find themselves using very different kinds of high-tech kit, acting more as land-management advisors, helping farmers to gather data and to find ways of improving soil quality, biodiversity and the water cycle.

I’m very grateful for the food that arrives on my shelves. Instead of worrying about whether or not we earned it, our modern-day Tabernacles or Harvest celebration could include ways of encouraging those involved in agriculture and developing new agricultural technologies, as well as enjoying how we can learn about and benefit from God’s creation through Science.

So, after you celebrate Harvest at church, why not learn from the ancient Israelites, and follow it up with a meal together? It stands to reason that those of us who live in countries where food is plentiful and cheap could do with being proportionately more generous in our gratitude and giving. Should we throw better parties? Probably!

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TOPICAL TALK

Animal Welfare Sunday – 2nd October

This year, Animal Welfare Sunday falls on Sunday 2nd October, which is the nearest Sunday to St Francis' feast day on Tuesday 4th. It is a good opportunity to thank God for the animals, and to consider how we might help them.

Christians have been involved in animal welfare reform throughout history. For example, even the RSPCA – the first animal protection society, was founded by an Anglican priest – the Revd Arthur Broome. But many well-known Christians such as C S Lewis, John Wesley and William Wilberforce also spoke out against animal cruelty.

As the Psalmist says in Psalm 148, animals in their amazing variety of species were all created for the glory of God and to praise His name. They were not created for our exploitation and domination.

But sadly, Creation has been abused, and continues to be abused today. The economics of providing us with low-cost chicken, pork, beef and milk can too often result in cruelty towards millions of animals.

These days, The Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals works to raise awareness of animal welfare issues within the Anglican Church and the wider Christian community. If you want to help the welfare of animals in some way, please visit: www.aswa.org.uk

Agatha Christie's Mousetrap

It was 70 years ago, on 6th October 1952, that the world premiere of Agatha Christie's play, *The Mousetrap*, opened in Nottingham. It then opened in London on 25th November, and is still going, making it the world's longest-running play.

Originally a short radio play written as a birthday present for Queen Mary, it was broadcast in May 1947. The stage play, a murder mystery, has been performed more than 28,000 times – the only break being, because of the Covid pandemic, between 16th March 2020 and 17th May 2021. The play also made theatrical history by having an original "cast member" survive all the changes since its opening night. The late Deryck Guyler can still be heard, on a recording, reading the radio news bulletin in the play. There have been many physical alterations, with the set being changed in 1965 and 1999, but one original prop survives – the clock above the fireplace in the main hall.

Christie regarded detective fiction as a distinctively moral genre because it deals with questions of guilt and justice that are at times almost theological. The society and milieu of her stories are distinctively Christian. She was baptised into the Church of England and kept her mother's copy of *The Imitation of Christ* – a spiritual handbook – by her bedside. Its flyleaf carried a quotation from Romans, beginning "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

At her memorial service in 1976, her publisher William Collins described her as having a "gentle Christian spirit".

How to stop lorries getting stuck

Have you ever come across a huge lorry jammed tight somewhere, and wondered WHY ON EARTH the driver chose that route?

The answer is probably that they used a satnav system designed to help cars.

Now the Local Government Association (LGA), which represents councils in England and Wales, is calling for a change in the law. It argues that HGVs should use only specialist navigation tools designed to keep them on wider roads.

The call comes following a series of incidents involving HGVs in impossible places. One lorry was determined to get under a tiny bridge in Leicestershire, but instead shut the road for 12 hours. Another lorry nosed itself deep into a narrow street in Bristol, and was stuck for 15 hours. A third lorry tackled a very narrow railway bridge in Swindon, and crashed, causing hours of delay to numerous trains and dozens of cars.

Councillor David Renard, LGA transport spokesman, said: "The spate of accidents we continue to see, on an all too regular basis, is causing major disruption to local communities."

Why walking a small dog may win a woman's heart

Men who walk small dogs are seen as less threatening to women than men who walk large or even medium sized dogs.

Using cute little dogs to appeal to women is a well-known tactic on dating apps, but now scientists at the University of Jaen in Spain have found that even just walking a small dog can attract women to a man.

It seems when women see a man walking a small dog, they remain relaxed because they feel safe, and calm because they do not fear losing control of the situation. And if the dog is *really* cute, then a conversation may even begin!



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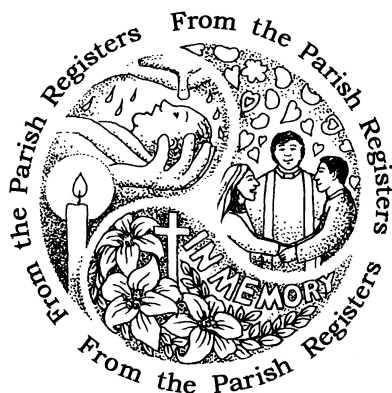
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George Cadbury – the chocolate man with a heart for welfare

One hundred years ago, on 24th October 1922, George Cadbury died. He had transformed his father's failing chocolate and cocoa business into one of the world's most successful companies and provided low-cost housing and improved working conditions for his employees.

George was the third son of John Cadbury, a Quaker who founded Cadbury's cocoa and chocolate company. With his brother Richard, George took over the family business in 1861 and founded the chocolate producer Cadbury Brothers. But his consuming interest was in the welfare of his employees and others: having taught in an adult school he was aware that poor housing was a major problem.

One of his first moves was to relocate his factory to a greenfield site south-west of Birmingham with access to canals and the new railways. It was here that he later founded a Quaker higher educational institution – now the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

But apart from his chocolate he is best known for his creation of a rural factory village (designed by architect William Alexander Harvey), called Bournville after the nearby river Bourn. The houses – not exclusively for factory employees – were never privately owned, and they remain attractive and affordable to the present day: a huge change from the poor living conditions in town.

Cadbury was a keen proponent of Quaker values. In 1901 he bought the *Daily News* (later the *News Chronicle*), where he campaigned for improved working conditions and social security. He was prominent in setting up the Birmingham Civic Society in 1918, and he gave a country park to the people of Birmingham, as well as a large house to the Crippled Children's Union to use as a hospital. It is now the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.



Younger people more likely to pray than older generations, survey finds

Younger adults are more likely to pray than older generations, according to a recent survey for the Church of England which shows that nearly half of UK adults report having ever offered up some form of prayer.

A third of 18-to-34-year-olds - 32% - say they have prayed in the last month. By contrast, a minority in the 55+ age group - 25% - said they had prayed in the last month.

Among those who had ever prayed, the most common topics prayed about were for friends and family (69%), people they know who are sick (54%) and to give thanks (51%).

The Revd Dr Stephen Hance, National Lead for Evangelism and Witness for the Church of England, said: "These findings really challenge the all-too-common assumption that young people are not interested in faith or spiritual things.

"In an age when mindfulness and meditation are more popular than ever, prayer makes sense to people. And with pressures mounting and people of every generation facing huge uncertainty, many people of all ages are drawing strength from God in prayer.

"This also confirms what other research has told us, that while younger people may be under-represented in church, this isn't indicative of a lack of interest in faith. That's why the Church of England has made engaging young people one of our top priorities for the decade."



OUR AUTUMN / WINTER OFFERING

Bar opening times through this period will generally be

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	4pm – 7pm
Thursday	4pm – 7pm (10pm when Darts match is on)
Friday	4pm – 7.30pm
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	11am – 3pm

The clubhouse is available to hire for a range of events through the 'close season' either during the day or in the evening, and makes a superb setting for your birthday, anniversary, christening or wake.

Please contact us to discuss your function requirements; we will always look to do whatever we can to make your event a success.

If you would like to join the club as a member it's just £20 for the year, you can do so via our website.

We also require bar staff to cover some of our bar openings both during the weekday evenings and occasional outside events when the clubhouse has been hired on weekend evenings. For full details and rate of pay please e-mail us in first instance.

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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A New Mission

You will all be aware that “The Mission” (our iconic wooden building on the Main Street) had ceased its function as a place of gathering for prayer for over a year. Sadly, it has since been abandoned as it’s Trustees review their options, initially offering it to other prayer groups. This handover plan was unsuccessful but as they say... one man’s waste is another man’s treasure... and this refusal opened a new and exciting opportunity for us villagers to benefit from it’s intended use - of gathering the community together!

We are thereby excited to tell you that The Mission has now been “adopted” by a group of volunteers, which will run a community cafe and give the Beavers and Cubs a safe, dry, warm space to meet during the winter months, while also generating income for community activities and offering a space for us to get together.

Sadly, we have found that during these months of abandonment the Mission has been repeatedly vandalised, but the police has collected evidence and are currently aware and observing the offenders.



Once they formally resolve the situation, we will be ready to start - so be on the lookout as we are planning a causal “pop up” cafe to open as soon as we get the green light!!

The “pop up” plan will continue until we convince the Trustees of the benefit of this space for our community, and get a formal agreement to refurbish the Mission to its old glory and new use!

Be assured that the Parish Council and District Council are already behind us, but we may come door to door to gather signatures in support of this plan from you.... and to offer a free treat when you first come to visit us!

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Memories

We have hung up our windlass's and tied off our last mooring ropes. People have asked us what we will miss now we no longer cruise the Cut, of course we will miss the beauty of the scenery, the wildlife, the light off the water reflected onto the roof inside the boat and steering through a good set of locks, i.e. not hitting the sides.

What we will miss most is the people and characters you meet along the way. So many we have met in our 44years on the water. Some we have seen only once, but they made us feel glad and stuck in our minds, and others we have known for some time.

One such person is Les, he has worked for 18 years at the marina where we moored the boat. He runs the dry and wet docks and can usually fix most things on boats. He has in that time restored a traction engine and built a caravan to be towed behind it, and attends steam rallies. However his pride and joy is his motorbike, a make unknown to me, but it is pristine and beautiful to see. He is tall, thin, bearded, tattooed and is also a black belt in Karate and always busy.

He has recently employed an apprentice, whom we only saw a few times, but she is someone with such joy about her, that just to see her is a tonic, Tall slim with long blonde hair, Les says she is the best worker he has ever had and not afraid to get muddy or splattered with paint, or to attempt the most difficult tasks he sets her. She often wears a white protective suit and she can wear her hair in 3 or 4 different ways during any day. Her parents have a pair of old working boats and her grandfather owns a dock on the canal, and she told me that this was exactly the job she wanted to be doing.

Then there is the owner of N.B. Scrumpy Jack, we do not know his name but we have seen him and his boat many times over many years and if he is on board always chats to us as we pass and wishes us well, we always feel like we have spoken with a friend when seeing him.

We also have great memories of our friends at Wolverhampton Boat Club, but I will leave them to next time.....

We are hoarding these memories in our "Wardrobe of Memories" just like a collection of glad rags to bring out when we need to lighten the heart.

Mary Mann

Glossary -

Lock Key Handle to open lock paddles

Lock: Short length of water with gates at each end, to take boats up or down to a different level of canal.

Canal Paddle; Opens to let water in or out of the lock

Cut: Canal, a man made waterway

Narrow Boat: Usually a flat bottomed boat, 7ft wide and up to 72ft long.

Working Boat:

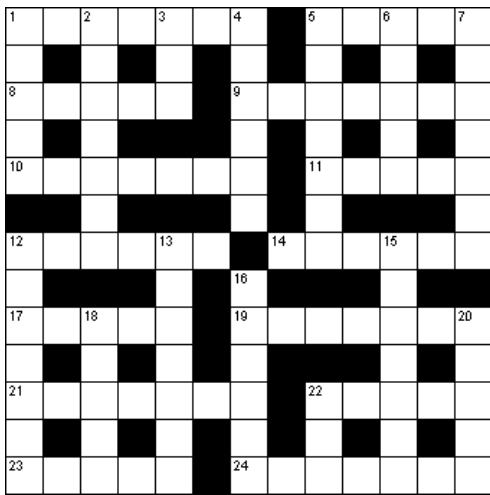
Motor: Boat with a small cabin at stern and a long cargo area, with an engine usually 1 or 2 cylinder diesel.

Butty: Looks the same as a Motor but has no engine and is towed by the Motor.

Dock:

Dry - Usually in a building that can be pumped out.

Wet - Dock which cannot be emptied.



Solutions on Page 22

Across

1. Chronicle (7)
5. Proverb (5)
8. Graphic (5)
9. Cautionary advice (7)
10. Help grow and develop (7)
11. Free of impurities (5)
12. Neckband (6)
14. Systems of principles (6)
17. Hackneyed (5)
19. Facets (7)
21. Gullibility (7)
22. One of the senses (5)
23. Larceny (5)
24. Unprocessed or manufactured (7)

Down

1. Oasis (5)
2. More than two or three but not many (7)
3. Of long duration (3)
4. Gaped (6)
5. Fruit (7)
6. Stage whisper (5)
7. Machines (7)
12. Piece of furniture (7)
13. Complaint (7)
15. Tooth (7)
16. Ravine formed by a river (6)
18. Racket (5)
20. Hex (5)
22. Toddler (3)

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Dear Editor

I thought this might be of interest for the Parish Newsletter for October.

Whilst on holiday in Haugesund in Norway at the beginning of September we came across one of the UK's old red telephone boxes, on closer inspection we found that it was also being used as a swap library just like the one we have in the village, it still had the old telephone installed but not in use. It is surprising where these old telephone boxes get to.

Janice Miller

Oxfordshire Plan 2050

The Oxfordshire Plan 2050, which was to set out development plans across the county, has ended up in arguments and has collapsed for the moment.

Are we likely to get further development in the village as a result of this? We in East Challow think that we have done our bit.

The new Local Plan will be looking to reduce housing development and the government now uses a different algorithm for calculating housing requirements and according to Lichfields we have built more houses west of Wantage than we needed to!

Broadband roll-out

Roll out of Ultra-fast Fibre Broadband roll-out remains confusing. The UK has decided to facilitate competition between companies which will in theory keep costs down. Openreach are converting all our copper wire phone connections to fibre and companies such as Airband are also competing in this area. Airband are not only laying out fibre but will be offering connections to individual houses. Openreach are different in that they are not Internet providers which is done through Sky, TalkTalk etc. In some places we may find that Openreach and Airband are laying cable in the same place!! Bizarre but true.

Once the fibre has been rolled-out in our area, which we are told by OCC will be completed by the end of the second quarter of 2023 (connection from the street to distribution points such as telegraph poles), residents should be contacted by their internet supplier which will then organise the final connection from the street to the house including provision of a new router and suggesting the need for a new phone. In some cases, Airband has already contacted many individual residents but there is no obligation to take up this offer which may be more limited than other providers.

Most but not all residents have internet. The phone connection provider will be required to ensure that during the change from copper to fibre residents who do not want internet access will continue to have a phone line. How this will be done is not yet clear.

Permitted Development

Permitted development is the relatively small-scale development that residents might want to do that does not have significant enough impact to require a full planning application. It is worthwhile finding out what can and what can't be done without obtaining planning permission. A good technical guide can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/830643/190910_Tech_Guide_for_publishing.pdf

and some basic information about planning and permitted development rights (PDR) can be found at: www.gov.uk/guidance/when-is-permission-required

We occasionally come across these things and it is worth while checking up on your rights and responsibilities should a minor development be considered. The Vale Planning Team can also be consulted.

The guidelines cover the rules in Schedule 2 of the Order. Part 1 includes extensions, loft conversions and roof light, buildings and development within the curtilage of the house, driveways, chimneys and satellite dishes. Part 2 covers gates, fences and walls, exterior painting, EV charging points and CCTV. Solar panels are also covered. In our area, changes made in 2018 allow the change of use from agricultural buildings to residential for up to 5 homes as permitted development. This does not apply within the AONB where planning permission is still required.

It is worth noting that changes to planning policy in 2020 are aimed at increasing flexibility to attempt to deal with the housing crisis (UK population has increased by 23% (14 million extra) in 60 years – not surprising that there is a crisis). These include upward extensions, demolition of unused buildings and rebuilding as residential and also pubs operating as takeaways!

Help and support during the current economic problems.

We are all aware of increased energy and food prices and the need to balance one against the other which can lead to financial and other problems. The Vale District Council can help with any difficulties and I urge anyone with problems in the next several months to contact them.

We are advised to direct residents to www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/cost-of-living-crisis-advice-and-support/ which gives details of contacts and information for sources of help in paying bills during times of hardship, help with rent payment and council tax payment and with general difficulties including health issues and loneliness.

The **Community Hub** is a good first port-of-call which can help individuals and families with financial or other difficulties.

www.communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk. Tel: 01235 422600

Connection Support www.connectionsupport.org.uk/oxfordshire/

Tel: 01865 711267 can also provide advice in dealing with all sorts of problems.

Please also keep an eye on your neighbours!

Cllr Dr Paul Barrow

Ridgeway Ward

King Alfred Quilters

Programme for October 2022

5th October - Talk by Mark Pickles of Sewing Studio Bath + Trade Stall

(lots of fabric and threads on sale) 7pm East Challow Village Hall

19th October - Sewing Morning Challow & Childrey Cricket Club 10am - 2pm

Visitors and New Members are always welcome. You do not have to be a member to come along to one of our evening talks and demonstrations, (£5.00 entrance fee for non members), but we are sure once you have seen some of the lovely handmade items and been inspired you might want to join us to have a go

However, our sewing mornings are for members, if you would like to join our morning group then please pop along and speak to one of our committee members either on an evening meeting or a daytime one, or you can contact us on one of the numbers below.

We are a friendly bunch and can offer help and advice, and welcome members of any level and age and our programme of events is varied throughout the year.

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For more information, please contact

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One in ten drivers admitted that they were unable to see clearly for six seconds or more when dazzled by such oncoming headlights. If they were travelling at 60mph, that means they could be covering 160 yards more or less blind.

Overall, the RAC finds that it is LED lights which are the problem. "This presents a real irony – the brighter and better your vehicle's headlights are, the clearer your night-time view of the road ahead is, but often, it seems, at the expense of anyone coming towards you."



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Autumn Clear Up

Its the time of year when we are all tidying up our gardens for the winter.

Please could we remind villagers to cut back any vegetation overhanging any Public Rights of Way

Allotments

Please respect the allotment gardens and do not allow your dog or dog's to roam onto any of the plots.

Dog's are not permitted in this area

Please also refrain from walking onto the allotments unless you are an allotment holder.

Please do not remove any produce which does not belong to you.

Parking

Please park responsibly around the Village as parked vehicles on pavements and grass verges cause problems for pedestrians and other vehicles.

Parish Council Website

Photographs Required

Old or new photographs of the Village, photographs of days of celebration from yesteryear etc that you would like to share on our website ... Please send them to the Parish Clerk.

Waste Bins (Reminder) – Please could you ensure that you remove your waste/recycling bin from the kerbside as soon as possible after the waste collection.

Brown Bins - Garden Waste

Please ensure that your Brown Bin is on the kerbside ready for collection before 07.00 am

The village is 1st on the collection route and this will ensure that your bin is emptied on the day rather than it remaining still full on the kerbside.

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 12th October at 7.30pm

All Villagers are invited to attend Parish Council meetings as observers.

Parish Councillors

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Frances Webb (Vice Chair) 01235 765176

Sarah Parker, Trevor Hayes, Paul Barrow, Iris Game, Sue Terry

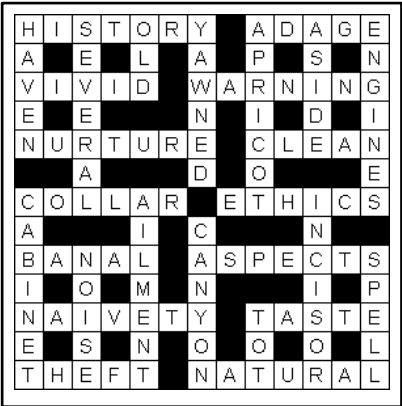
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