

Challow News

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2023



St. Nicholas Church

East Challow. OX12 9SH

Parish Eucharist

Sundays - 11.00 am

Weekday Eucharist

Thursdays - 10.00 am

(30 minute said service)

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Pastoral Support

To help our Vicars Rev John Durant and Rev 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

St. Nicholas Church - Rotas

Week	Prayers	Sacristan	Sidesperson	Reader	Music	Flowers	Coffee	
1st	Philip	Philip	Frances Nigel	Alan or Ruth	Ruth	Heather	1st Sunday	Mandy
2nd	Mary	Mary	Linda Noel	Graham	Ruth	Mary	2nd Sunday	Jan & Hillary
3rd	Jenny or Jeff	Jenny	Jeff Liz	Jenny or Jeff	Graham	Jenny	3rd Sunday	Val & Barbera
4th	Juliet	Nigel	Tricia Sue	Nigel	Graham	Mandy	4th Sunday	Linda & Janet
5th	Jeff or Ruth	Linda or Ruth	Philip Nigel	Mary	Graham	Linda	5th Sunday	Sue, Frances & Tricia

10 am Thursdays		Week	Cleaning
1st	Mary	1 & 2	Linda & Liz
2nd	Jenny	3 & 4	Mandy
3rd	Juliet	5	Sue & Tricia
4th	Mandy		
5th	Nigel		



~ If you are unable to attend please arrange cover for your week ~

Churchyard Maintenance

14th October - J. Penfold



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Coffee Morning



10.30 - Midday

~ on the 1st Thursday of the month ~

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St. Nicholas Church

11.00 am Sunday Services Information

October 1 st	Trinity 17 Green	Rev Alec Gill	Exodus 17: 1 – 7 *(Ezekiel 18: 1 – 4) Philippians 2: 1 - 13 <i>Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 21: 23 - 32</i>
October 8 th	Trinity 18 Green	Rev John Durant	Exodus: 20: 1 – 4 + 7 – 9 + 12 – 20 *(Isaiah 5: 1 – 7) Philippians 3: 4b - 14 <i>Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 21: 33 - 46</i>
October 15 th	Trinity 19 Green	Rev John Durant	Exodus 32: 1 – 14 *(Isaiah 25: 1 – 9) Philippians 4: 1 - 9 <i>Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 22: 1 - 14</i>
October 22 nd	Trinity 20 Green	Rev Alec Gill	Exodus 33: 12 – 23 *(Isaiah 45: 1 – 7) 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10 <i>Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 22: 15 – 22</i>
October 29 th	Trinity 21 Green	T B A	Deuteronomy 34: 1 – 12 *(Leviticus 19: 1 – 2 + 15 – 18) 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 8 <i>Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 22: 34 – 46</i>

*Denotes alternative 1st Reading

Religious Studies on the decrease

The number of students taking Religious Studies (RS) at A-level has decreased by 3.5 per cent in England, and by 24 per cent in Wales. This is despite an overall increase in the total number of students taking A-levels.

14,690 students took an RS A-level in England in 2023, compared with 15,216 last year. In Wales, the numbers were down from 982 to 748.

The chair of the Religious Education Council said that the decline shows “the really concerning impact that teacher retention and recruitment is having on the subject.” Between 2003 and 2022, RS was one of the fastest-growing A-level courses, with a 39 per cent rise in student numbers. The recent drop in numbers has coincided with concern about the training and retention of specialist RS teachers.

The Children’s Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, recently called for better provision and resourcing. She emphasised the importance of RS as a “safe space” for discussing “important and exciting philosophical, religious and moral conundrums”.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Helping the older people in church

‘Silver Sunday’ is 1st October - the ‘National Day for Older People’. So perhaps this is a good month to consider what churches can do to support their older people.

Nearly one in five people in England and Wales is aged over 65. The over-70s currently make up around a third of the Church of England, and 40% of Methodist/URC churches.

But many churches are very focused, for all the best reasons, on children and young people. This means that the needs of the older generations may be neglected, in terms of resources.

Here are some things to consider:

Loneliness is apparently as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

Yet Age UK has found that half of older people say the television or pets are their main form of company. Half a million older people go at least five or six days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone at all. Churches are in an excellent position to proactively combat this reality.

Churches can help people prepare for end of life.

Sometimes older people neglect to do important practical things, like sorting out their old-age care, finances, or lasting power of attorney. While church leaders can’t offer advice, of course, but they could help to point people towards the right professional bodies.

A quarter of our children will live to be 100

Apart from grandparents, church may present the best opportunity for children to discover intergenerational relationships. We can more easily cultivate a positive imagination of a long life when we have models to inspire us.

The Bible presents a wonderful vision of the fruit of later years and longer life. Psalm 92 says: ‘In old age they will still bear fruit; healthy and green they will remain, to proclaim, “The Lord is upright; He is my Rock, and in Him there is no unrighteousness.”’



With all this in mind, in 2017 a charity, Faith in Later Life, was formed by a group of other Christian charities to reach, serve, and empower older people through the Church.

Faith in Later Life has a network of ‘church champions’ who ensure that older people are not forgotten in their churches. The ‘champions’ receive regular training and support – and it is completely free to join. If you are concerned for the older people in your church, then this may be for you.

More info at: <https://faithinlaterlife.org>

Feel the tug

Have you ever wondered how you can be certain about who and what God really is? One Christian put it this way: “I’m reminded of the story of the little boy who was out flying a kite. The wind was brisk and large billowing clouds were blowing across the sky. The kite went up and up until it was entirely hidden by the clouds. Then a man came by and asked the little boy what he was doing, staring up at an empty sky. “I’m flying my kite,” he replied.

The man replied: “What kite? How can you be sure it is still there? You can’t see a thing.”

The little boy agreed that he could see nothing, “but every little while I feel a tug, so I know for sure that it is still up there and is connected to me!”

When it comes to God, you don’t need to take anyone else’s word for it. You can find Him for yourself by inviting Jesus Christ into your life. Then you too will know, by the warm wonderful tug on your heartstrings, that though you can’t see Him, He is up there, and that He lives in you. You are connected!



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How olive oil could help prevent dementia

If you have more than half a teaspoon of olive oil a day, it may cut your risk of dying from dementia by 28 per cent, a recent study by Harvard University suggests.

But nobody knows quite why. Some experts say it may be that the antioxidants in olive oil can pass through the blood-brain barrier, which may have a direct effect on cognition.

One doctor explained: "Opting for olive oil, a natural product, instead of fats such as margarine and commercial mayonnaise, is a safe choice and may reduce the risk of fatal dementia."

There are estimated to be 944,000 people living with dementia in Britain, with the majority suffering from Alzheimer's. The number is expected to increase to more than one million by 2030, with one in three people born in the UK this year expected to develop dementia in their lifetime.

The condition costs the country £34.7 billion annually and is now the leading cause of death. Sadly, there are currently no licensed drugs that can slow down or repair brain damage.

Little by little does very nicely

We've all heard the hype about the need to do 10,000 steps a day, to stay fit.

But recent studies have found that even just walking 4,500 steps a day can bring you significant health benefits. It seems that, compared to adults who take less than 2,000 steps a day, people who take 4,500 steps a day are 77 per cent less likely to have a cardiovascular problem in the following three years.

And it also seems that, no matter what you are currently walking, even just adding 500 steps a day to your distance can bring you significant health benefits.

"We were surprised to find that every additional quarter of a mile, or 500 steps, of walking had such a strong benefit to heart health," says Dr Erin Dooley, an assistant professor of epidemiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health.

"While we do not want to diminish the importance of higher intensity physical activity, encouraging small increases in the number of daily steps also has significant cardiovascular benefits.

Other recent research suggests that walking between 6,000 and 8,000 steps a day is helpful for chronic heart problems and cancer.

Latest trial of longer lasting road surface taking place in Oxfordshire

Innovative material can increase lifespan of pavement by 165 per cent

A west Oxfordshire road is being resurfaced with a high performance material to further test the product's ability to increase the life of a highway.

Oxfordshire County Council is carrying out the trial in North Street, Middle Barton, with its contractor Milestone Infrastructure and their partner Aggregate Industries to develop the use of Gipave – a Graphene Plus-enhanced asphalt.

North Street is the third Oxfordshire site to trial the innovative material. A 725-metre stretch of the road will be laid with Gipave, while an adjacent length of road will be resurfaced using conventional high performance asphalt, so that the two surfaces can be compared accurately.



It follows a successful pilot scheme in Curbridge in 2019 – the first use of the product in the UK – and a trial on Oxford's Marsh Lane in March 2022.

Councillor Andrew Gant, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Highway Management, said: "We know how important the quality of our roads is to our residents. That is why we're delighted to be involved in this latest trial to see how we can make our residents' money go further and make our road surfaces stay in good condition for longer.

"Innovation is at the heart of what our highway teams do, as we have shown with previous Gipave trials and our recent event in **Steventon** where Milestone tested seven different pothole repair methods on the same road. Increasing the lifespan of road surfaces will reduce the need for resurfacing work, ease the burden on highways budgets, and cut carbon emissions for the life cycle of a stretch of road."

Phil Raven, Head of Technical Design for Milestone on the Oxfordshire Contract, said: "This is another significant step to test the benefits that this innovative material can bring. As we look for new ways to reduce carbon emissions within highways maintenance, developing materials that last longer is an important part of Milestone's plan towards achieving net zero by 2040.

"Not only can this lead to longer term carbon reduction, it has the potential to reduce disruption to road users and achieve long term savings for highway authorities. This trial project demonstrates the benefits of international industry collaboration with a highway authority that is committed to trialling new innovations."

Gipave, which has been developed by Iterchimica, also uses waste plastics which would not normally be recycled. Meanwhile the asphalt containing Gipave can itself be entirely recycled – promoting the 'circular economy' which reduces waste and the need for new materials.

Recent in-service testing and analysis of the original 2019 trial site showed the new asphalt material is forecast to increase the lifespan of the asphalt pavement by approximately 165 per cent compared to conventional resurfacing methods, with a corresponding carbon saving of 40 per cent over 20 years.

The Middle Barton scheme is a £450,000 resurfacing project which also includes kerb and drainage repairs. The scheme started on 17 July and is planned to last for four weeks.

The surfacing works are being carried out under full overnight road closures to reduce the disruption to road users and local businesses and residents.

Well, October is upon us and the days are getting shorter as Autumn establishes itself. Its another beautiful season as the leaves change colour and drop. I like the scrunch when walking through the fallen leaves, especially on a frosty morning, not so much the squelch when walking along a muddy canal path, with an equally muddy dog, but you take the rough with the smooth if you have a dog.

The horse chestnut trees didn't look very healthy this year although I was still able to collect my spider deterring conkers. I was told that the sad state of the trees could be leaf blotch or an infestation of leaf mining moths. Neither of these are fatal to the tree apparently, I hope that's true. Conkers was a serious sport at East Hanney C of E Primary School. Conkers were collected and deviously treated by various means, either, baking them in the oven, soaking them in various magic concoctions or even drilling them out and filling with some sort of resin. All to create the unbeatable conker, I'm not sure anything worked but it was fun and the season didn't last long. Talking of spiders earlier, I have to say that there have been some spectacular webs visible on my early morning walks, I might not like spiders in the house but I think they are pretty amazing creatures and I certainly wouldn't intentionally harm any.

An update on the conker, spider deterrent, a spider has happily made a web directly above a bowl of conkers. I could be mistaken but I am almost sure I heard a mocking spidery chuckle from it. Another idea quashed and I may as well get rid of the conkers when they go dull. It's strange, I really don't like spiders near me and try not to go near them, but I don't mind picking up a Daddy long legs in my hands and there are a lot of them about.

I shall report on the Harvest Festival in the next edition as we won't have had it when this goes to print.

Saint Francis of Assisi has his feast day on 4th October. He is one of our most well known saints associated with the love of animals and devotion to helping the poor in society. He was a devout Catholic and took a vow of poverty. He is the founder of the Franciscan Order, and is the patron Saint of the environment and animals, also jointly, with Saint Catherine of Siena he is the patron Saint of Italy.

Saint Luke the Evangelist has his feast day on 18th October. Luke was born between 1AD and 16AD in Antioch Syria He was a companion of Saint Paul the Apostle and the author of the Gospel According to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. The symbol of Saint Luke's Gospel is an ox. Luke was a Gentile, and a physician, as well as an eloquent writer. He was not an eye witness to Jesus' ministry but used accounts of the people who were. He was also apparently an artist, painting pictures of Mary, Paul and Peter. No evidence of any paintings exist today. He died between 84AD and 100AD in Thebes Greece.



Our Ride and Stride participants were out and about on 9th September, Janet Ernie, and Juliet visited twelve Churches in the area. The sponsorship money raised will be divided between the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and our St. Nicholas Church. A huge thank you to them and to the "welcomers" meeting the other participants. It was a really hot day and they did really well, if I had a hat I would take it off to them.

The clocks go back an hour at 2.00 am on the last Sunday in October which is the 29th and we gain an hour, so make the most of it.

Enjoy the change of season and as usual stay safe for yourself and others.

Animal Welfare Sunday - 1st October

Animals suffer all over the world

One way in which you could help them is to support the work of The Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals (ASWA), which has been working for more than 30 years to promote animal welfare, and to make "Christians and others aware of the need to care for the whole of Creation."

ASWA introduced the annual service of Animal Welfare Sunday (held on the nearest Sunday to 4th October – St Francis-tide) to encourage churches to include animal welfare concerns in their prayers.

As a spokesman explains, "Care for all God's creatures is a non-negotiable part of Christian discipleship. Animal issues are theological issues and should God has given us a responsibility God's world. The Bible teaches us that over animals (Genesis 1:26). This means "We teach respect for all creation and because of human neglect, exploitation "Throughout the Bible, there is a



be on the churches' agenda. We believe that towards sentient beings with whom we share God has given us 'dominion' not 'domination' 'loving care' not 'ruthless exploitation'.

highlight the ways in which animals suffer and cruelty.

recurring theme that when people are given power by God, it is in the expectation that they will use it to benefit rather than oppress the weak. Furthermore, it is inconceivable that a compassionate Creator would make animals capable of thought and feeling, of knowing comfort and pain, and then be indifferent to the quality of life which they enjoyed.

"When we see images of animal cruelty on television or the newspapers, we ask what kind of person could have inflicted it. Similarly, what kind of God would deem it acceptable?"

And so ASWA works, through education and lawful action, to curb the abuse of animals in intensive farming, the food chain, experimentation, diseases associated with animals, the ill treatment of pets and the killing of animals for pleasure. "These all raise ethical questions."

ASWA co-operates with other organisations, religious and secular, that have similar aims.

More info at: <https://www.aswa.org.uk>

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St. Nicholas Church

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Would you like to join?

For further information please contact

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Strengthening the persecuted church



'I pray for those who will believe in me... that all of them may be one' John 17.20

Since moving to East Challow in March, Nick and I have really enjoyed attending St Nicholas' church, and other churches in the locality, finding what's different and what's the same, from where we lived before, for 28 years.

That's the joy of being part of the church – being connected with people similar and different to ourselves - and it's always been an important part of our lives. I guess that's why we've ended up working for Open Doors, for the past decade or more.

Open Doors is a global ministry founded by Brother Andrew, whose amazing story is told in 'God's Smuggler'. Initially, he intended to be a missionary, but when he saw the situation in Communist Europe in the 1950s, where Christians were oppressed and had no Bibles, he altered course and dedicated his life to 'strengthen that which remains' (Revelation 3:2) The global landscape has changed since those days, when he first got into his VW Beetle and started making clandestine trips across the Iron Curtain with hidden Bibles in the boot; nevertheless, there are still 360 million Christians across the world who experience persecution today.

In none of the churches we've visited around here have we found surveillance cameras monitoring our presence – nor would we expect that! But in certain parts of the world, church activity is so carefully scrutinised and squeezed that there is no room for freedom of expression. Instead, there is the prospect of confiscation and arrest. Individuals are pursued in their homes - and on their phones - in a way that can only induce huge fear and anxiety. Digital persecution is now a thing – a big thing in places like China, Myanmar and other parts of the world – and that's why Ming's story is the focus of Open Doors' magazine and website, this month: www.opendoorsuk.org

The thing I've discovered since working for Open Doors is that what persecuted Christians ask for most is our prayers. They need that connection, that circle of support, of people who are concerned for them, who knock on God's door through prayer, on their behalf. We are the family they've lost, the good neighbours they need, that community of care who can give them the strength to continue in their faith. Not only that; their lives strengthen us, too. There are loads of real-life stories of courage and faith on the Open Doors website. I encourage you to read one a week, perhaps - maybe start with Ming's - and see if your faith doesn't grow, as you become the answer to Jesus' prayer, *'that all of them may be one'*.

Claire Page



www.opendoorsuk.org



Thanks to technology, replacing the worn-out hymn books didn't cost a penny

Is your car too big to park?

For decades, parking spaces have remained largely the same size, but our cars have grown bigger and bigger. And bigger.

So now we have a glut of 'autobesity', according to motoring experts.

The consumer watchdog WHICH? has found 161 models which are simply too big for the average parking spot. 12 of the models exceed the standard parking bay limit by more than 12 inches.

The BMW i7 exceeds a standard bay by more than 20in. The Mercedes-Benz S-Class hybrid is 17.5in longer. The Audi A8 exceeds the limit by 14.6in.

And it is not just length. WHICH? found that 27 models are *too wide* for drivers to comfortably open their doors, once parked between two other cars. (Vehicles are "too wide" if their width leaves less than 8.7in between the car and the bay.)

The Land Rover Discovery is 81in wide, leaving only 6.5in of space between the doors and the bay's borders. The Jaguar I-Pace is 79in wide, while the BMW X5's width spans 78.7in, leaving motorists with only 7.8in each side in a parking bay.

The simple answer would seem to be wider parking bays. But the British Parking Association (BPA) told Which? that adapting car parks is not always simple. For example, the additional weight of larger cars poses major problems for multi-storey car parks.

Halloween – some statistics

We are following the Americans in spending more and more money on Halloween.

Since 2013, UK consumer spending for Halloween products has more than doubled. It's gone from about £230 million in 2013 to about £687 million last year, according to the statistics website statista.com.

Of that amount, we spent nearly £29 million last year on pumpkins alone. If you get a pumpkin this year, consider leaving the carving of it until the day before, as pumpkins perish quickly when exposed to the air. After Halloween, the jack o' lantern pumpkins are a bit too stringy to eat, but their seeds are delicious. Simply scrape them out of the pumpkin, rinse them clean, and bake them on a baking tray with olive oil, salt, and chilli flakes until golden brown. They make a delicious snack.

As for the scary decorations, how seriously do

people take them? A recent survey found that the over-55s are least likely to believe in real ghosts, while over half of 18-to-24-year-olds either do believe in them, or else are not quite sure.

SAD people need our help and understanding

The nights are getting darker, and many people are getting SAD, as the autumn closes in around us. SAD is properly called 'Seasonal Affective Disorder', and it is a kind of seasonal depression.

How can you tell if someone has SAD? The symptoms include: a persistent low mood, a loss of pleasure in everyday things, irritability, despair, guilt, lethargy, sleepiness, a craving for carbohydrates, difficulty in concentrating, and decreased sex drive.

No one knows exactly the cause of SAD, but it is often linked to reduced exposure to sunlight during the short autumn and winter days. Lack of sunlight may affect the part of the brain called the hypothalamus, which then affects the production of melatonin, the production of serotonin, and the body's own internal clock.

If you suspect that you may be getting SAD, contact your doctor. Doctors can offer tips on lifestyle changes, light therapy from a light box, talking therapies, and antidepressant medicine.

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Editor: By the Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the C of E.

Is now a good time to grow old?

"Don't grow old," a parishioner of advanced years warned me some while back. "You won't like it."

Sadly, that dear woman is no longer with us, and I'm a whole lot older than when she offered me that kind advice. But was there wisdom in her words?

It's true that generally people are living longer and in better health than in generations before, but there are increasing challenges for older men and women in our society.

My friend, Maggie Dodd is an 'Anna Chaplain' for older people. She is one of around 300 such chaplains up and down the country. They spiritually support people – of strong, little or no faith – in care homes, sheltered housing or in their own homes.

Maggie has told me how life is becoming harder for older people, and we've swapped notes on what we have both observed.

She told me: "Some of the basic services older people need are becoming more difficult to access. I hear about doctor's surgeries asking for patients to print out their own forms or send photos to or from smartphones. Banks are phasing out high street branches, pushing everyone towards online banking. Many older people feel very uneasy about going online, worried of being scammed out of their savings. "A trip to the shops is also becoming more complicated. Checkouts in supermarkets are increasingly self-service. Mobility can also be affected as car parks often need an app to be uploaded onto a smartphone to park. In many car parks there is no option to pay by card or cash!"

Plans to remove the ticket offices at train stations will make matters worse for many older would-be rail travellers.

Maggie told me "This gradual marginalisation of people can leave them feeling lonely and isolated. Loneliness can have a huge detrimental effect on health and wellbeing. Prolonged social isolation and loneliness are the equivalent of smoking 15 cigarettes a day."

It's good that many churches run special events and activities for older people, as well as groups for all ages. But is this enough? Christians are called to follow Christ's example and speak out for at risk of being marginalised in our society.

Today, that could be our older brothers and sisters.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE CHALLOW TODDLER GROUP

Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments at the GroW Toddler session in East Challow Village Hall.

The group runs on Tuesdays in term time 10.00 - 11.30 am

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if you might be able to help.

18th October - St Luke the Evangelist

To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentiles, for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing).

His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel.



In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.



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A Bear called Paddington



It was 65 years ago, on 14th October 1958, that Michael Bond's children's book, *A Bear Called Paddington*, was published. It marked the debut of the lovable Paddington Bear, who is now a household name after appearing in two irresistible films.

Paddington starred in more than 20 books written by Bond, who died aged 91 in 2017. The original story was inspired by the author witnessing Jewish and British evacuee children passing through Reading station. Bond wanted the bear to have come from "darkest Africa", but this was changed to Peru when his agent pointed out that there were no bears in Africa.

Many people have found Christian characteristics in the bespectacled, kind, red-hatted, innocent Paddington, who always tries to do the right thing but often gets into trouble as a result. He is invariably polite, but has a "hard stare" for those who behave badly. The two hugely successful films, with Ben Whishaw voicing Paddington and household names in other roles, established the bear in the national psyche – a natural successor to Winnie the Pooh.

A stuffed toy Paddington Bear was chosen by British tunnellers as the first item to be passed to their French counterparts when the two sides of the Channel Tunnel came together in 1994. The books have been translated into 30 languages and have sold more than 30 million copies. Paddington has also reached the very top of society. Comedian and later President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky dubbed him in the Ukrainian version of the films, and to cap everything, Paddington joined the late Queen in one of her last public appearances – a brilliant comedy segment in the Platinum Party at the Palace on 4th June 2022, in which the Queen 'revealed' that she always carried a marmalade sandwich – Paddington's favourite food – in her handbag.

Remembering the Beatles

Sixty years ago, on 15th October 1963, the term 'Beatlemania' first appeared in the *Daily Mirror* newspaper in the UK. It described the intense, frenzied reaction of fans of the Beatles and their music.

The group – John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr – had been attracting wild adulation in the north of England, notably at the Cavern Club in Liverpool, since the start of the 1960s. But from 1964 Beatlemania spread throughout the country, and then the world – particularly the USA, where the Beatles were transported to concerts by armoured car for their own protection.

Commentators were eager to diagnose the cause of the phenomenon – sometimes not convincingly – but it was agreed that the high-pitched screaming by girl fans had similarities with religious fervour and hysterical worship of young men they saw as gods.

As is well known, in 1966 John Lennon remarked that the group had become more popular than Jesus, but this was a step too far for many, leading to a backlash and violence at subsequent concerts worldwide. This and the inability of the group to hear themselves play above the screams led to the Beatles stopping touring altogether. Their 1965 album *Rubber Soul* already projected a different, more progressive, thoughtful feel.

But a cultural trend had been set, and subsequent boy bands, from the Monkees to One Direction, tended to get the kind of 'worship' from their fans that was undeniably linked to a freedom from authority and convention.

It was not totally new, however. Back in the 1840s, fans of Hungarian pianist and composer Franz Liszt apparently displayed a similar level of fanaticism, which poet Heinrich Heine called 'Lisztomania'.





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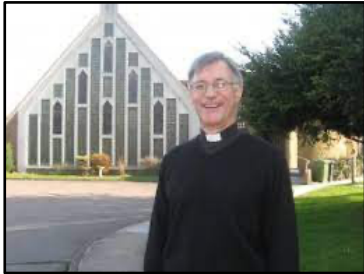
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Rev. John Durant

We have had an announcement from our lovely vicar John Durant, that he will be retiring at the end of the year.

It is sad that he is leaving but I would like to wish him and his family well for the future.

We will have to wait and see what the next steps will be in the development of the Vale Benefice

~ ~ ~

Liz Belcher - Church Warden

St. Nicholas Church

~ ~ ~

May our Saviour bless you with excellent health and enrich your retirement life with happiness in all your future endeavours...

OBITUARY

Jack Mills

24th Sep 1934 - 9th Sep 2023

Challow resident since 1965 and longest serving voluntary barman at the Challow Cricket Club (40 + yrs)

He served in the Royal Navy for 15 yrs before beginning his long career at Rutherford

He passed peacefully at home with his family after a short illness leaving behind his wife of 66 yrs Gloria, and his 3 children David, Andrew and Jinny and 6 grandchildren

His service of remembrance will take place on 29th September at South Oxfordshire Crematorium, Garford at 1pm

We will raise a glass or two to his memory at the Cricket Club afterwards

All who knew him are welcome

Book of the Month

Majesty – Reflections on the Life of Christ with Queen Elizabeth II - By Richard Harries

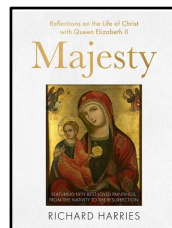
Published in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, this beautifully illustrated book will be treasured by people all over the world who admired her for the grace and wisdom she demonstrated throughout her reign, and for the faith that she held so dearly.

Each of the paintings in this book, many of them from the Royal Collection, portrays an important episode in the life of Christ – from the joy of the nativity to the mystery and majesty of the resurrection.

With helpful commentary by Bishop Richard Harries, interlaced with inspiring quotations from the Queen's Christmas broadcasts, this is a powerful presentation of the faith that sustained Her Majesty throughout her long and glorious reign.

'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing.'

The Queen's Christmas Broadcast, December 2014



MedicAlert and Thames Valley Police: Introducing Safe and Found

There are currently 944,000 people living with dementia in the UK. On average, around 40,000 are reported missing every year.

The MedicAlert Foundation, in partnership with Thames Valley Police, have launched a dementia safeguarding programme, Safe and Found. This new initiative supports those living with dementia and other memory or cognitive conditions.

Safe and Found is available nationally and enables people living with dementia to securely store their Herbert Protocol form digitally. This document contains information that aids a missing person search, giving the police a better understanding of who they are looking for, what they have done previously and what they may be likely to do in the future. It includes places of importance, routines and habits, their connections, medical details and more.

The Herbert Protocol is a proven strategy in reducing search time and increasing the chance of the individual being found safe and well. MedicAlert is helping to speed up the process by providing quick access to this critical information in an emergency.

Chief Superintendent Mike Loeenberg from Thames Valley Police said: "When a family member or friend goes missing, it is an incredibly distressing time for those desperate to know where they are. This fear and distress is exacerbated when that individual is living with dementia.

"Completing and keeping an up to date Herbert Protocol form printed or saved and easily accessible is really important, but we know this can be challenging. MedicAlert is a service that can help, by storing information and working to keep it up to date and accessible for officers if it is needed.

"As a MedicAlert member myself, I know this partnership will provide loved ones with peace of mind that Thames Valley Police can access important information quickly and save time in the search for those missing. I hope this offers reassurance to those living with dementia and their families."

The support of The McLay Dementia Trust makes the Safe and Found programme even more accessible.

MedicAlert and The McLay Dementia Trust will be providing the first year of MedicAlert membership free to anyone living with dementia in the UK.

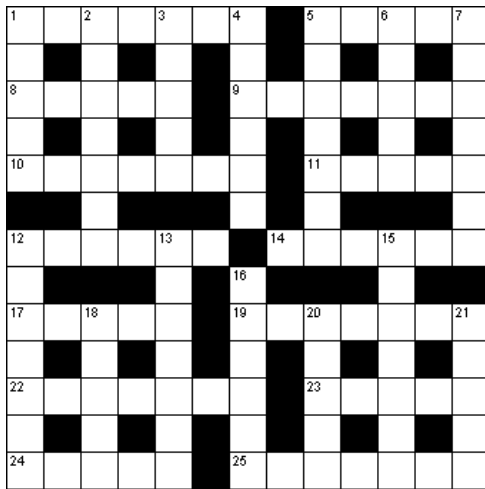
"The MedicAlert charity is making dementia a priority. We are very proud to work with Thames Valley Police and The McLay Dementia Trust. These partnerships ensure you can feel safer and more comfortable to continue being active, socialising, and living well with dementia. Wherever you go, we will be with you." says Mark Hacker, MedicAlert CEO.

"MedicAlert has also launched the Carer ID and storage of Emergency Care Plans to support carers. This ensures that, should a carer have an accident, their loved one receives appropriate and continuous care."

To find out more about Safe and Found or how to apply for free membership through The McLay Dementia Trust grant, please visit the links below:

- medicalert.org.uk/mclay-dementia-trust
- medicalert.org.uk/safe-and-found/





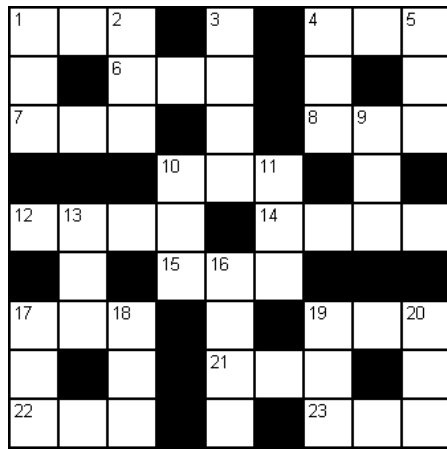
Crossword Solution on page 26

Across

1. Freedom (7)
5. Berate (5)
8. Rhinal (5)
9. Amazing (7)
10. Impassive (7)
11. Tendency (5)
12. Fruit (6)
14. Loved (6)
17. Banquet (5)
19. Gossip (7)
22. Embrocations (7)
23. Entomb (5)
24. Arrows (5)
25. Mariners (7)

Down

1. Golf course (5)
2. Woodwind instrument (7)
3. Object surviving the past (5)
4. Annual (6)
5. Perfumed (7)
6. Earth's protective layer (5)
7. Feared (7)
12. Perplexed (7)
13. Countries (7)
15. Rice dish (7)
16. Dissertation (6)
18. Change (5)
20. Legal excuse (5)
21. Tall tales (5)



Number Cruncher Solution on page 24

Across

1. Three times 19 down
4. 19 down minus five
6. 15 across plus eighty-three
7. 17 across minus 2
8. 18 down plus thirty-eight
10. 19 across minus sixty-six
12. 3 down plus forty-seven
14. 12 across doubled
15. 13 down minus 150
17. 20 down minus sixteen
19. 5 down minus 133
21. Minutes in four hours
22. Four times 4 across
23. Five times 10 down

Down

1. 12 across divided by eleven
2. 1 down plus twenty-five
3. Minutes in three days
4. Dozen in twelve gross
5. Seconds in five minutes
9. 17 down minus eleven
10. 11 down minus eight
11. Minutes in three hours
13. 3 down divided by twelve
16. 23 across doubled
17. 14 across divided by eleven
18. 4 down times three
19. Months in nine years
20. 3 down divided by six

31st October

All Hallows Eve or Holy Evening

(Halloween)

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun.

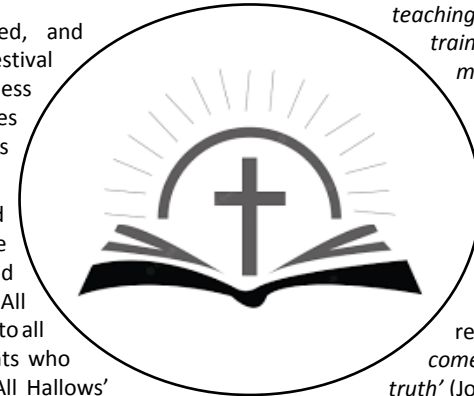
For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1st November – All Saints' Day – was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.



Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham considers why Christians put such a high value on the Bible.

Bible Sunday – 29th October

At the recent Coronation the King was given a Bible with the words 'the most valuable thing that this world affords'. As Bible Sunday is celebrated this month, let's ask why we should read the Bible?

The Bible isn't a single book, but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over 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, it claims one authority - God Himself! '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 equips us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit to guide us when we read: 'when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth' (John 16:13).

How should we read the Bible? Let's consider the following guidelines:

Right time: We need a regular routine, which will meet our needs. This will vary according to our circumstances: e.g., a mum at home with young children, somebody with a demanding job or a retired person.

Right Place: We need to find a space where we can be undisturbed (e.g. lounge, bedroom, train or kitchen).

Right Version: We need a version of the Bible which we can readily understand and use. A number of versions are available (e.g. NIV, The Message), as well as Bible apps we can access on our phone.

Right Help: Reading notes also help us to understand a passage and apply it to our lives. Let's get reading!!



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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Ralph Vaughan Williams

It was 65 years ago, on 26th August 1958, that the British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams died. Among his most famous compositions are *The Lark Ascending*, *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* and *A Sea Symphony*.

Despite increasing deafness, brought on by exposure to gunfire when he served in the Second World War, Vaughan Williams was still composing into his 80s. He died, aged 85, the night before recording sessions began on his Ninth Symphony.

The son of a vicar, the composer – himself an agnostic, although he edited the English Hymnal in 1904 and wrote several hymn tunes – was born in Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, and was related to Charles Darwin and to the potter Josiah Wedgwood. He played violin and piano and was a keen collector of folk songs, the tunes of which he included in many of his compositions.

Vaughan Williams was married twice: first to Adeline Fisher and after her death in 1951 to the poet Ursula Wood, who was an occasional collaborator on his compositions. He was also a lifelong friend of the composer Gustav Holst.

The Lark Ascending – probably Vaughan Williams' most famous piece – was written in 1914, but its premiere was delayed by the First World War. It was eventually given in 1921 by the violinist Marie Hall – for whom Vaughan Williams had written it.

His ashes are interred in Westminster Abbey.

His work was almost unique in the variety of music types he employed. It included nine symphonies, concertos for piano, violin, oboe and tuba, five operas, chamber, ballet and film music and songs and song cycles – among other things.

The man who created those Lions in Trafalgar Square

It was 150 years ago, on 1st October 1873, that Sir Edwin Landseer, artist and sculptor, died. He is known mainly for his animal paintings, and for the lion sculptures at the base of Nelson's Column in London.

He was a popular painter in his lifetime, appealing to people across class boundaries, and his death was marked by houses lowering blinds, flags flying at half-mast and crowds lining the streets for his funeral at St Paul's Cathedral.

An art prodigy, the young Edwin learned swiftly from his father, who was a talented engraver, and received tuition from several skilled artists. He first exhibited at the Royal Academy at the age of 13 (an 'Honorary Exhibitor'), was elected an Associate at the minimum age of 24 and became an Academician in 1831, aged 29.

Although Landseer was a Londoner, having been born there in 1802, he became very fond of the Scottish Highlands, which he first visited in 1824, and many of his best-known paintings, such as *Monarch of the Glen*, are set there. Queen Victoria commissioned many from him.

But his connection with the Highlands also stemmed from the time he enjoyed there with his lover Georgiana, Duchess of Bedford, the wife of his first major patron – John Russell, the 6th Duke of Bedford. She was twice Landseer's age when he met her at the age of 21, having been commissioned to paint her portrait, but they fell in love, and the Duke, who was considerably older, permitted the relationship, which continued after his death.

But because their only child, Lady Rachel Russell, did not bear his name, Landseer was unable to cope mentally,



and he suffered a severe nervous breakdown, leading to prolonged depression and hypochondria. In 1872 he was declared insane at the request of his family.

He had been knighted in 1850.

Community bus service

The small group of individuals chaired by Iain Cameron, Wantage Town Council Deputy Mayor, meets regularly to take this forward. A survey will go out to all houses sometime later this month or early next month to gauge opinion, likely use and destinations. This is a project part-funded by s106 money from Kingsgrove mainly supporting a service for the villages east of Wantage. The group is in a dialogue with OCC about how best to manage this and to look in detail at logistical issues. OCC are also now exploring a reinstatement of a limited service of the old 57 route covering our villages west of Wantage and this has been put out to tender. Andy Holding of Wantage and Grove Station Supporters, who has a strong interest in transport, is also trying to put together a Taxishare scheme for our villages which could also benefit from OCC support. Success is likely to depend on whether Bus Passes can be used, with the Taxi firm claiming back from OCC. Fingers crossed that one of these schemes gets over the line.

Wantage Hospital

Meetings between a HOSC working group (including myself and Cllr Jane Hanna, HOSC chair) and representatives of Oxford Health (OH, Dr Ben Riley) and the Oxfordshire Lead at BOB ICS (Dr Dan Leveson) continue to enable HOSC to monitor the direction of travel for Wantage Hospital. It is a very complex issue since we wish to see Wantage Hospital used in a way other than simply a base for outreach activities. The Maternity Unit will continue to run as it does now. Many wish to see some form of same-day service, either as a minor injuries/ First Aid Unit and there remains interest in in-patient beds based there. Dialogue is also continuing between OH and local care homes where patients might conceivably be discharged from acute hospital beds and for rehabilitation and end-of-life care when necessary.

Joint Local Plan Development

A number of briefings are taking place with councillors covering aspects of the Joint Local Plan being developed by The Vale and South Oxfordshire District Councils, the briefings being set up after some pressure by councillors as we did not know what was being done. A recent interactive briefing on the local Landscape Character took place. This is available for input at <https://south-and-vale-landscape-character-assessment-luc.hub.arcgis.com> until Sept 29th.

Farming

As a Food and Farming Champion for the Vale I have been trying to speak to a variety of local farmers and food producers to gauge their level of contact with the Vale and their views on the changes that are taking place in funding support. I attended a webinar this week hosted by Defra to brief farmers on these changes, moving away from the Basic Payments Scheme to ELMS (Environmental Land Management Scheme) and increasingly, the Sustainable Farming Initiative. The fact that Defra felt a need to do this suggested to me that many farmers are confused on what is happening and this is the feeling I get from farmers also. I have suggested a separate dashboard for farmers on the Vale website. More on this in due course.

Wilts and Berks Canal Trust

As a member of the WBCT I receive their magazine, Dragonfly. There is mention of the piece of land in West Challow adjacent to the canal purchased on their behalf which they will use for storage of equipment. They are keen on recruiting new members – the more members they have the more can be done.

Childrey Way

The Oxfordshire footpaths officer has told me that they are looking to repair the stretch of Childrey Way from Cornhill Farm to Silver Lane, possibly this month. I have told him that it is highly unlikely to encourage parents to send their children to King Alfred's School by foot along the path, since it is inherently unsafe as being too isolated and parents will still struggle to drive their children to school. Wrong solution to the problem in my opinion.

Hedge planting

The Challows and Childrey Hedgerow group will be planting a mixed species hedge along Silver Lane on November 26th and January 13th. We will be based in West Challow Village Hall and start with coffee, receiving on-site training and end the session with cake! We are still looking for volunteers – the more we have the quicker we can complete the work. We have recently been informed that we will be receiving a grant of £3,500 from TOE (Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment) for further planting which we see as a long-term activity.

Cllr Dr Paul Barrow

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Challows and Childrey Hedge Group



The Challows and Childrey Hedgerow Group are looking for volunteers to help with planting a new hedge along Silver Lane, West Challow on **November 26th and January 13th next year.**

Please contact me if you are interested

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On the perils of Harvest

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

In the unlikely event of ever being put in charge of designing the course for those being trained for ordination, I would make a few significant changes. Modules on doctrine, Church history and Greek would all be dropped as unnecessary. In their place, I would add courses on how to run a tight jumble sale, ways to keep your church council in order – and especially close to my heart at present, how to negotiate Harvest.



The first skirmish starts in early Summer when it becomes clear that the flower arrangers' plans mean that the choir would disappear behind a huge array of chrysanthemums. The choir then retaliate by announcing that their Harvest anthem must take place just when the Sunday School intended to re-enact the parable of the Good Samaritan. They, in turn, raise the stakes by insisting that a stage will be needed for their performance, thus ensuring that I will be separated from the congregation by an impenetrable barricade.

In September, therefore, there is the traditional meeting to iron out all these little difficulties. This inevitably results with the annual act of the verger handing in his resignation, of the bell ringers threatening a mass walk-out, and those who organise coffee afterwards demanding that my sermon lasts no more than three minutes, so there will be plenty of time for socialising after the Service.

I greet all suggestions with a spontaneous burst of indifference, smile, agree with it all – and do nothing (this, incidentally, is a good policy for all decision-making). Inevitably, everything goes ahead exactly as it has always done for the last century.

Come the day, there will be the usual arrangement of eggs round the font, with the strategically placed card saying 'Given anonymously by Elsie Jones' and the pyramid of apples temptingly near the choirboys, so designed that when someone tries to pinch one during the sermon, the whole pile disintegrates as they roll all over the chancel.

On the following Friday, all will leave after the Harvest Supper saying that the entertainment was worse than the previous year and that the absence of red cabbage had quite ruined the hot pot. Everyone therefore has had an enjoyable evening.

My Harvest training course would be compulsory and a pass mark of 90% would be needed before ordination could be considered.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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The first school I went to was run by a teacher training College. It was called the Froebel Institute and is now the University of Roehampton.

Correspondent for
the Challow News
- Fr Robert Teare -

Across the road from the College was St Mary's Hospital, which was the place for artificial limbs. So in a world where one seldom, if ever saw a wheelchair or crutches, we, staff and children were very used to seeing them. And at Harvest time we used to take our harvest fare up to the hospital.

Mercifully, we couldn't begin to understand the horrors that were there; there was, for example, still one ward from the First World War where all the patients had been gassed and would never get any better. We would have loved to play on the double decker bus that the wounded would practice getting on and off. I say 'double deckers', but most of it had been recycled, and to us children it was a tantalising death trap.

Nearly twenty years later, when I was at University in Bristol, I was secretary of a Rugby Football club - and I had a phone call from the nearest Cheshire home. 'For free entrance and free tea, could we come to Bristol Zoo and push the residents of the Cheshire home around the Zoo?' Well, for a free tea students would do just about anything.

We had the best time. My patient was called Vera. She had cerebral palsy. Until she was forty she had lived with her parents, but they were so ashamed of her, not even her neighbours knew that she existed. Her father did take her out in a chair but only at night and carried her upstairs when she was home. Her speech wasn't brilliant because nobody was there to talk to her.

This was all more than sixty years ago. But the most important lesson that Vera taught me is still something we could be better at doing. Vera taught me how important it is to have our heads level with those to whom we are talking. Of course, we are never going to talk eye to eye with everyone we meet, but equally we are not always going to be talking up to people or worse, talking down to them.

Vera has long departed this life, but her memory lives on.

And I remember her for her joy.

Fr. Robert



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EAST CHALLOW ~ PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 7.30pm

All Villagers are invited to attend Parish Council meetings as observers

Parish Councillors

Paul Barrow, Vanessa Bosley, Andy Gregson, Trevor Hayes,

Bryan Miller, Sue Terry, Frances Webb

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Fly Tipping

There has been fly tipping taking place again in Old School Lane, could everyone please refrain from doing this and dispose of your waste in a responsible and environmentally friendly way by using the re-cycling centre at Stanford in the Vale.

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 to cut back any vegetation overhanging any Public Rights of Way.

Dog Fouling ...

Dog fouling continues to be a problem in many parts of the Village, Old School Lane seems to be particularly bad. As well as being unpleasant it presents a health risk to everyone.

Please be a responsible dog owner and clear up after your dog.

Parking - reminder ...

Please park responsibly around the Village, parked vehicles on pavements and grass verges cause problems for pedestrians and other vehicles, especially the Emergency Services.

Concerns have been raised specifically regarding parked vehicles at the junction of Field Gardens with Hedgehill Road.

Welcome ...

East Challow Parish Council welcome's Andy Gregson as it's newly co-opted Councillor.



Halloween

Be aware who you scare this Halloween

Halloween and the days preceding, is one of the busiest times of year for our Contact Centres where 999 and 101 calls and online reports are taken.

As an emergency service, we will always prioritise 999 calls so you may experience a delay when making a non-emergency call on 101.

If your call is not an emergency, you can report a Crime or Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) to us online.

A dedicated team of operators work 24/7 to read and act on reports that are submitted, meaning you don't have to wait on hold for your 101 call to be answered.

If you plan to go Trick or Treating:

While Halloween is an exciting time for many, be aware that not everyone is happy for you to call at their home to trick or treat.

Be considerate of those who may find large groups of people in scary costumes intimidating

Only visit the homes of people you know well or who are clearly displaying Halloween decorations

Police officers will be conducting extra patrols around Halloween.

If you feel unsafe:

Don't open your door if you're unsure who is there.

Use your spy hole, look out of a window, and use your door chain if you do decide to open your door.

Have a contact number of a close relative, friend or good neighbour to hand by your telephone, just in case you need to phone them.

Remember, if a crime is in progress or if you feel your life is in danger then call 999. For non-emergencies, you can report crimes and ASB online or by calling 101.

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105 National power cut service

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