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A combination of poor weather throughout the summer and a couple of opposition teams cancelling at the last moment meant that very few cricket matches were held last year. A great pity because of all the hard work in raising funds to purchase ground maintenance equipment and the dedicated efforts of the ground preparation team

However a number of new players came forward from the parish to swell the overall membership.

The club will shortly be erecting two new football goal posts and nets to complement those already in place at the village hall. Everyone is invited to use them.

A full cricket report will be made in the next magazine issue.

Other interesting developments - the committee are presently registering the sports club as a charity - helps with grant applications and reducing other costs - e.g. council tax. Our annual fund raising quiz night will be held at the village hall - date not yet arranged. We have applied for a grant to install an all weather cricket strip which would have allowed us to play a few more games this summer.

One final point - does anyone in the parish have or know the whereabouts of any of the various trophies that were donated to the Sports Club some years ago? If so please let us know as we would like to reinstate the awarding of these trophies each year.

Chalgrave Sports Club Report

A late start to the 2002 cricket season was again forced upon us by the wet spring but it finally got going with a very enjoyable curtain raiser when representative teams from The Plough and The Queen's Head played each other on June 16. You will find a full report of this match elsewhere in this magazine.

We have a full program of fixtures this summer and if you would like to join us please get in touch: We will be delighted to hear from you; new members are always welcome. Cricketing skill is not a requirement – we have all standards of player including youngsters and the matches, although hard fought, are not taken too seriously. We run a small league consisting of The Carpenter's Arms, Dunstable Road Runners, The Victoria and our own representative Plough XI. Last summer we won the league by a whisker, after a severely reduced fixture list imposed on us by the appalling weather.

The committee of the club are working very hard to keep the club going despite severe financial constraints. Major expenses include insurance and equipment maintenance. We will be holding another quiz at the Memorial Hall later in the year to top up the club funds – keep your eyes open for the publicity – these events are always popular and support from the village is always welcome. We also have an ambitious plan to build an all weather pitch and hope the Lottery will look upon our application with favour.

We are currently in the process of preparing a permanent nets area in one corner of the ground to enable us to practise. This is not a word that many of our members would readily recognise; most of the current practise sessions take place with one elbow on the bar of one of our local pubs, but we are keen to improve both our game and the facilities we provide for our members. We also need to raise some more cash to complete the fund for the provision of an all weather pitch – an expensive but valuable facility which will allow us to play more matches.

If you would like more information please contact :-

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The Plough XI vs. The Queen's Head XI

16 June 2002

Cricket correspondent : John Kirwin

The afternoon of June 16 saw the annual clash of the titans, when teams from The Plough in Wingfield and The Queen's Head in Tebworth locked in cricket combat. This was the first match to be played on the Wingfield ground in the 2002 season – an excellent curtain raiser.

Preparation by the expert ground staff (Tony Comes, Mike Wells and Sam Fenwick and Neville Andrews) resulted in an immaculate pitch, clearly the envy of the groundsman at Lord's, who popped up to get some advice!! The outfield was a picture of a smooth and lush sward marred only by the occasional dandelion and molehill.

With a warm sun shining, twenty two finely tuned athletes took to the field, only one or two muttering that they hadn't finished their beer when they had been dragged from the pub.

The Plough won the toss and captain David Cestaro opted to bat first. Simon Noake and Roger Masters (the latter hotly denying divided loyalty) opening the batting in this thirty over match.

The Plough managed to accrue 128 runs for 7 wickets in their allotted 30 overs, with notable contributions from Roger Masters (23), Gary Brown (21) and Captain Cestaro (22 not out). Star bowlers for the QH were Mike Finch (4 wickets for 18) and Richard Masters (2 for 15). A chap called Extras actually managed 41 runs, all wides except for one no ball which very nearly removed Gary's head.

At the interval, all the players and a not inconsiderable number of spectators enjoyed a splendid tea laid on by Frances Masters. Sincere thanks to her; she will be welcome at any of our matches this summer.

Despite their rigorous and lengthy period of training in the public bar, the Queen's Head XI failed to overcome the target set by the Plough, being bowled out for 71 after 23 overs. Young Matt Chinery demonstrated some excellent batting, coming in at 4 and finishing 26 not out, having run out of batting partners. Captain Peter Hadden (10) and David Ralley (11) were the only other batsmen to reach double figures. Plough bowling honours were spread around but Sam Fenwick and Neville Andrews took two wickets each.

So this year's result – a win for The Plough by 57 runs.

The victorious Plough Cricket team



And the beaten Queens Head team



Chalgrave Sports Club

Another summer has gone by and the weather has been as bad as we all feared.

The Chalgrave and District Friendly Cricket League however managed to finish all it's fixtures and we regret to report that last seasons winners - The Plough, Wingfield - somehow managed to come last this time! The Carpenter's Arms, Harlington were the winners.

The early summer months were very wet and so it was not until middle summer that the sports ground was fit to have cricket played on it, and then not every weekend. However, this was compensated by the dry end to summer allowing us to play cricket up to the last weekend in October! Which must be some form of record. A full report of the season will appear in the next magazine.

Further improvements to the sports ground have taken place this year.

Apart from work on cleaning up the pavilion, the cricket practise net has been improved after being decimated by the moles (which have now been removed - with thanks to our resident mole catcher and assistants!). A concrete base has been laid and various matting obtained which will allow anyone who wants to use the nets next year to do so even when the outfield is damp.

The major project of obtaining an all weather cricket pitch is still moving on. The total cost will be around £8000 of which we have raised £5000 and are hoping to fundraise the rest as soon as possible, although a generous benefactor would not go amiss!

Once we have this facility it will allow cricket to be played safely (especially for children) in damp conditions without damaging the square. It will also allow us to let anyone who wants to use the cricket pitch to practise whenever they want which they are not able to do at the present time.

Finally a big thank you to all those who have helped us out in many ways over the past year.

A very Merry Christmas to you all

CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB

The Sports Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 28th April at 8.30pm venue The Plough Wingfield. Members and non members are welcome.

2002 saw The Plough cricket team take on The Queens Head in what has now become an annual event and also compete in the Chalgrave & District Friendly Cricket League once again.

Following in the footsteps of the England cricket team after winning the league in 2001 the Plough managed to drop down the table to second bottom in 2002!

A number of games had to be reorganised due to the unusual weather last summer. The ground was not playable until well into summer due to rain and then we had rain again in mid summer but for what must be the first time for many years September was dry and cricket was played every weekend during the month. Even more surprising was the fact that our last game was played the first weekend in October which must have been the first time this has been possible!!

Because of the changing climate the club have been fund raising for around 4 years to provide an all weather cricket strip and we have at last reached our target. The order has been placed and the new surface should have been laid by the time the magazine is produced.

Why not come along to the field sometime to have a look at it? You might decide that you would like to play again –age no barrier as you can see from the present membership!!



Chalgrave cricket Team of Yesteryear

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Colin Dicker

We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Colin Dicker.



Colin lived in Chalton and played cricket for Chalgrave from around 1984. He enjoyed his cricket and scored several half centuries for the club.

When the older players retired from the game Colin took over the role of captain and also worked very hard keeping the grounds playable.

It was a difficult time and he was always struggling to find eleven players but he never gave in which was a great credit to him.

Eventually after some years the struggle became too much, so Colin and the few remaining players joined with Milton Bryan cricket club.

We send our deepest condolences to Colin's wife Julie and son Paul.

Michael Kingham
Former President of Chalgrave Cricket Club

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THE QUEENS HEAD TEBWORTH V THE PLOUGH INN WINGFIELD

The annual cricket match between our parish pubs took place on 1st June and was played on Chalgrave Sports Club's new All Weather Wicket. An overcast day did not spoil the occasion as these two mighty teams took to the field once again watched by an enthusiastic & capacity crowd.



The Plough Inn Team



The Queens Head Team

Result - The Queens Head 51- all out. The Plough 52 - 0 - The Plough won by 10 wickets.
Beer Match - Winners The Queens Head.

A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Many thanks to Frances Masters for providing sandwiches and cakes. We hope to hold a return fixture towards the end of the summer season.



Spectators celebrate another boundary.
Unfortunately two clearly have no idea what is going on



Group photo of both sides
waiting for the pubs to open!



Live action photo's from the game

Chalgrave Sports Club—2003 Review

This year has seen an unprecedented number of games played at the sports club (17)—the highest since the club was reconstituted in 1999. This, of course, was largely due to the fantastic weather we have had this summer—along with the artificial pitch allowing our season to start earlier than ever.

The early part of the season was primarily comprised of league matches—the honours this year went to the team from The Victoria, Dunstable—congratulations to them on their success. A Presentation Evening is being organised at Chalgrave Village Hall—the first to

be held for the Friendly League—a full report will appear in the next issue.

The Plough team put up a valiant fight but (as always it seems) were unable to convert enthusiasm into wins! However, I think it is safe to say that everyone enjoyed their cricket this year and look forward to next season with relish.

After the league matches had been completed, the rest of the season was dedicated to a series of friendly games. The rules in these matches were often extremely flexible—resulting in some unusual scores e.g. 169 for 14! The games were played in

the usual high spirits and thoroughly enjoyable.

There will be some changes in the league for next season—two new teams have indicated a desire to join. Also, a team from Baldock played a friendly against The Vic and are interested in arranging more fixtures next year.

Finally, many thanks to all those who took part or helped the club in any way this season. We are completely reliant on volunteer effort and, as always, are very grateful.

Visit the website at:
<http://www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk/>

Race Night

Chalgrave Sports Club Presentation Evening and Race Night



This mammoth event, held in the Memorial Hall, was intended to be a celebration of the 2003 season, complete with awards for various categories of player and the presentation of the Cricket League Trophy to the winning team. As it turned out, the level of

support from members of the other teams in the league was at the very least disappointing - some would use stronger words. The event was combined with a Race Night, organised and run by some chums of Jim McGinty, who did a quite splendid job, handling all aspects of the eight races themselves and the betting, which was frenzied. Several local companies sponsored races and all the horses were sold on the night, winning owners receiving a bottle of champagne and a silk cap.

Much enjoyment was had by all and a good sum made towards the funds of the Chalgrave Sports Club - a win win win win win win win win situation, you might say.

Chalgrave Sports Club

This summer saw another successful season of cricket in our continuing 'Friendly League'. The number of teams now competing has risen to 5 and I fear we are becoming victims of our own success, with the number of games played by each team having reduced to 4 or 5 including friendlies. This is a situation that the committee will be reviewing over the winter months as the majority of players / members would like to be playing more games. Unfortunately, the only way to achieve this without reducing the number of teams would be to have access to another ground to

hold the matches and these seem to be in short supply. If anyone is aware of any suitable grounds that would be available for hire on Sundays during the summer months then please let the committee know.

The cricket itself was extremely enjoyable and highly competitive – probably the highest standard we have so far seen in our reconstituted league. All the teams taking part played very well and the winners were highly deserving of their title having won all of their league matches. Our warm congratulations go to the team from the Bedford Arms and their landlord/captain Jayme.

This season also saw the inaugural running of what we hope will become an annual event – namely the Chalgrave Sports Club Car Quiz. 5 intrepid teams took part in this highly enjoyable afternoon's entertainment, in which they had to locate 10 sites of interest around South Bedfordshire and answer observational questions about them. There were also some (loosely) related quiz questions and cryptic pub names thrown in for good measure. Congratulations to 'The Remmies' (also known as the Kirwin family ably assisted by Kevan Rowe) for taking the win. The quiz was followed by a BBQ at the sports ground and all who took part seemed to enjoy the afternoon – and learn a few things about local history at the same time! We are hoping to expand this event next year with a number of additional activities taking place for those not participating in the quiz itself. Watch out for more information next summer.

Latest News

The weekend of 16/17 October saw a major effort on the part of the committee to tidy up around the sports ground. A large amount of clutter which had been allowed to collect over the years has been cleared along with the two old clubhouses in the far corner of the ground! These had become a major eyesore and the additional space allows us to redevelop the area and make use of it for storage etc. Further efforts over

the winter months are planned to improve the facilities available.

Michael Wells,
Chairman.

Plough vs. Queen's Head Annual Cricket Match

This not to be missed major event on the sporting calendar took place on Sunday 26th September. The weather was quite good and the conditions perfect for a spectacular match between two well honed and skilful sides. Sadly this was not the case.

A ragbag of players (a very loose term) from the two pubs gathered at the cricket ground following a warm-up session at The Plough. Having lost the toss, The Queen's Head team batted first and posted what was considered a reasonable score of 96 in their allotted 25 overs, of which the top scorers were extras(33) and Matthew Chinery (23). Tea was taken after that exhausting innings kindly and expertly provided by Frances Masters, ably assisted by Nicola Wells, Jo Finch and Elizabeth Hall (thanks also to Linda Hadden for the lemon cake). The Queen's Head team felt quite confident at this stage knowing their opponents were bloated with sandwiches, tea, beer and anything else they could get their hands on but it was not to be. Following the loss of



three quick wickets, Tony Comes and Tim Petzing crafted a masterly stand of 52 between them to virtually win the match between them.

The final scores being Queens Head 96 for 7, and the Plough 97 for 5.

Commiserations and the debriefings were undertaken at both The Plough and the Queen's Head following the match.



Back row Simon Hall, Brian Squance, Tony Comes, Chris Squance, Mike Wells, Gary Brown, Neville Andrews, Matthew Chinery, Joe Davis

Front row Dave Cestaro, Tim Petzing, Mike Finch, Roger Masters, Pip Bull (Chris Bull in the loo)

As part of the ongoing long term ground improvement plans the two former old pavilions have been taken down and will shortly be replaced with a more secure storage facility.



Chalgrave Sports Club

The AGM was held on the evening of 4th May at the Plough Inn, Wingfield. The Chairman of the club, Mike Wells congratulated the members for contributing to a successful season on the cricket field where the club managed to finish mid-table in the local league. Big issues this year will include ongoing negotiations regarding the potential purchase of the Sports Ground and progressing quotes for a new pavilion.

The following officers were elected:-

Club Chairman – Mike Wells

Secretary – Dave Cestaro

Treasurer – Tony Comes

Fixtures Secretary – Jim McGinty

Head Groundsman – Neville Andrews

Captain – Roger Masters

Other Committee members – Tom Petzing, John Kirwin (also chief scorer), Sam Fenwick

Fees - Membership £10, Match fees £4, Students £2

Fund raising events coming this year:-

Car Treasure Hunt

Race Night

Quiz Night.

The Sports Club have many fixtures and events lined up for this year.

Please visit our website at

www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk for more details and contact any member of the committee if you wish to join in. We are looking forward to another exciting cricket season and will be in attendance at this year's village games - hope to see you there.

Mike Wells,

Sports Club

Chalgrave Sports Club – Review of summer 2005

We have enjoyed another exciting and successful season of cricket this year at Chalgrave Sports Club. 11 games have been played at the ground in Wingfield with a further 3 taking place at Dunstable Rugby Club. The latter is a ground provided by the newest addition to the league, Old Dunstablians, who prepared a

pitch very quickly just prior to the start of the season. Although the wicket itself received mixed reports, the fact that they were able to provide the facility in such a short space of time should be commended and we sincerely hope that they will continue to participate in next year's league.

The team has had a reasonable season ending with victory in our final league game against our old foes LEA CC (previously representing The Carpenter's Arms, Harlington). This victory, coupled with a win against Dunstable Road Runners (when I took over the captaincy for a game!) means that the team ended the season soundly mid-table, which is probably a fair reflection of our standing. The Bedford Arms (now Toddington CC – too many team name changes!) once again appear to have romped away with the title – many congratulations to them.

The season draws to a close tinged with a little sadness, as one of our stalwarts (and committee members) makes his way to pastures new. Sam Fenwick has been a part of the team for many years despite his tender age and has been a great asset not only when playing but also helping the club in various ways. He has now completed his Law degree and, after a trip to Australia, will be moving to Bristol to work and live. I would like to thank Sam for all his help and wish him all the very best.

This will leave the club with some work to do over the close season to recruit new

players ready for next year. This is a very different story to this year where the captain has had the luxury of selecting a side (rather than desperately phoning anyone he can think of who can walk!). If anyone would like to take part, or knows someone who does, then please contact one of the committee members – details elsewhere in this magazine or on our website

<http://www.chalgraveportsclub.co.uk/>.

Other news

Nev Andrews will be completing his groundsman training course in the next few weeks. With his increased knowledge and some assistance from the rest of the team we hope to be able play on grass again next year.

We are holding a Quiz Night on 30th September at the Memorial Hall in Tebworth. Tickets are £6 which includes a light buffet. Refreshments will be available. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any committee member or behind the bar in the Queen's Head and The Plough.

Arrangements are being made for a last game of the season in early October, possibly between a Chalgrave side and Toddington CC (previously the Bedford Arms). The date and arrangements are still to be finalised – keep an eye on the website for details.

Mike Wells,
Chairman.

Sports Club

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A successful summer season of cricket was seen once more at Chalgrave Sports Club in Wingfield. The Chalgrave &

District Friendly League welcomed a new cricket team – Old Dunstablians – who played their home games at Dunstablians Rugby Club. Unfortunately due to the poor weather conditions not all the league matches could be played but the all-weather pitch proved it's worth this year.

The final league table was as follows:

	Poin s
The Bedford Arms	255
The Victoria	175
Chalgrave Sports Club	157
Dunstable Road Runners	141
Old Dunstablians	110
Lea CC	80

Fund raising activities continue with a successful end of season quiz night at the village hall.

Negotiations to secure the sports ground for the parish continue with the landowners.

Ground improvements this year include the demolition and removal of the two former club changing rooms that had fallen into disrepair some years ago and the construction of a mobile practise net.

Plans continue to replace the existing clubhouse with a new building.

The Annual General Meeting of the Chalgrave Sports Club will be held early next year at the Plough Wingfield and anyone who would like to either play cricket (standard or age not important!) or just support the club are welcome to attend. The date will be posted in the next issue of this magazine.

**For further details of the club
why not visit our website.**

Sports Club

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As we are about to begin another season, we are still on the lookout for new members.

The cricket team play in a local league about 8 times a year on a Sunday afternoon during the summer months at the ground in Wingfield. The standard ranges from sub-standard to below average which explains why we have yet to win our league. Nevertheless we keep trying and if you would like to join us for a game you would be more than welcome.

Our AGM is scheduled for 8.00 pm on 12 April at The Plough in Wingfield when the coming seasons fixture list should be available.

Roger Masters

Exclusive!

Worlds best Spinner joins Chalgrave Sports Club for 2006.

The sporting world was in shock recently, when it was revealed that the worlds best spinner had joined little known cricket club, Chalgrave, for the 2006 season.

In a shock move, Wayne Shawn has signed a deal estimated to be worth "Unlimited free beer during the games" to play in the 5 team league this summer. A spokesman close to club said "We're over the moon". It was revealed that the introduction of a 20/20 style competition this year is what clinched the deal. Hampshire and Essex, who were in the running for his signature, are said to be "Disappointed" at his decision.

The signing came about after Club Groundsman and chief scout, "Big" Nev Andrews travelled to Australia over Xmas and New Year in the attempt to sign some up and coming players from down under. But during a night out he took the opportunity to engage Wayne in conversation and, after an undisclosed amount of drinks, secured the final details at around 3am. Big Nev told us "The search for young players was not going well, they don't really have much of sporting culture in Australia. Then I spotted Mr Shawn and decided to make the most of the opportunity, it cost me fifty bucks in VB, but it was worth the expense"

We have gauged reaction to the signing by interviewing the major names in the sport.

David "Bumble" Lloyd says "What a great coup for English domestic cricket. Well done Chalgrave and good luck"

Ian "Beefy" Botham adds "Well, I have seen it all now. What a fantastic advertisement for English grass roots cricket, amazing!"

Chairman of Chalgrave Sports Club Mike "Hit a six and out" Wells agrees "This is just what cricket in this country needs, top names playing for top sides. If he's selected, I just hope he takes his turn at Pitch Prep on Sunday mornings!"

Cricket Australia were unavailable for comment at the time of going to press.



Sports Club

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The last few months have seen plenty of activity within the Sports Club as we prepared for another cricket season.

Thanks to the Herculean efforts of our ground staff (Nev & Tom), ably assisted by the other members of the committee, the ground was ready for the first match of the season three weeks earlier than we have ever managed before! Thus the season opener between The Plough Inn and The Queen's Head took place on Sunday 7th May.

At the AGM we were glad to welcome three new members onto the committee, Paul Bannon, Chris Bull and Pip Bull. Paul has stepped in as secretary while David Cestaro is otherwise engaged. Also, after many years loyal service, John Kirwin decided to resign from the committee. John has not lived in the village for a couple of years but remained a stalwart supporter of the club.

He led the club for many years as chairman and was responsible for our achieving charitable status and helping us to enjoy our current level of success. We wish him all the best.

Our league campaign has also started well, with a win against our oldest rivals LEA CC (previously The Old Sun or The Carpenters, Harlington). Let us hope that we can maintain this form throughout the season. A pre-season friendly against Toddington CC showed that our team has plenty of potential.

We also have our involvement in the Village Games to look forward to -running a Kwik Cricket game in the same format as last year. And finally we are arranging a 20-20 tournament over a couple of weekends at the end of the season. This is a new innovation which we hope will be a success. The 'Festival of Cricket' will be on 3rd September with matches taking place throughout the day and a BBQ being provided for teams and spectators. Make a note in your diary. For the latest news and scores visit us at [http:// www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk](http://www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk)

Mike Wells- Chairman

Sport Club

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The sports club has enjoyed another successful summer with a busy friendly cricket league programme, participation in the Chalgrave Games and the inaugural running of our 20/20 cricket competition.

The friendly league was again closely fought with Toddington CC (formerly The Bedford Arms) running out eventual winners. Unfortunately, we have lost a team from the league – LEA CC had to withdraw early in the season due to a lack of available players, although some think it was because Chalgrave beat them in the first game of the season! Seriously though, it is a shame to have lost a team (previous League winners in 2000 (playing as The Old Sun) and 2002 (playing as The Carpenter's Arms)) and our thanks go to John Scales for all of his efforts in keeping the team going for as

long as he did against increasing odds. We are hopeful that the league will be back to full strength next year, and with the strong possibility of a second pitch being available for league matches it looks like even more cricket will be played next year.

The 20/20 competition was a success as well. It was held over two consecutive weekends with the crown going to Toddington CC (do you see a pattern developing here?).

Mike Wells, Chairman

Sports Club

The club is starting to gear up for the forthcoming cricket season and work has already started on ground maintenance despite the poor weather of late.

The clubhouse has come through another summer without any major deterioration – many would say there is not much left of it to deteriorate!

Nets practise will start sometime in late May or early April depending on the weather. Probably on Thursday evenings starting at 6.30pm but this has yet to be decided.

The clubs Annual General Meeting will be held at the Plough on Weds 11 April starting at 8.30pm. The AGM is open to anyone who wants to attend so if you think you might like to get involved in the cricket this year why not come along and speak to a few of the existing members? We will be very pleased to see you.

The first cricket game will be the traditional Plough v The Queens Head and this will take place in early June.

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Sports Club

Cricket - 2007 Season

Preparation work on the sports ground started very early this year and by the end of April all was ready to start playing cricket. Unfortunately this coincided with the disappearance of April's good weather and the rain came down and down and down...!!! The result being that only 4 league games could be played throughout May, June and July. Fortunately the weather was good to us during August and September, which allowed for both the rearranged and remaining games to be completed. The last rearranged game being played on 30 September.

The final league table stands as follows :-

Team	Points
Toddington CC	258

Chalgrave CC	251
The Victoria CC	217
Dunstable Road Runners	190

Chalgrave CC were beaten by the narrow margin of only 7 points but gained their revenge by winning the 10/10 competition beating Toddington CC in the final, on a fantastic day at the end of the season with good weather, large crowds, great food and drink – oh yes! and some exciting cricket as well!

One result that we would like to highlight was an amazing win in July for Chalgrave CC when having bowled out Toddington CC for 173 we went on to win with a score of 176 for 1. An incredible achievement as any run chase over 120 for Chalgrave CC usually ends in disaster!! The final event of the season was the presentation night, which this year was again incorporated with a race night. Representatives from all teams attended a highly enjoyable evening.

We are always looking for new players no matter what your standard. The main criteria is that you enjoy playing cricket rather than standard of cricket. If you are interested in getting involved next season please contact any of the cricket team or give your details to the Plough. You can also email us via our website.

The club's AGM will be held in early 2008 – date yet to be arranged.

Missed the league title by 7 points!

Ah well there is always next year!

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Chalgrave Sports Club

The new cricket season is upon us once again and the reigning league champions, Toddington, have started off comfortably winning their opening match against Dunstable Road Runners.

Last season saw the weather interfere with the matches but due to some sterling work on the ground by Nev Andrews and his team saw all the matches played. The highlight of the season was the 10 overs a side competition won by The Plough Inn with Toddington runners up - a reversal of the league table.

The 10 overs competition was a huge success with a lot of people contributing to it. We managed to obtain some heras fencing which provided a safe area for the children to play in. There was a barbecue and a bar and everyone taking part enjoyed themselves, especially as the sun decided to come out for once.

This year's 10 overs competition will be held at the Wingfield cricket ground on Sunday 13 July 2008

And we welcome anyone who wishes to see a good sporting spectacle played in good spirits.

Roger

Chalgrave Sports Club

The new cricket season is up and running but the weather still keeps interfering. The reigning champions, Toddington are top of the league but they have lost one game - thrashed by The Plough by one run. It is still all to play for in the league if the weather allows.

This seasons 10/10 competition was again a great success and was a most enjoyable day. A beer tent, barbecue, childrens play area and a spectators area were all catered for and everyone enjoyed a lovely day. The icing on the cake came when the defending champions, The Plough, defeated The Dunstable Road Runners in the final with the winning runs coming in the last over.

Special thanks must go to Neville Construction Limited and Russell Roofing Limited for their help and support which they give freely. Thanks must also go to Nev., Barbara, Ann, Paul, Kirsty and Jill for their work on the day.

The date for the race night and presentation evening will be announced in the next few weeks.

Roger Masters

Chalgrave Sports Club

The cricket season was eventually completed with many cancellations due to the weather. Toddington cricket team retained their title and the Plough Inn retained the 10/10 trophy.

The presentation evening combined with a Race Night was a big success and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

We are still looking at ways to raise money for much needed club equipment and would welcome any suggestions.

Special thanks to Nev Andrews for his continued care of the wicket and surrounding area.

We now look forward to next season and hope that the weather will be much kinder to us.

Roger Burden ,Chairman.

Chalgrave Sports Club

Preparations for the new season are being hampered by the weather but hopefully all will be well for the start in April. The clubhouse is still standing which in itself is a minor miracle.

Net practice will commence in late March /early April.

Chalgrave Sports Club *Annual Festival of Cricket Competition*



The annual 10/10 cricket competition took place on Sunday 14th June which turned out to be a gloriously sunny day, perfect for playing or just watching cricket.

The sports ground in Wingfield had a very festive look to it with gazebos, tents, bar, B.B.Q, and plenty of spectators and players enjoying the day.

The rules of the competition are that each side play each other once in a league with the top two teams going on to play in the grand final.

Each game consists of 20 overs with each team having one innings of a maximum of 10 overs. Points are awarded to the winning team of each game but there are also bonus points available to both teams.



The draw for the league stage of the competition took place at 10.30 in the morning by which time the B.B.Q. was well underway serving breakfast to both players and spectators alike and it was early evening by the time the final took to the field.



Teams representing The Plough Wingfield, The Vic Dunstable, Toddington and Dunstable Road Runners took part in the league stage of the competition with Toddington and The Plough qualifying for the final.

Congratulations to Toddington on winning the final by 17 runs.
Toddington 86 for 1 wicket The Plough 69 for 5 wickets

A very enjoyable day was had by both players, organisers and spectators.

Well done to all who took part.



Chalgrave Sports Club

The work continues on the cricket ground to keep it in good condition. The Quiz night held on Friday 20 November was well attended and raised some much needed funds. An excellent time was had by all. Thanks also to The Chalgrave Parish Council for their grant. This really is invaluable to us to keep the ground in good repair and to maintain and obtain new equipment. Thanks also go to an anonymous donor who gave us a cheque for £100.00. This really was a fantastic and most generous donation and our heartfelt thanks go to him. We are looking to have another quiz night early in the New Year and this will be advertised locally. We are looking ahead to next years league and 10/10 competitions.

Roger Burdon

Chalgrave Sports Club



The cricket season has started and so far, with approximately half the season completed, The Plough are top of the league. But, it is a close run thing as Toddington and Dunstable Road Runners are not far behind.

The 10/10 competition was again a great success with a number of people turning up to watch. The weather held off until the final was due and played and such was the downpour, the competition had to be abandoned with the Road Runners and Toddington agreeing to share the trophy for 6 months each.

Many thanks go to Barbara and Ann who did a great job of running the barbeque. A big vote of thanks to the Cricket Committee for the organisation and planning that went into this event. We would also like to thank Neville Construction Limited for the loan of the Hears fencing and to Russell Roofing for the collection and delivery of the same. Nev. Andrews, as always, keeps the ground immaculate.

The next competition day is the **Chalgrave six-a-side competition** which will be held on 5th September and should be a lot of fun. As always, all will be welcome to what promises to be a fun filled day.

Roger Burden

Chalgrave Sports Club



The cricket season has now finished and it was a close run thing with The Plough and The Road Runners sharing the league title.

The 10/10 competition was again a great success with a number of people turning up to watch. The weather held off until the final was due to be played and such was the downpour the competition had to be abandoned with the Road Runners and Toddington agreeing to share the trophy for 6 months each.

The presentation night was also a great success which combined a race night which was great fun and raised much needed funds for the club. The committee decided to present the race night itself and was most enjoyable and informative. We will carry out the same format next year as we all know what we are doing now.

Many thanks go to The cricket committee who organised this event which was a ground breaking event in as much as everything was organised by us.

It is now the close season but as always work goes on at the ground and we are trying to improve the facilities all the time.

New players whatever your age are always welcome.

Roger Burden

Chalgrave Sports Club



The new cricket season will shortly be under way and we are looking forward to another close run title race. We are currently preparing a new fixture list, together with the very popular 10/10 competition, and we will publish these as soon as possible on the Chalgrave Sports website: **chalgravesportsclub.co.uk**.

Work has started on the new roof for the clubhouse and we hope this will keep everyone a bit drier. We also hope to improve the clubhouse bit by bit as we go along. However, all this takes quite a bit of money, which we are trying to raise all the time.

Net practice will commence as soon as the weather permits and also at the indoor nets at Dunstable. Anyone interested should visit the Chalgrave Sports website where this information will be posted.

New players, whatever your age, are always welcome.

Roger Burden



The new cricket season is currently underway and The Plough are on top of the league with 3 wins out of three. The Road Runners and Toddington are pushing hard and it is still early days and anything can happen.

The 10/10 competition was held on 3rd July and thankfully the weather was kind to us and the competition was completed. The Plough Inn are this seasons champions with Toddington finishing as runners up.

The day was a great success with a lot of people putting in a lot of hard work. Special thanks should go to John Kirwin for his immaculate scoring, Ann and Barbara for running the barbecue (their chilli was great as usual), Theresa Lawrence and Claire Roodi who served behind the bar and the committee who put so much work in to get it moving.

Thanks must also go to Redford Construction and Paul Whilton for the loan of the heras fencing, the Dunstable roadrunners for providing additional boundary fencing and Debbie Whilton for running around and getting last minute provisions. Also all the people who turned up on the Saturday to put everything up and on Monday to dismantle everything. Not forgetting Mr. and Mrs Costin for the loan of their marquee and to the village hall for the loan of the gazebos. Finally, thanks to everyone who turned up and making it such a special day.

Work has been completed to the roof of the clubhouse and has made a big difference in terms of keeping everyone dry and appearance wise. There is still a lot of work needed to be done to the clubhouse to make it habitable but at least a start has been made.

Chalgrave Sports Club



The cricket season has been completed with The Plough Inn winning both the league and the 10/10 competition.

Work is continuing on the clubhouse and we are looking to make it safe and sound before too long.

Also, work to the cricket field continues so there is much to do in readiness for next years competition.

Thanks must go to the committee who made this past seasons events possible.

We are hoping to have a race night next February where everyone will be invited to attend a really good night out.

We will keep you posted.

Roger Burden



Chalgrave Sports Club

The fixtures for the coming season will be out in February for a start in April and will be put on the Chalgrave Sports club website, www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk

Net practice will commence in March and anyone wishing to attend should contact The Plough for more information.

Roger Burden



Chalgrave Sports Club

The fixtures for the coming season are finalised and can be viewed either at The Plough or on The Chalgrave Sports website.

Net practice started in March and anyone wishing to attend should contact The Plough for more information.

The season should have started but this drought situation means the pitch is still waterlogged.

Two dates coming up are:

- 1) **Sunday June 17th** which is the 10/10 cricket competition, where all four sides play each other in a 10 over a side competition. This is a good day out and there will be a bar, a barbecue together with Barbara and Ann's famous chilli. Fencing will be provided to provide a safe watching area.

This event is usually well attended and we look forward to seeing you all there.

- 2) **Saturday 6th October** we are holding a presentation night at The Chalgrave Memorial Hall which incorporates a race night. This is our annual fundraiser and we would welcome everybody looking for a good night out.

The entrance fee (to be decided) will include food e.g. fish and chips, chicken and chips, sausage or pie and chips whichever you decide. Tickets will be on sale at The Plough and at The Queens Head.

The presentations will not last long, only from the league and 10/10 winners, so everyone can carry on winning on the horse races.

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Roger Burden



Chalgrave Sports Club

The cricket season has been blighted by the weather. So much so that the league has not been completed and at this rate may not be.

The only bright spot is that we managed to get the 10/10 competition completed. This has been excellently covered on pgs 16-17 by Mike Wells, so I will not duplicate it.

On **17th November** we are holding a **Race Night** at the Memorial Hall. This is our annual fundraiser and we would welcome everybody looking for a good night out. Doors open 6.30pm.

The entrance fee of £7.50 for adults and £4.00 for children under 16 will include food e.g. fish and chips, chicken and chips, sausage or pie and chips whichever you decide. Tickets will be on sale at The Plough and at The Queens Head.

We hope to see many of you there.

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Roger Burden

Chalgrave Sports Club 10-10 Competition



The annual 10-10 competition (subtitled Festival of Cricket), originally scheduled for June, eventually took place on August Bank Holiday Monday at the ground in Wingfield. After a quite dreadful summer (you may remember) with no cricket having been played for nearly two months in the middle of the season, it was a pleasure to see the players out in their whites (albeit under grey skies!).

A brief guide to the rules:

10 overs per side. All players bar the wicket keeper must bowl one over each. Batsmen retire after scoring 10 (or more) runs. 6 runs permitted to be scored on the non-road boundaries. Four matches played in a mini-league with the top two teams playing in the final. Full rules on the website!

With a none too certain weather forecast the committee had pressed on regardless with the preparations and by the end of a long (and hot!) Saturday everything was ready – grass cut, the Heras fencing in place, the gazebo and players' tents erected and the bar suitably stocked.

Monday morning came and people started arriving to help with the setting up – and what's this I spy? It's several members of The Vic cricket team, having clearly got lost as they're never early! Finally, we have representatives from three of the teams so the draw is done for the first match – which is to be Road Runners vs The Plough.

In their innings Road Runners made 64 for 6 which proved to be too low a target as The Plough eased past scoring 65 for 4 in 8.4 overs with 4 batsmen retiring.

At this point we realised that the fourth team were not going to show up, so Chalgrave All Stars was born – the idea being that an extra team be 'created' from the spare (and willing) players from the remaining sides. After a little shuffling of pieces of paper in a hat the next match was on – All Stars vs The Vic.

The All Stars batted strongly, posting 75 without loss. In reply The Vic could only manage 56 for 3 in their allotted overs, never really recovering from Alan C's six and out off the third ball of the innings which clearly unbalanced them (some may say they started that way...)

Onto match 3 after a brief break for lunch – The Plough now faced The Vic. Charles won the toss and decided to bat, a decision he came to regret as the opening pair found it very difficult to score against a determined Vic bowling line up. After 6 overs the score was only 25, and despite rallying towards the end the final total was 53 for 1. The Plough's bowling and fielding display was spirited, but The Vic easily reached their target in the 9th over, finishing on 54 for 5.

And so the to final match of the round robin part of the day – All Stars vs Road Runners. The match started in explosive fashion and, in one of the most aggressive batting displays seen in a 10-10 competition, the All Stars fairly romped away, scoring 70 from the first 6 overs. They could not maintain that rate, however, and finished on 81 for 4 – a nonetheless daunting target for their opponents. Road Runners set about their task in determined style, taking 13 off their first over. But after 5 overs the score was 37 – surely they had left themselves too much to do? At the start of the final over they stood at 67 for 3, requiring 15 to win. Through a combination of loose bowling and remarkable batting, the penultimate ball was hit for four giving them a fantastic victory – truly well-deserved and a great performance.

With all of the league matches played, all three teams had won one game and lost one game. The organisers decided to use the number of retiring batsmen to choose which two teams should meet in the final – these being The Plough and Road Runners.

The scene was set for an epic final. The Plough batted first, started well and kept their momentum going throughout, posting a creditable 79 for 2. But having seen the Road Runners form earlier on would that be enough? Half way through the Road Runners innings they were 34 for 1, and with one over remaining they were 70 for 2 – leaving them needing 10 from the final over to take the trophy. The first ball was despatched to the boundary – 6 from 5 balls. But from that point on every ball was on the spot, making it impossible for the batsmen to score more than a single. So The Plough were 10-10 Champions once more. It was an excellent way to finish the day with a tight, tense finish and played in wonderful spirits.



Many thanks to all those people who took part or assisted in any way – players, spectators, scorers and helpers. Special thanks must go to Costain for supplying the Heras fencing, Ann & Barbara for supplying and serving the food, John Kirwin for scoring (until being dragged away on a small, but urgent, errand!), to Theresa, Nicola and Andrea and everyone else who helped to make the day a success. We look forward to seeing you all again next season.

Mike Wells.





Chalgrave Sports Club

After such a difficult season it was with deep regret that the committee had to cancel the forthcoming Race Night due to a lack of ticket sales. Our commitment had to be to the attendees to ensure that they got good value for money and entertainment and this would not have been possible with the low number of attendees forecast. We therefore took the decision to postpone the event until next year, probably around March/April time.

After two consecutive difficult seasons the committee look forward to next year being much more successful, with hopefully more events and games being played. Such has been the impact on the club finances due to cancelled matches and events that without the support of the local Parish Council we would find it almost impossible to continue. This is something that the committee are working hard to resolve next season and we shall be fundraising in earnest in the New Year to secure the club's future.

As part of this we are looking to recruit a new team for the league (again!) – if anyone knows of a suitable side who are looking to play a few matches in a (mostly) friendly vein on a Sunday afternoon then please put them in contact with our fixtures secretary Andy (fixtures@chalgravesportsclub.co.uk).

And finally, if you or anyone you know would like to play, please contact us via the website (www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk) or pop in to The Plough for a chat with Roger. We are a friendly team, looking for enthusiastic more than committed players. If you haven't played since school (however many years that may be!) and fancy an occasional game during the summer, let us know.

Mike Wells
Vice Chairman.



Chalgrave Sports Club

After a couple of snowy spells which has left the ground rather boggy at the moment, the sun is shining as I write this and the new season will be upon us before we know it.

Our fixtures secretary Andy has been beavering away trying to arrange a league and a few friendly matches, along with the annual 10-10 competition. We hope that we will be hosting Rainmakers (a team we have played at Chiswick House on a couple of occasions) once more and that our away fixture will take place on Hampstead Heath.

As mentioned previously we will be hosting a pre-season race night – the date has now been fixed for **13th April 2013** (lucky for some?). Watch out for posters/flyers with more details in the next few weeks.

And finally, the usual call for players! If you or anyone you know would like to play, please contact us via the website (www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk) or pop in to The Plough for a chat with Roger. We are a friendly team, looking for enthusiastic more than committed players. If you haven't played since school (however many years that may be!) and fancy an occasional game during the summer, let us know.

Mike Wells
Vice Chairman.



Chalgrave Sports Club

The most important date is our 10/10 cricket competition held at the cricket ground at Hill Close, Wingfield on Sunday 21st July starting at approximately 11.30am.

There will be a bar, barbecue and a safe children's area. Hopefully the sun will shine on us and we will all have a good day.

We look forward to seeing you there on the day as it is always a fun event.

Not much else to say except the cricket season is going ahead and it looks as though the Road Runners will win the league.

We will be having a further event at The Memorial Hall in October or November. Whether this will be a race night or a famous sporting celebrity giving a talk we have not decided. So WATCH THIS SPACE

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Chalgrave Sports Club

The 10/10 cricket competition held at the cricket ground at Hill Close, Wingfield on Sunday 21st July was a great success and thankfully the weather was good for a change.

The close season is now upon us and the works to the ground will continue.

We are constantly looking for players over 16 and would welcome anyone who wishes to play. Contact can be made with Roger at The Plough.

We will be having a further event at The Memorial Hall in October or November. Whether this will be a race night or a famous sporting celebrity giving a talk we have not decided. So, **WATCH THIS SPACE**

Break-in at the Clubhouse

It is with dismay that I have to report another break-in at the clubhouse – this time more disruptive and dangerous than we have previously experienced.

On the afternoon of **Saturday 28th September** we were alerted by a neighbour that a window at the clubhouse was broken. When another neighbour checked this report he found that one of the main windows had indeed been broken and damage caused inside the building. Our

groundsman, Nev arrived at around 6.30 pm and whilst assessing the scene noticed a youth on the opposite side of the field. As he approached him, two further youths appeared from the caravan parked on the far side of the ground. When Nev shouted to them to stop they ‘ran like scalded cats’ out of the ground by the footpath entrance in Tebworth Road, opposite New Farm. Two of them were wearing black hoodies and the other a red hoodie. When he returned to his car and drove down Tebworth Road towards The Plough, Nev saw no sign of the youths anywhere.

The damage caused in the clubhouse was light – but the window has had to be boarded up. They had obviously attempted to enter the clubhouse through a back door as there was damage there which will also require repairs.

Of most concern is that they left a large amount of broken beer bottles on the field, with obvious consequences to people walking their dogs, and also wildlife. This has taken some time to clear up – and finding shards of broken green bottles on grass is not easy. It appears that they were making petrol bombs as there were not only the glass bottles, but melted plastic bottles and cups along with charred rags and paper towels strewn across the ground – and many burnt patches of grass in one particular area of the field. All of this had taken place in broad daylight.

The matter has been reported to the police, but if anyone saw or heard anything on that Saturday afternoon that may be relevant then I appeal to them to report the matter either to myself (01525 877098) or Roger Burden at The Plough (01525 873077). Alternatively you can contact Beds Police by ringing 101 and quoting **crime reference number**



Chalgrave Sports Club

Nothing much to
report at the

moment. The ground is
constantly being prepared and
we are still coming to terms with
the mindless vandalism we
suffered a few weeks ago.

On the brighter side we will be
looking for players over 16 so
anyone who wishes to play please
contact Roger at The Plough.

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Chalgrave Sports Club

The season will be upon us soon. The fixtures are on The Chalgrave Sports website and we are looking to have a good season if the ground ever dries out. It is resembling a paddy field at the moment. The only thing missing is the rice.

Hopefully when we get some better weather and the ground is fit we will be able to get some practice in before the season starts.

We are currently in negotiations with a local company to purchase some portacabins to replace our clubhouse. Hopefully this will be completed before the season starts.

We are still looking for players over 16 who would like to play and anyone who wishes to play please contact Roger at The Plough. Please note that ability does not come into this. It is just an enjoyable Sunday afternoon hopefully in the sun.

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Chalgrave Sports Club

The race night held at The Memorial Hall on Saturday 10th May was a great success and makes our hopes of buying a new clubhouse that much higher.

We would like to thank our race sponsors who were, in no order of preference, as follows:-

Wright Vehicle Solutions, D & I Butchers, K & K Pet Foods, Chalgrave IT Solutions, The Plough, Paul Whitton (AKA The Grumpy Farmer), The Victoria Pub and Peter Harding.

We also received three donations, one from Wright Vehicle Solutions and two who wish to remain anonymous. Thank you all from everyone involved at the Sports Club.

Thanks must also go to those who helped out on the night especially Dave Worsley who worked manfully behind the bar, Mike Wells who worked out the winning odds, Nicola and Tori Wells and Dave Britton who sold the race tickets, and Nev Andrews who organised the food.

It was a great evening enjoyed by all. It was especially pleasing to see a lot of local people involved in the evening.

As previously stated we are now in a much better position to go ahead with a replacement clubhouse. Watch this space.

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Race Night

Saturday, 10th May, saw many people willingly (in some cases *very* willingly) sacrifice the customary joy of watching the Eurovision Song Contest in favour of backing losers at a Race Night in the Chalgrave Memorial Hall. All money lost, however, went in aid of a very good cause—the Chalgrave Sports Club.

John Parker did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies, enticing people to part with their hard-earned cash in exchange for ... well losing it. To one side, a team of bookies, Tori and Nicola Wells, and Dave Britton, efficiently swapped punters' money for scraps of paper which offered the vague promise, invariably unfilled, of wealth beyond the dreams of avarice. And then Mike Wells performed his technical wizardry in flawlessly projecting each race onto an enormous screen so that everyone could see their horses lose in a larger than life format.

Losing money is thirsty work so naturally there was a bar, ably run by Dave Worsley and Roger Burden, which included a delightful real ale from Tring Brewery. And as drinking alcohol stimulates the appetite, there was also an enjoyable fish and chip supper rustled up by Nev Andrews.

Of course, not everyone lost their money and there were some very happy punters who had studied the form and backed the right nags, including those

who had purchased a winning horse and were rewarded not just with a bottle of bubbly each, but also with their very own equine—fortunately of the hobby horse variety.

Barbara Jackson won a tie-breaker in the competition, sponsored by Paul Whitton,





to find the link between the eight horses in Race 3. Not to be outdone, Bill Jackson led a successful bid in the auction in the last race and bagged the



winning horse and the biggest price of the night.

A great evening was had by all and thanks go

to the sponsors of the eight races — **The Plough Inn, D & I Butchers (Dunstable), Paul Whitton, Chalgrave**

IT Solutions, Peter Harding, The Victoria (Dunstable), K & K Pet Foods, and Wright Vehicle Solutions—as

well as to all those who helped out on the night.



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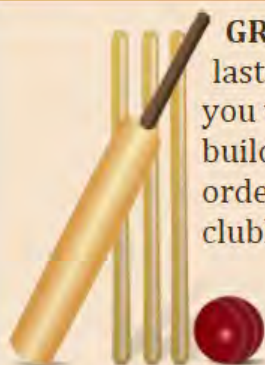
The cricket season is coming to an end and whilst we have not enjoyed much, if any, success on the field, all the games have been played, thanks to the weather making it possible.

We are desperately looking for new players for next season and we would welcome any person who wishes to play for us. As long as you can breathe and hold a cricket bat you are eligible to play.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the cricket team by either playing or giving up their time to help with the preparations. It is much appreciated.

We will be holding another fund raising evening in the near future which we will publicise in due course.

Chalgrave Sports Club



GREAT NEWS!!! Thanks to a generous local benefactor we are at last able to realise a dream and replace our clubhouse. For those of you who have visited the ground, you'll be aware that our current building is at best 'tired', but the committee have recently agreed and ordered a brand new log cabin which will be fitted out as our new clubhouse. This donation together with others received last year and our own fund-raising activities give us the opportunity to make some major changes at the ground and greatly improve its appearance and facilities.

The structure is being delivered shortly and will be held in store until September/October when we will pull down the existing building and begin assembling the new one. Obviously this is no small task and we would be grateful if anyone willing to assist with DIY/Building/Electrical/Plumbing work during this period could get in touch. We intend to dismantle the existing building and have a ceremonial bonfire around Fireworks night – assuming that we can get it to burn that is...

Although the donations we have received have covered the cost of the clubhouse, we still have our normal running costs, equipment maintenance, expenses, etc, and so will be holding a fund-raising **Race Night** on **Saturday 9th May** at the **Memorial Hall (door open at 6.30 pm, first race at 7.30 pm)**. There will be the usual 'fish 'n' chip' supper and licensed bar. Tickets will be available from The Plough Inn, or from committee members and you will see posters around the village soon with further details. This is a popular event with all the family so we hope to see you there.

As always we are keen to attract new players, and we've said it many times before but ability is not a barrier. As our chairman puts it 'as long as you can breathe and hold a cricket bat you are eligible'! The games are played in a friendly spirit and banter is the order of the day, followed by a debriefing in The Plough of course.

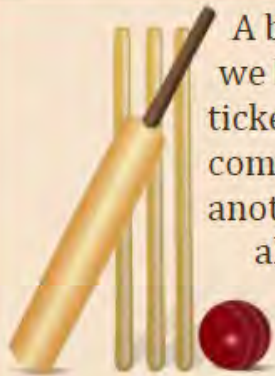
Our **AGM** is due to be held on **Tuesday 14th April** at **The Plough Inn** starting at **7.30 pm**. This is an excellent opportunity to come and meet the committee and some of the current players, especially if you would like to play or maybe support the club as we also need volunteers to help out at our various events.

Finally, it is with much sadness that we learned of the passing of Michael Kingham recently. Michael, who lived in Tebworth with his wife Barbara for many years before moving to Toddington recently, was a great supporter of Chalgrave Sports Club. He was an excellent bowler and batsmen and became an umpire after his playing career of some 35 years had finished. He and Barbara wrote a charming book on the history of the club, extracts from which can be seen on the Sports Club website. Our thoughts go out to Barbara and family at this sad time.

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Chalgrave Sports Club



A busy time of year and a disappointment. As many of you will know we had to cancel the **Race Night** we had booked for 9th May due to low ticket sales – much of this was caused by people being already committed and we know we could have doubled the number of tickets on another date. Unfortunately the remaining dates in May and June were also problematic so we have moved it to **Saturday, 26th September**.

Flyers will be up beforehand and tickets will be available from various sources so look out for more details later in the year.

We are looking forward to our first match of the season, an away fixture against Road Runners in Houghton Regis and it looks like we have a strong squad. The fixtures are available as always on the website www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk and if you are interested in playing, umpiring, scoring or just watching then take a look. It also has a history of the club taken from Michael and Barbara Kingham's book – it's fascinating to see some of the names of past players and officials!

Our highlight of the year is the **10-10 Competition** – this year being held on **Sunday, 28th June**, the day after the Village Games. The first match is scheduled to start at 10.30 and play goes on until around 17.00. A bar and barbeque will be available, along with safety fencing for the spectators – so do come and pay us a visit.

Finally, at our recent AGM Roger Burden stepped down as Chairman of the club. Roger has served the club and committee for many years, and put a tremendous amount of time and effort into the club. We are deeply grateful for all of his contributions.

*Mike Wells,
Vice Chairman*

Chalgrave Sports Club



By the time you read this our cricket season will be coming to a close. It got off to a faltering start with a number of matches cancelled due to the weather or the opposition not turning up. However, our **annual 10-10 day** was a success with the Plough Inn being victorious!

Some photos from the occasion are shown here. **A big thank you to all who helped.**

We have added quite a few new members to the cricket team, but are always looking for more. If you are interested in playing please contact me or Mike Wells or any of the team.

Because of the work of Nev Andrews and the team, the sports ground is looking great. It will be



The victorious Plough team —

Back row L-R: Jaco Jacobs, Darren Fletcher, Steve Prew, Andy Perry, Richard Harris, Carter Bright, Nev Andrews and Paul Evans

Front row L-R: Paul Jeffs, Mike Wells and Andy Lawrence



further enhanced in the autumn by a new sports hut. We will be demolishing what is left of the old hut and erecting a brand new log cabin which we have in storage at the moment. As soon as the final ball is bowled at the end of our season we shall be starting the process, so if you have any practical skills and/or experience please get in touch – we'll need all the help we can get!

We soon hope to be adding golf to our list of activities as we have taken over arrangements for the PIGS (**Plough Inn Golf Society**).

We have our **Race Night** coming up on Saturday 26th September at Chalgrave Memorial Hall. Door open at 6.30 pm with the first race starting at 7.30. Tickets are £8 for adults and £4 for children and are available at the Plough Inn or from myself or any of the committee members – Mike Wells, Dave Britton, Nev Andrews, Matt Kirwin, Andy Lawrence or Paul Evans.

*Phil Parry, Chairman
Photos by Mike Wells*



Chalgrave Sports Club

Exciting times – work has started on the demolition of the old and construction of the new club house. We have had a couple of well attended working parties which emptied the contents of existing building and then consisted of watching Roger



Fenwick

destroy the shell with his JCB, the majority of which we were able to dispose of on a rather large bonfire (and some people said it was too wet to burn)! The site has now been cleared for the most part and a new base is to be constructed soon, at which point we can start putting the log cabin together.

Many thanks to all of those who have assisted so far and we hope we can rely on your further support during the next phase, probably early in the New Year (weather permitting).



*Mike Wells,
Vice
Chairman*



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Chalgrave Sports Club Race Night

As an alternative to watching Wales and England play in the Rugby World Cup, Chalgrave Sports Club put on an evening of entertainment in the form of their now traditional Race Night at Chalgrave Memorial Hall.

Master of the microphone was, as previously, although he didn't seem to recall much about it, John Parker. The 'tote team' was formed of Nicola and Tori Wells and Roger and Theresa Burden (it was nice to see them back for the evening). Mike Wells ran the screen and calculated the losings (I mean winnings of course) with Paul Levy and Debbie Hampson keeping everyone suitably lubricated at the bar. All this after Nev had ensured that no-one got in without a ticket.

The winning owner of the first race was a surprised looking Callum Angel, here to represent his family who have generously donated to the Sports Club this year - he





looked happy about the bottle of bubbly, but less enthused with the horse mask to go with it! All the other winners throughout the



evening looked equally happy – Roger liked the bottle and Molly liked the mask, but then Silvia and Nadine dominated the next four races winning two each!



After a great deal of suspense the fish and chip supper finally arrived – piping hot and as good as always – most welcome too... and the raffle was then despatched with rapid efficiency.

The final race of the evening is





an auction race with the horses being sold to the highest bidder and John did an excellent job of encouraging the participants – half of the total raised goes to the winning owner so this turned out to be £108! With rather more money riding on this than any other race (plus

the effects of the beer!) the atmosphere was tense, reaching a crescendo of excitement leading to many groans of disappointment with one exception – Mr Paul Levy looked extremely pleased as he rose to claim his prize (having paid the lowest price for his horse as well!). He then generously donated his winnings back to the club for which we are very grateful.

A splendid evening all round with thanks due to our generous sponsors:

- The Plough Inn, Wingfield,
- D&I Butchers, Houghton Regis,
- Paul Levy & Debbie Hampson,
- Promote1 Limited,
- Harding & Ng Veterinary Clinic,
- SsangYong Fleet Sales,
- EM Golf, Wingfield,
- Wright Vehicle Solutions, Bletchley.

We were very pleased to see our other generous benefactors attend the event – without whom we could not have dreamed of building a new clubhouse – Keith Thomson and his wife Noeleen.

Our thanks also go to all of the other helpers who enabled us to put on the event – we look forward to seeing you again soon, hopefully at

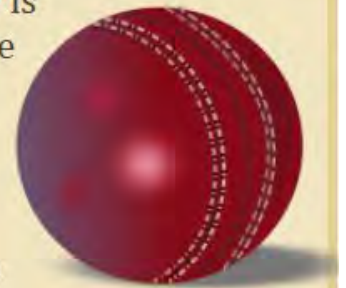
the grand opening of the new clubhouse!

*Mike Wells,
Vice
Chairman,
with photos
by RP*



Chalgrave Sports Club

The winter is a quiet time for the Sports Club and our main activity is rebuilding the Clubhouse. As you will know we have dismantled the old clubhouse and cleared the area so we are now waiting for a dry spell to lay the concrete base. Once that is set we can then construct the new building. We are very grateful for the help with this project from many people but particularly Anne and Roger Costin, Roger Fenwick and Rob Flitton. When the build is complete we will have a grand opening of the clubhouse – watch out for details.



A Plough Inn Golf Society (PIGS) golf day at Chalgrave Manor Golf Club took place between Christmas and New Year which was very enjoyable. The day itself was bright and clear and, despite the difficult conditions underfoot, the quality of golf was good. Well done to all of the prize winners. That evening we finished the day with a lovely meal at The Plough, with other members of the club joining us, and our thanks go to Chris, Caroline, Marc and all the staff. And a very special thanks to Paul Levy who organised the day on our behalf. We are intending to hold another three golf days throughout 2016 – please keep an eye on the website and the *Chalgrave News* for details.



We are in the process of planning our cricket fixture list for the 2016 season and are anticipating ten matches plus our 10/10 Festival of Cricket.

If you are interested in playing cricket or joining us for a round of golf please contact me or any of the committee.

Phil Parry, Chairman
chairman@chalgravesportsclub.co.uk

Chalgrave Sports Club



After a frustrating month or two waiting for the weather to improve sufficiently to put down the new concrete base, suddenly there has been lots of activity over a short period. Once the base was down we spent a very long weekend erecting the clubhouse under the expert help and guidance of Steve Winter. In just two days we were



able to get the shell up, roof on and water tight and the windows and door in – more than we could have hoped for!

Thanks go to Lesley Smith for the tea and bacon rolls for the



hungry workers. Since then we have given the new building two coats of wood protection which looks wonderful and the floor has been put down as well. Next stage is to fit out the building with a toilet,



changing room and storage cupboards. We can then move the container to its new site next to the clubhouse. We hope to have a grand opening once the building is finished.

Recently we have also received another generous donation which has allowed us to buy a new (second hand) set of gang mowers which we shall be refurbishing



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ready to press into service later in the year (or earlier if the current ones let us down!).

We have a new landlord – Roger Fenwick. Our future now looks more secure and we hope for a long and happy

partnership with Roger who has been tremendously supportive already.

Our 2016 season is about to get underway after a delay due to the

weather. We play our matches on Sundays and you are very welcome to come and watch the games, and have a beer and burger. If you are not sure of the whereabouts of the cricket ground it's on the corner of Tebworth Road and Hill Close in Wingfield.

Our annual 10-10 Festival of Cricket is



arranged for Sunday 12th June 2016. The first match is scheduled to start at 10.30 and play goes on until around 17.30. A bar will be available serving real ales and cider along with soft drinks, and there will be a BBQ serving burgers, hot dogs and (hopefully) bowls of chilli if you get peckish. As usual there will be safety fencing to help protect spectators and it's always a great fun day. Please do come and join us.

Finally, if you fancy a game please contact me or any of the Committee – fixtures are on the website, www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk.

*Phil Parry, Chairman
(photos by Mike Wells)*



Chalgrave Sports Club



We had a very soggy start to our cricket season. The pitch was unplayable due to the exceptional amount of rain and so we had to cancel a number of matches. We hope to get three matches in before the end of August and we are planning to have the postponed 10-10 Cricket Festival on the 4th September.

Because of holidays and other events we are a little behind with our development of the clubhouse. The clubhouse is built, but we now have to work on the interior – kitchen, changing rooms, toilet, etc as well as the plumbing and electrics. We will be making progress on this over the next few weeks as we plan to have finished much of the work by the 10-10.

We now have Ed Morton from EM Golf in Wingfield on board, not only as a player in our cricket team, but also to help develop the golfing side of the Club. Ed will be helping us source a driving range net and matting. This will be placed in one corner of our pitch. He is also going to run a Get into Golf scheme next summer for children, again using the pitch. These sessions will be monthly or every two weeks depending on popularity.

Ed is also offering Chalgrave Parish residents a 50% discount on the online booking price for simulation play and practice in his Golf Studio in Wingfield. Finally, if you want to play cricket contact either me or Mike Wells.



Phil Parry, Chairman

Chalgrave Sports Club

This time of year is quiet for the Sports Club. We finally played some games in September. We've had the opportunity to work on the grounds and the new Clubhouse. The Clubhouse will soon have electricity and water. All the wiring has been completed and it now needs connecting to the supply. We are also looking into covering the wooden flooring with some hard wearing carpet tiles. The grounds look great – thanks mainly to the hard work of Nev Andrews and Mike Wells.



We are delighted that Ed Morton from EM Golf in Wingfield has joined the Committee. He will be looking into using the ground to introduce golf into the community for young people. He is aiming to run lessons once a month but, if there is the demand, to increase this to every two weeks. More news of this later. Ed is also looking for funding to get golf netting.

We have our annual **Golf Day** on the **29th December**. It's a round of golf at The Bedford Golf Club followed by dinner at The Plough. If you want to join us please contact Mike or myself.



The ever popular **Race Night** will be happening next year – the date for your diary is **Saturday, 25th March**.

Phil Parry, Chairman and Mike Wells, Vice-chairman

Chalgrave Sports Club



Winter is a quiet time for the Sports Club. We held a golf society day at Bedford Golf Club during the Christmas break. Thanks to Ed Morton for organising the event. The winner was Dave Hawkins – Ed Morton came second (!) and Tim Petzing third. Longest Drive was by Jason Pixon and Nearest the Pin was Ed Morton. The golf was followed by a splendid dinner at the 19th – The Plough – many thanks to Chris and the team.

By the time you receive this edition of the News it will be close to our **Race Night on Saturday, 25th March**. It's always a fun event with a fish and chip supper and licensed bar, and there may be some tickets left so contact Mike Wells, The Plough or Phil Parry.

We are planning our cricket fixtures for this season as well as our annual 10/10 festival of cricket. We are hoping for better weather conditions this year after last year's early season wash out.

Our clubhouse is on track to be completed by the time of our first match. Again, we need the weather to improve to be able to carry out much needed ground maintenance.

We will have to replace the pitch at the end of this season – perhaps before the end. So, we will be looking at our bank balance and fund raising.

Ed Morton from EMGolf in Wingfield will soon be offering his “Get into Golf” scheme for children using our pitch. These sessions will be monthly or every two weeks depending on popularity. And don't forget Ed is also offering Chalgrave Parish residents a 50% discount on the online booking price for simulation play and practice in his Golf Studio in Wingfield.

Finally, if you want to play cricket, or can offer some time and expertise with the building and maintenance work, please contact either of us.



Phil Parry, Chairman and Mike Wells, Vice-chairman

Chalgrave Sports Club Chairman's report



It has been a good year for the Club not necessarily for the cricket but we now have a new clubhouse. More work is needed on the plumbing, electricity and fitting out, but it can be used. This would not have happened had it not been for the hard work and time given by committee members particularly Nev, Mike and David. Also, very special thanks must go to Steve Winter for his time, work and professional advice. We must also thank Mark Greenwood for his help with the roofing. We will be putting up a plaque in the clubhouse to recognise all those who helped. We still hope to have a formal opening of the Clubhouse.

We have two new Committee members. Ed Morton has joined and will be looking to develop golfing in the Club. We also have a new Treasurer – Paul Levy. Paul has already made some great changes in the way we handle finances. PTO



Sports Club report Continued

Sadly, our Groundsman Nev Andrews is stepping down from the Committee. Nev has made an outstanding contribution to the Club over the many years he has been part of the Chalgrave Sports Club Committee.

Our thanks go to Nev for all his hard work, and although no longer on the Committee we hope that he will continue with his involvement in the Club.

Fixtures have been an issue for us in 2016 because of the weather and the lack of opposition. Some teams have joined leagues and are now unable to play on Sundays. We managed three games in the season – two of these were on our ground. We had to cancel the 10/10. We need to find more teams.

Through Roger Burdon we may have a game with Pavenham and Felmersham Cricket Club and through Steve Calder we have matches with Milton Bryan. We have several fixtures planned for this season as well as our 10/10 festival of Cricket.

Ed Morton organised a successful Golf Day last December at Bedford Golf Club followed by dinner at The Plough. Ed will be organising Golf Days during the coming year as well as organising introduction to golf sessions for young people on Sundays. Two Golf Days already agreed . 2nd June and the 8th September.

We had a successful Race Night raising much needed funds for the Club. Thanks go to all the Committee Members for their help in making it a success – and to Nicola and Tori Wells, Lesley Smith, Fiona Parker, Tom Petzing, Su Parker, John Parker, Debbie Levy and many others. We are also grateful for the generous donations made on the night and to sponsors – K and K Petfoods, D and I Butchers, Wright Vehicle Solutions, The Plough Inn, EM Golf, Harding and Ng Vets, Paul Levy and Chalgrave IT Solutions.

The ground looks great - thanks to Nev and Mike. The pitch will be repaired for this season but it will need replacing for next season. We are considering the options and the how to fund the replacement. We are looking forward to another positive year.

Phil Parry



Chalgrave Sports Club Race night

A fantastic night was had at the Annual Chalgrave Sports Club Race Night on the 25th March 2017.

It was so great to see so many friends and family turn out for this occasion.

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Please contact the website for further information about the Sports Club or if you are interested in playing cricket

Chalgrave Sports Club Chairman's report



The weather was much kinder to us this year and we were able to play a quite number of matches both home and away. We were delighted to host games against two new opponents - The King William and a team from Milton Bryan (after we entered a team in their annual sixes competition). The last match of the season was the Chalgrave Cup Final held on 24th September between The Plough Inn and Road Runners. Road Runners came out winners on the final ball of the game in near dark conditions! Well done to them and commiserations to The Plough who fought so hard. It certainly was a match worthy of a final.

We have also entered a team into a six-a-side indoor cricket league. The matches take place around lunchtime on Sundays and last for an hour or so – if anyone is interested in taking part please contact us.

We now have a new artificial pitch. Although we have trialled it, we need to do some work over the winter to create a smooth surface for it to lay on ready to be used next season. We will also be filling in some of the outfield dips.

Our new club house fit-out nears completion. After a tremendous amount of work done by a small team (a big shout out to Dave Britton amongst others) we now have electricity, water and a working toilet! We have carpet and nearly a kitchen – although the oven door mysteriously shattered. Our aim is for the work to be completed before next season when we will christen it with an opening ceremony. A Golf Day was held in September with Nev Andrews being the golf champ in challenging conditions – all seasons were represented during the round! We had a

wonderful meal afterwards at The Plough for which many thanks to Chris & Caroline. There is another Golf Day scheduled in December – if you would like to take part please contact any member of the committee or see the notice which will be posted in The Plough.

Looking ahead we will be having another great Race Night early 2018 at the Memorial Hall, Tebworth. This will probably be in March – the date will be published once we have confirmed the details. **Mike Wells**



We are always looking for new players – if you want to join us please contact Phil Parry or Mike Wells.

2G Flicx Pitch for Chalgrave Cricket Club

On the 31st May I was privileged to watch the demonstration of the 2G Flicx pitch at Chalgrave Cricket Club.

The pitch was developed in South Africa after apartheid, in order to create more facilities for people to play cricket together. Its most popular application is to convert a grass field into a cricket pitch – just by rolling it out. More information on the pitch can be found at www.flicx.co.uk.

If you are curious to see one in action go and support the Chalgrave Cricket Club as they have recently purchased one.

Chalgrave Sports Club

Not much activity at this time of year apart from our December Golf Day. It took place at the Aldwickbury Park Golf Club near Harpenden. The weather was good, but the bunkers were like concrete. Paul Levy's shot bounced out of one bunker into another and bounced out again! The overall winner was Tom Petzing with Nev Andrews second and John Given a fine third. The day ended with a fine meal at The Plough – thanks to Stacey and Dave. We will be planning another Golf Day in the Spring. If you want to play, contact any of the Committee or look for notice in the Plough later in the year.



We still have to confirm a date for our Race Night at the Memorial Hall. Once the date is decided we will be putting up posters.

As for cricket, we will be working on the ground and the club house to be ready for the season. Andy will be busy planning fixtures. We played indoor six-a-side cricket at Redbourn Cricket Centre during the Autumn. If we get a side together we will play again during Spring.

We are always looking new players. If you want to join us, please contact Phil Parry or Mike Wells. We are also looking for a new Secretary. The role is not onerous as the Committee only meets about six times a year - usually in the Plough so it is semi-formal and fun. If you have a little bit of time to spare for this local organisation we would love to hear from you. Phil Parry and Mike Wells



Chalgrave Sports Club



Last season was good, we managed to have a number of games and with two new opponents - Milton Bryan and King William. We also took part in the 6 a side competition at Milton Bryan and hope to do so again this year. Over the winter our fixture list for this season is developing and now includes some matches against Flitwick Cricket Club. Our first match is scheduled for the end of April but the pitch is water logged at the moment! We are working hard on it to try and be ready for the season.

The new Club House is now up and running with a few minor tasks to be complete – like plumbing in the sink and finishing off the flooring. There is always work needed to maintain and improve our facilities but it can be used. This would not have happened had it not been for the hard work and time given by committee members and also non-committee members like Nev and others. We will be putting up a plaque in the clubhouse to recognise all those who helped. Talking of plaques there is a special thanks to Sign of the Times for providing a splendid Chalgrave Sports Club sign which is now on the front of the Club House.

We have a new artificial pitch which was little used last year but will be this season. Dates for diaries – Race Night 21st April and our Festival of Cricket on 3rd June. Plough Inn Golf Society – the last Golf Day at Easter had to be cancelled because of the weather but we have two more later in the year – 1st September and the 27th December. Organised by Ed Morton. We also have a golf match against a team from The Farmers Boy in Kenworth in June.

We are always looking for new members (players or committee) so if you want to join us please contact Mike or myself.

Phil Parry and Mike Wells



CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB

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The fixture list is on www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk

We also use a mobile app called Teamer to keep you informed of upcoming games and for you to let us know your availability.

If you are interested, then please get in touch by email or by phone:

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Paul Evans - paul@chalgravesportsclub.co.uk— 07867 497464

We hope to hear from you soon!

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CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB *continued*



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We will be putting up a plaque in the clubhouse to recognise all those who helped. We continue to work on the grounds. We plan to move the container to be next to the clubhouse and tidy that corner of the field, and we need to fill the various dips in the field.

We have a fixture list for the season on our website and have played our first couple of games - but we need players – please contact us if you are interested.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our Festival of Cricket due to other teams being unavailable. The new date will be in August or early September. We will advertise the date once it is confirmed.

The Easter Golf Day was cancelled because of a waterlogged course. We have Golf Days arranged for the coming year – September and December. The next one is on the 1st September at Aldwickbury Park Golf Course. If you fancy a game and a meal afterwards please contact any of the Committee members or add your name to the list at the Plough Inn.

We had a golf match against The Farmers Boy Kensworth for the Stryderless Cup. We came second! But it was a good day with a lovely curry afterwards at the Plough.

We had a very successful Race Night. Thanks go to all who helped – John Parker, Nicola and Tori Wells, Aidan Hampton, Lesley Smith, Debbie Levy, Tom Petzing, Roger & Theresa Burden and particularly Nev Andrews. Also to our sponsors – Peter Harding, Wright Vehicle Solutions, EM Golf, Robert Upchurch, Rob Flitton, The Ladies With No Will Power, and of course, to all those who attended and made it such a great night.

We are going to have a Quiz Night on the 6th October – watch out for posters and flyers with more details nearer the time.

We play cricket on Sunday. Check out our website www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk and come along to play or watch the fun!

Phil Parry & Mike Wells

SPORTS CLUB

We have come to the end of our cricket season, we managed to play a number of games despite lacking players. We do need some new players. We are a village team - not a league team - so we play village cricket. This means we play for fun, exercise and a few beers afterwards. So if you fancy a game come and join us next season. Cricket talent really not essential!



Our Quiz Night has been pushed forward to the Spring. We will let you know the new date.

We had a Golf Day at Aldwickbury Harpenden in August. Glorious weather and fantastic course. Great day had by all – especially Nev Andrews who won. Thanks to Ed & Paul for the organisation.



We have another Golf Day coming up on December 28th in Redbourn - coffee and bacon roll in the morning and a meal afterwards in the Plough. So if you fancy a fun round of Golf with a group of us with varying levels of expertise - but mostly low -contact any of the Committee members or sign up in the Plough.

Phil Parry and Mike Wells.

Chalgrave Sports Club

It's a quiet time of year for the Club but it is an opportunity for maintenance work. With the grateful help of Roger Fenwick, we emptied the container in the far corner of the cricket pitch. Roger has now moved it to a more convenient place at the side of the clubhouse. Over the next couple of months, we will continue to work on the pitch and clubhouse.

We had our usual Christmas Golf Day. Ed Morton organised the day at Redbourn Golf Club. We had fewer golfers this year, but it was still a good day with 'Big Dave' the winner. It was followed by a good meal in the Plough. We will be planning another Golf Day in the Spring. If you want to play, contact any of the Committee or look for notice in the Plough later in the year.

We welcome our new Secretary, Debbie Levy, who is doing a great job. Not sure whether she volunteered - or was volunteered!

We are looking ahead to the cricket season and we want to return to the original ethos of the Club which was a mix of social, cricket and fun. We want to move away from playing league teams to playing pub and village teams - playing a match on a Sunday afternoon with everybody getting a chance to bat and bowl followed by a few beers in the Plough. Nev is going to look for like-minded teams for our fixture list.

With this in mind, if you fancy a game on a Sunday afternoon - and a bit of fun - all ages and abilities are very welcome. Please contact Mike, Phil or any of the Committee. **Mike Wells and Phil Parry**



Chalgrave Sports Club

We are in the process of arranging fixtures for the season. If you fancy a game on Sunday afternoon followed by a beer in the Plough please contact any of the Committee. We are changing the direction of the Club and going for more social cricket where every player gets a chance to bat and bowl.



We are also in the process of preparing the pitch for the season. The container has been moved to its final resting place by the side of the clubhouse. Roger Fenwick is dealing with drainage of the pitch; Nev is doing a great job keeping the Yellow Peril going; he and Mike are keeping the grass under control; the Levy's are keeping the Club organised and Phil is doing a lot of leaning!

We had a very successful, great fun Race Night. Thanks to all who helped including Tori, Nicola, Aidan, JP, Fiona, Lesley, Sharon and the Plough for running the bar.

Also, thanks to the sponsors - K and K Pet Foods, WVS, Ed Morton, Pete Harding, LadiesWNWP and Big Dave. We will be arranging another Race Night perhaps later in the year.



Phil Parry/Mike Wells

Chalgrave Parish Assembly

Mike Wells reported a change of approach for the Sports Club. Last year had been difficult, with cancelled fixtures and problems raising a cricket team, issues with the gang mower and a cancelled quiz night. This year it will be 'back to basics' with friendly matches for those of all abilities. New members welcome.

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CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB

We had a very successful Family Day last month. The weather was kind to us. We had a BBQ, bar and games for the children. We also had a game of cricket! It was a great example of the type of cricket we want to play next season – social and fun, where everyone gets an opportunity to bat and bowl.



As a result of the Day, we now have several new players joining the team. We now look forward to next season playing other teams with a similar ethos. Thanks to the Committee members for making the day a success.

We managed to paint the container next to the Clubhouse in time for the wedding on the cricket ground. The container now blends a little better into the background. Thanks again to the Committee and to Nicola Wells.

We are having our winter Golf Day on a date to be confirmed between Christmas Day and New Years' Day. It will be at the wonderful Woburn Golf Course. It will be on either on the Marquess or Duchess course with tea/coffee/rolls before we start and a two-course meal afterwards.

Contact any of the committee if you want to join us.

We will be planning next year's fixtures, arranging another Race Night on March 28th and organising a Family Day at the beginning of the season.



Phil Parry/Mike Wells





Chalgrave Sports Club

Race Night

Saturday 28th March 2020

Doors Open at 6.30pm—First Race at 7.30 pm
Chalgrave Memorial Hall, Wingfield Rd, Tebworth

All Welcome

Tickets £10.00 for adults, £5.00 children (under 16)
Includes fish & chip supper

Licensed Bar

Own a horse for the evening!

Horse Racing

Raffle

Contact Phil Parry (07831 605600), Mike Wells (07900 253262)
or Debbie Levy (07931 408697) for tickets and to place your food order.

or email nev@chalgravesportsclub.co.uk

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CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB



We have had a quiet year. We have been struggling to get a team together to play a cricket match against a league side. As a result, have decided to change the 'direction' of the club. So that rather than play cricket at a league level we should play more social cricket where everyone can have a go at batting, bowling and fielding - playing against pub teams or similar. This is what we had planned for this year – before the Covid 19 pandemic.

The crisis has meant we have had to postpone both our Race Night and our Family Day. The Race Night is now planned for Saturday November 21st. We hope to have the Family Day before the end of the summer – and to have a couple of games before the winter.

We did manage to arrange two Golf Days last year – thanks to Ed Morton. Both were successful and were followed by a fabulous meal in the Plough.

There has been a lot of maintenance work on the pitch and in the clubhouse. Many thanks to Roger Fenwick and to Nev Andrews. Nev has really headed up the work and has spent many hours fixing, repairing, building, mowing, rolling and much more. Thanks to others that have helped such as Kevin Hydes. The 'yellow peril' is in operation, most things work in the clubhouse and the sports ground looks great.

Phil Parry and Mike Wells

CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB



Over the winter and close season, we have been maintaining and updating the pitch and clubhouse. The pitch is looking good (thank you Phoebe) and the inside of the clubhouse is coming together. Future working parties will be repainting the clubhouse, clearing the container, putting screens on the windows, repairing the roof and checking the electrics. We will also be replacing the gang mowers – we have replacement gang mowers, but they need a service and sharpening.

We have put the nets up on the pitch and its great to see people and families taking the opportunity to have a bat and bowl. It is also good to hear the sound of leather on willow again!

At the time of writing with the easing of lockdown restrictions, we are planning a match against Eaton Bray. The match will follow the Covid 19 regulations for cricket matches. We are looking to get a few more games before the end of the season.

We are going to get golf driving nets - and have a Golf Day later in the year. We are expecting to run again our Family Day in September. It was very successful last year in getting new team members and renewing the energy and direction of the club. We decided to move away from 'league' style of cricket and go for more social cricket.

The Club has been going for nearly 100 years and we are determined to keep it alive. We also discussing how to get more young people involved in cricket. Possibly having Saturday or Sunday training sessions for youngsters over the summer.

We have a date for our Race Night which is the 21st November. If we are allowed to go ahead, we are going to make it a Community event. More details will follow.

As ever if you fancy a game then contact any of the Committee members.

Phil Parry & Mike Wells

CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB

For obvious reasons we have had a very quiet season. We made the clubhouse Covid safe and followed Government guidelines when playing cricket. Some cricket has been played during the summer but only by very small groups using the nets. The ground was also used by the recent Car Show.



We had to cancel our Family Day, the 10/10 and the Race Night. These cancellations had an impact on our finances but we were fortunate to receive a grant. This enabled us to complete some work inside the clubhouse and to give the outside a protective coat of varnish. We can now upgrade our gang mowers, refurbish the nets and keep the 'yellow peril' running.

Looking ahead we hope to run our Christmas Golf Day and we are planning some fixtures for next season. The Race Night and Family Day are still on hold until later in 2021. Contact us if you fancy a game next season.

Phil Parry
Chair



CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB Golf day Saturday 2nd January. 2021



It is not the Masters or the Open and frankly to some it is more important. In a year when so many sporting events have not taken place, we were fortunate to find a venue that could accommodate us. The tournament took place at Stockwood Park. It has long been the case that the golf society play within an hour's drive of the club, so this met the criteria. Players were all advised of COVID rules. Keeping distance, no touching, flags, each other's balls or anything that was not your own.

So with the year end fast approaching the shout had gone out for attendees at what has now become the traditional Christmas holiday golf event.

Regretfully the only refreshments would be bottled drinks and confectionery, no Bacon Rolls, sit down lunch etc. This was after all the week that we were in tier, who can remember.

Weather conditions were not ideal in the build up to the day with much rain.

In fact, I was surprised that trollies were permitted. Half the players used a trolley the others choosing to carry, as they call it.

Players assembled for booked tees and went off in pairs.

Some good golf shots and poor, in the conditions scores were probably as good as they would be. But winter rules (obviously) applied and if you could find your ball, you could "unplug, clean and place".

This is a woodland course. So, players defied the odds, a tree is 90% air. So you have to be pretty accurate to hit the wood and so observing on another fairway one of our players hitting a tree and seeing his ball end up 30 yards behind him was quite something. More so as at this point my ball lay in a temporary lake at the bottom of a deep bunker (yes, I know, you can place at a dry spot no nearer the pin) Two shots later I was out the bunker. My playing partner and I picked up on this hole having failed to score. The problem with playing a tournament at 1pm in the winter with Sunset at 16.09 is that you run the risk of not finishing, so without hurrying shots all were urged to get around quickly. If you can't score pick up and move on, we all agreed.

This worked well to the 16th by which time there some bunching and delays at tees.

But long story told short all who played finished though the last pair were in the last light on the 18th. A review of the cards showed that it was awfully close and might have been different. The winner by a point, on 25, not too bad in the conditions.

So, despite the cold and the mud the two of us really enjoyed being out and playing a round of golf. The annual dinner in the Plough did not take place, there were no prizes. There was a benefit that there was no Chairman's speech. Hopefully, with vaccines administered and tiers gone we will be able to play again this year and have more turn out.

Phil Parry & Mike Wells



CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB We are on the move! Sadly, we have lost the use of the field in Wingfield but the Club lives on.

The past year and a half has been difficult for obvious reasons. Families did manage to use the nets on a few occasions and also have a kickabout, but our plans for the club were put on hold.

We have had offers from other clubs to use their pitch and to play cricket matches against them. It is hoped that we can continue with our plans to play more social cricket. At our last Family Day, we had several new players sign up for cricket.

We are also continuing our plan to broaden our activities. Ed Morton has formed a Running Club under the Sports Club banner. This is a running club to socialise with the running community in the Parish and beyond. It is open to all abilities (including walkers), exploring local trails as well going over to Rushmere and Ashridge. If you want to join in contact Ed or go the Facebook page.

We are organising a Park Run social event on the 4th September -

**Saturday 4th September Social
Houghton Hall, Houghton Regis**

Timetable

8:30– Meet and Warm Up
9:00– Park Run/Walk or
Learn to Run training with NickTKCoaching.com
10:00– Coffee Break
10:30– Yoga in the park with Tashasyoga.com
11:30– Close or optional run back to Tebworth

Park Run registration required online at parkrun.org.uk
No Charge for participation, all abilities welcome and encouraged to join.



Follow us on 

We are looking into developing a cycling club. We will continue to have our Golf Days. When conditions allow, we will have our popular Race Night and we are looking into having talks by representatives of different sports.

Phil Parry



If you want to join the Club, please contact Ed Morton 07498 360152 or any of the Committee members.

We had our first Park Run at Houghton Hall at the beginning of September. It was a very successful first event with about twenty doing the course followed by a yoga session led by Tasha. Nick also led a class on how to run efficiently and effectively. We hope to have a Park Run every month.

Two of our members, Ed Morton and Christina Lawrence, completed the London Marathon. Congrats to both of them. Christina's time was 3.43 and Ed's time was 3.53. Two other members, Paul Levy and Simon Gatward completed the Marathon by walking the distance along the canals of Milton Keynes and Leighton Buzzard – 9 hours and 44 mins. Well done Paul and Simon! All of them raising money for charity - Paul, Ed and Simon for the RNIB.

At last, we were able to have our Race Night. It was a huge success, we had a full house - eight races (one with pigs), tops and tails, raffle and a superb fish and chip supper. The committee are grateful to John Parker for being the Compare, Simon for his technical expertise, the Wells family for running the Tote and all other non-committee members for their help. We are planning a similar event for 2022.

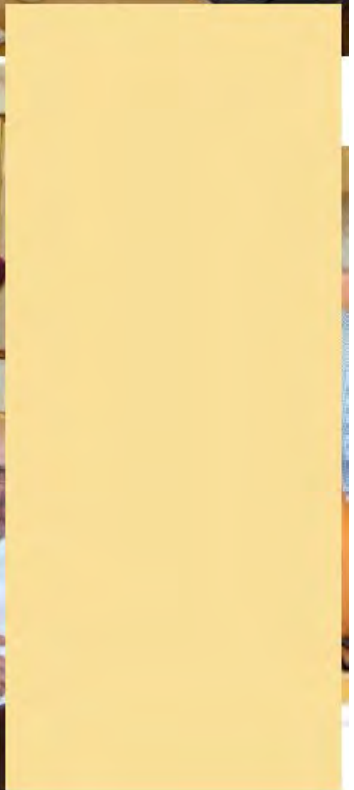
We are financially supporting an Emotionally Wellbeing programme at Parkfields Middle School. This is an initiative for a small group of children helping them build and maintain diverse friendships through golf at the Tilsworth Golf Club. This is a superb project and aligns with the Clubs purpose of using sport as a positive force for wellbeing – as well as making sport inclusive.

Future events may include Park Runs, a Golf Day, walking football, etc. – and, as we have been offered the use of a cricket pitch we might have a game next summer.

We will also be having a Quiz Night on 19 March.



Chalgrave Sports Club—Race Night



Marathon



Ed Morton ran the London Marathon and Simon Gatwood and Paul Levy walked a Marathon around the canals of Milton Keynes. All were raising money for The Royal Institute for the Blind.

Our monthly 5K Park Run at Houghton Hall continues. We plan to go there on the first Saturday of the month. We meet at 8.30 for a warm-up, with the event starting at 9.00. Participants run, jog, walk, walk with their dog, walk with a pram – it's a great fun opportunity to exercise and keep fit.



We are in the process of developing our website. The content of the site will be based on 'Inspiration and Information' – inspiring people to exercise and keep fit through walking, running, swimming, going to the gym etc.; and giving information on how to exercise efficiently and effectively.

We are planning a fun Quiz Night in the Memorial Hall on 23rd April. The tickets will include a Fish and Chip supper. Any money raised will be going to provide St Georges Lower School with much needed sports equipment. Save the date!

Our recent Race Night raised funds to support a Wellbeing programme at Tilsworth Golf Club for a group of children at Parkfields Middle School.



Our Club secretary Debbie Levy presenting a cheque to Parkfields Head Teacher James Hughes, and the Wellbeing programme leader Jane Manners.

If you want to join the Club, please contact Ed Morton 07498 360152

CHALGRAVE NEWS - ISSUE 73 - NEW YEAR 2022

Dear Reader I see it is a year since I reported on the Christmas Golf Day of the Chalgrave Sports Club for 2020, though it was on January 2nd 2021. I suppose that is not really a surprise to many of you after all it was Christmas. To others well, it will be, and to others yet a cause of relief, pride, I might go on.

Notwithstanding the influences of the great unprecedented, resulting in players' need to cry off at short notice, failing the compulsory testing (the club has always taken seriously precautions and insists on this before every event), the sixteen of us were reduced to eight on the day.

I might observe that a few fair-weather golfers preferred not to get their shoes dirty. In hindsight they were probably right on that. With three, three-balls booked to play The Chairman, doubling as starter, oh and club chronicler (photographer, he got his phone out) joined the group for coffee and bacon rolls.



So the two fourballs set off.



Now it would be difficult you'll understand to be able to report first-hand on how everyone played. For you can only be on one hole at a time.

To my great relief teeing off first in front of the gathered throng (?) if eight constitutes a throng, I hit a ball straight down the middle, and in a way that made others gasp. I heard some whisper "how on earth did he do that". Or some form or words that I am unable to write in this gentle publication but means the same.

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Strangely at the end of a long, tiring but most enjoyable round, the company not the conditions, the result was the same as last year. I do mean strangely for a year ago there were just two of us, you may recall. Mr Andrews came first, and I came last. A year on, Mr Andrews was first with an incredible 33 points, and I was last with the same number of points as a year ago.



Finally, I was very concerned to receive this photo of one of our number. I did not witness the incident, and, let me hasten to assure you that he is safe and well, He, apparently, lost his footing on the 18th. You will appreciate he felt he was unable to join us for refreshment and prizes.

Tis' unusual to take as long to clean up after a game of golf..... but this is the spirit that keeps us playing.

Oh the camaraderie!

It will be dryer safer, and warmer; the next CSC golf event is planned for April details to be finalised.

Paul Levy

The Chalgrave Sports Club has enjoyed a transformative year. The Committee have worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for its members and the community to get involved in activity for the benefit of both physical and mental health.



On the first Saturday of every month a social park run takes place at Houghton Hall and our members have frequently attended to either run, walk or dog-walk! around the 5 kilometre route with other Park Run enthusiasts. It's a great location and a very social activity with warm ups and warm downs for people of all levels of ability. We are fortunate to have professional coach, Nick Taylor-Komar as part of the organising committee and his experience and skills are of great benefit to all as well as the fantastic drive and enthusiasm of Ed Morton in moving the club forward.

The club has been busy organising Golf days and potentially a cricket match or two later this summer which will be held at Parkfields Middle School, Toddington. We are also eager to provide other sporting opportunities such as group cycling and open water swimming for beginners later this year. All led by our members who have passion for these sports. Please follow us on Facebook to find out more.

From a fundraising perspective we had a very successful Race Night back in October and more recently a Quiz Night at the end of April at Chalgrave Memorial Hall. All of the committee played their part in the success, however, particular mention and thanks to Simon Gatward and John Parker for their efforts in preparation and on the night. At both events, half of the profits made was donated to Parkfields Middle School and St. Georges Lower School respectively for sporting equipment and opportunities for their pupils. We also made a donation to the Toddington Scout Group.

Our next event will see a return of the Race Night on Saturday 15th October. Please come along for a great night and support your local sports club.

Kevin Hydes



CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB

RACE NIGHT



SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2022

CHALGRAVE MEMORIAL HALL, WINGFIELD ROAD, TEBWORTH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM, FIRST RACE STARTS AT 7:00PM

TICKETS

£14 ADULTS / £8.50 CHILDREN (UNDER 14)

PRICE INCLUDES FISH & CHIP SUPPER (OTHER OPTIONS AVAILBLE)

To buy or reserve your tickets & order food, please contact:
Debbie Levy - ☎ 07931 408697 or ✉ chalgravesportsclub@gmail.com
or contact any member of the CSC Committee

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Chalgrave Sports Club

2021/22 AGM Chair's Report.

The aim of the Club is inspiration and information. Inspiring people to exercise and keep fit and giving information on how to exercise efficiently and effectively.

The Club has a new logo which is now on our running shirts, banners, water bottles and on the tablecloth. As well as that, we have a membership with numbers slowly increasing.

We had our first successful Park Run last September followed by a yoga session led by Tasha. We try to have one every first Saturday of the month. We are grateful to Nick for conducting warm-up sessions before the runs and cool down exercises afterwards.

We make this a social event so that members can run, walk or dog walk.

Two members completed the London Marathon – Ed Morton and Christina Lawrence. Two other members Paul Levy and Simon Gatward completed the Marathon by walking the distance along the canals of MK and Leighton Buzzard.



Ed Morton travelled to Austria at the beginning of July to take part in Ironman Austria in Klagenfurt. He was meant to compete back in 2020 but due to covid it was delayed for two years. What is an Ironman? An Ironman is a full distance triathlon which consists of a 2.4 mile swim (3.9K), 112 mile bike (180.2K), and 26.2 mile run (42.2K). Ed completed the event in 12hr 14mins in weather conditions that averaged 33c to a high of 38c on the final run leg.



Ed comments: 'It was a brilliant day but a very hot day! I travelled with my brother who also took part. The local crowds and other supporters traveling with competitors created a brilliant atmosphere! Would I do another one? Definitely, most people think I'm mad when I say that I enjoyed every moment of that race!

Christina Lawrence went to Endure24 in Reading at the beginning of June, she wanted to run a minimum of 100km, she managed 112km, 14 laps of the course over the 24hr period. What a great job Christina!

Well done to Mike Jackson for his recent Ultra events in Wales for the Snowdonia UTS 50 miles and the Cornwall coastal Tsunami 37.5 mile Ultra in June.

The Club ran two very successful events during the past year – Race Night and Quiz night. The hard work of the Committee plus help from non-committee members Fiona Parker, Lesley Smith, Su Parker, the Wells team and many others making the evenings great fun. Our next event is a Race Night on the 15th October.

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In line with our aim of encouraging young people into sport, profits from these events went to support local organisations. We donated a sum of money to Parkfields Middle School going towards funding a Wellbeing programme at Tilsworth Golf Club. The programme was very successful and I went to a presentation at the school for the young people who took part in the golf programme.

The Sports Club was thanked for the help and several parents came up to me to personally to thank the Club. Tilsworth Golf Club has generously offered to run a summer school for these children. We also donated funds to St George Lower school for much needed sports equipment - Debbie and I attended the presentation at the school. We also made a donation to the Toddington Scout Group For the Jubilee Chalgrave Games we arranged for the Scout Group to bring their mobile climbing wall to the event. It was a hugely popular and gave the young people who attended something to do during the afternoon. Special thanks to Steve Calder for his hard work in the afternoon.

As for the future – we need to consider what more can we do for our members; provide other sporting activities; get the website finished.

Finally, my thanks go to the Committee members for all their hard work over the past year.

Phil Parry Chair



At our last CSC Quiz Night, John Parker generously donated an auction prize of an hours flight over the area. Nev Andrews won the prize and took Roger Burdon (ex. The Plough) along for the flight

Quiz Night

Unfortunately we ran out of space in the last edition of The Chalgrave News so we are pleased to add some photos here and on the adjoining page of the last Quiz Night, kindly supplied by Su Parker. Thanks Su!



Chalgrave Sports Club



Our Race Night was a great success. – 8 races, raffle, excellent fish and chips and much more. A great Club team effort with the help of Mandy, Su, Lesley, Millie, Flo and Gabe. Thanks also to the Wells family for running the Tote. We gained new members and towards the end of the evening the Club presented Nev Andrews and Mike Wells with Honorary Life Memberships for recognition of all the work they have put into the Club not only as Committee members but also as players.

Also, during the evening our MC John Parker auctioned off a flight for three in his aircraft over our Parish. In the face of stiff competition and not wanting to disappoint two eager bidders, John accepted two bids so up to six people will enjoy two flights. We'd like to thank Lee Finch and Chris Osborn for generously supporting the club in our auction, and hope they enjoy their flights. A donation from monies raised on the night will be made to local schools for sporting activities and equipment.



Other Club events include the 5K Park Run at Houghton Hall and our Saturday morning Yoga. We plan to continue the 5K event on the first Saturday of the month. The Yoga with Rachel starts again on November 19th in the Memorial Hall at

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11.00am. You are very welcome to join us, contact a Committee member or email – chalgravesportsclub@gmail.com Danielle will be leading a walk again for about an hour before the yoga class - details will be on our Facebook page.

We will be organising a Golf Day between Christmas and New Year
Congrats to members –

- ◆ Ian Cox for completing the Bournemouth Marathon. He was being chased by a rhino for part of the way!
- ◆ Ed Morton for completing his second London Marathon.
- ◆ Christina Lawrence for taking part in the XNRG Tring Ultra 50K at the end of September. This was her first Ultra event.
- ◆ Mike Jackson for running the Ultra Trail Mont Blanc CCC in August. The race is 100KM with over 6,100M of climbing starting in Italy and ending in France!! He raised £1300 for the Downs Syndrome Association

Another member, Ian Smith, will be raising money for Pancreatic Cancer UK. He will be walking 30K during the month of November -

Ian Smith

Details of how you can support his efforts will be on our Facebook Page.

I understand that Lesley Smith will be accompanying him for part, if not all, of the way.

Phil Parry

Chalgrave Sports Club



From our Race Night back in October we were able to make a donation to Parkfields School towards their outdoor gym equipment project.

Head teacher James Hughes receiving our donation



Winter Golf Day

We had a successful Winter Golf Day between Christmas and New Year at Cainhoe Wood Golf Course. Paul Levy organised the day and reports;

*"Well what a wonderful day!
After The rains during the week, the day might have been cancelled but Cainhoe Wood is now a very well cared-for course and whilst one of the two was part closed we played the "Castle".*

After a suitably robust breakfast, bacon rolls and egg rolls, the eight of us set off. We were accompanied to the first tee for a photograph or two by the chairman who also acted as starter...and so we played off into the bright blue yonder, the brilliant sun straight in the players eyes.



Though the course was wet in parts it was nothing like a year ago, and we all made it back to the 19th, which sadly wasn't the case 12 months earlier. Guest Alan Philpot a member at Cainhoe won the day on 34 points, second, well an elevated third really Ken Liddle, third was Malcolm Macgregor.

We have a rule that a player can only win one prize. So, whilst John Given was second on points scored, he elected to take the prize for 'longest drive'. 'Nearest the pin' went to Lisa Williams, also a member of Cainhoe Woods".

The Golf Day was followed by an End of Year Dinner for members and guests at the Plough. It was a hugely enjoyable event.

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CSC members Mike Jackson and Christina Lawrence have come up with a great challenge – the mile a day challenge - MAD. Walk or run a mile a day throughout the year. A number of CSC members have taken up the challenge, although one of our Committee members failed on Day Two! (I'll not mention who it was, Danielle).

MAD Day One – New Year's Day. We have seven yoga classes run by Rachel between now and March. You are very welcome to join us for an hour on Saturday mornings. Details on our Facebook Page. Danielle will be organising walks including along the Greensand Way and a marathon walk for Macmillan around the coast of Norfolk.



Two CSC members Ian and Lesley Smith raised £706 for Pancreatic Cancer UK in November's Challenge to walk 30km during the month.

They walked 30.5km in the first week so they set a new challenge of 30km a week, walking 137.5km in total.

Ian cooling down after completing the Challenge.

Upcoming, apart from the Yoga classes and Danielle's walks, we have our Fantastic Quiz Night on the 22nd April and we will resume the 5K Park Runs. You don't have to be a member to join any of our activities. Up to date information is on our Facebook Page.

Phil Parry

CHALGRAVE SPORTS CLUB

FUN QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2023

CHALGRAVE MEMORIAL HALL, WINGFIELD ROAD, TEBWORTH

DOORS/BAR OPEN 6:15 PM, QUIZ STARTS AT 6:45 PM



**£100 CASH PRIZE • QUESTIONS TO SUIT ALL AGES • SPOT PRIZES
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**TICKETS: £15 ADULTS / £12 CSC MEMBERS / £10.00 JUNIORS (UNDER 16)
INCLUDES FRESHLY COOKED FISH & CHIP SUPPER (OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE)**

For tickets: please contact DEBBIE LEVY on 07931 408697
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or speak to any member of the CSC Committee



Proceeds to be used to make a donation to Toddington St George Lower School for much needed sports equipment

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CSC hosted a sell-out Quiz Night on Saturday 22 April 2023.

We had 13 teams battling over 7 rounds of questions, and 2 bonus table rounds. The question rounds were Saints (as the following day was St Georges Day), Looks Familiar (picture round), Food & Drink, Sport & Leisure, Twenty Twenty Two, Sounds Familiar (audio round), and Double or Nothing (get a question wrong and lose all points for that round!) The two table rounds were Famous Faces and Kids TV & Movie Characters.

It was closely fought, with the lead changing several times over the course of the quiz, but 'Who Dares Gins' made a strong showing on the table rounds to take first place, just beating 'Mike & The Mechanics' into second place. After some excellent freshly cooked fish & chips there was a game of our unique take on the classic Heads or Tails game with our quiz themed version, 'True or False'. Instead of a coin toss, everyone has to guess the answer to a very random true or false question on each round, putting their hands on their head if they think it is true, or on their bottom if they think false, with the last person standing winning a cash prize.

The night was a great success with many people complimenting us on the night and the food, with some saying that it was the most fun quiz they have ever been to. We are grateful to everyone that came along and supported the event, which has helped raise funds so that CSC can make a donation to St Georges Lower School to buy sports equipment to help enrich the children's physical activities.

Thanks go to the Club Committee – and their families - for a great team effort to put this together but special thanks must go to Simon Gatward for the many hours he spent working on the questions, slides and the audio/visual effects.



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We will be discussing an Autumn event at our AGM in May.

The Club's other activities continue with Yoga on Saturday morning and the Park Run/Walk at Houghton Hall. MAD continues (Mile A Day) with about 40 of us still going – we had one drop out through injury, but he has restarted (well done Kevin!). Danielle will be leading walks over the next few months, and we will be looking to organise a cricket match in the summer using Parkfields School pitch. Check out the Chalgrave Sports Club Facebook page

If you want to join the Club and/or be involved in any of our activities, please contact any of the Committee.

Simon Gatwood and Phil Parry



Chalgrave Sports Club

Since our AGM in May our activities have continued. Our Saturday morning Yoga classes continued through to July. There is now a break until they start again in September. Through the club's partnership with CBC Active Communities, we have been able to subsidise the yoga classes to benefit the local community, to encourage everyone to get involved and be more active. It has allowed us to introduce new Monday evening yoga classes starting in September in addition to the Saturday morning sessions. The classes on Saturday and Monday are one hour and cost £3 for CSC members and £5 for non-members.



We still have 30+ people, many of them CSC members, taking part in the Mile a Day challenge (MAD), out there in all weathers.

Club members Christina Lawrence and Mike Jackson took part in the Race to the Stones ultramarathon which is a continuous 100km (62 mile) run along the ancient Ridgeway Trail from Lewknor to Avebury, which includes over 4,000 ft of ascent along the route. They both finished the race in just over 14 hours.



Our 5K Park Run continues at Houghton Hall on Saturday mornings. You are very welcome to join us to run, walk or both. Details of our activities can be found on our Facebook page or on our new CSC website- www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk

The website has been designed and developed by our CSC member Simon Gatward. We are immensely grateful for the many hours that Simon has spent on this project. As well as containing details about our activities, it also has a history of the Club with great photos and names from the past that long-term residents of our community will recognise. Thanks go to Nev Andrews for supplying us with lots of information.

All CSC memberships will be due for renewal in September. Annual membership only costs £10 - you get discounted entry into CSC events and activities, 10% discount at SportsShoes.com and regular newsletters. New members can join at any time and will receive a free CSC water bottle as a welcome gift. **Phil Parry**

A date for your diary – Saturday 7th October our Quiz Night.
A fun evening with a fish and chip supper, tickets are now available online at
www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk or contact Debbie Levy 07931 408697.

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FUN QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY 07 OCTOBER 2023

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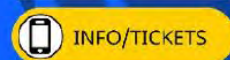
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FUNDRAISING ALLOWS CSC TO MAKE DONATIONS TO SUPPORT LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE IN SPORTING ACTIVITIES



Chalgrave Sports Club

Sadly, we had to cancel at the last minute our Quiz Night on the 8th of October because of electrical problems with the Memorial Hall.

So much work had gone in to preparing for this great event.

The Hall has now been shut for a month which meant that we had to cancel both the Saturday and Monday yoga classes. This was a bit of disaster as attendance for both classes were increasing and we were drawing people from outside of Chalgrave.

However, by the time you read this, the Yoga will be back up and running on Saturday morning at 11.00 and Monday evening at 7.00. The classes are one hour and cost £3 for CSC members and £5 for non-members.

We have rescheduled our fabulous Quiz Night for the 20th April.

MAD (Mile a Day) Challenge continues with 30+ plus members still going.

Unfortunately, I missed a day because of a bout of Covid. I am still continuing but won't get my gold medal! As well as the Dinner and Drinks Social evening on the 28th December in The Plough, we are also planning a medal ceremony in early January to recognise all those that have taken part in the MAD Challenge.

We support and promote the Local Parkrun at Houghton Hall Park.



Chalgrave Sports Club

The event takes place every single week at 9:00 on a Saturday morning, and CSC usually try and attend once a month (usually on the first Saturday of the month) to meet up and socialise before (from 08:30 onwards) and after the 5k run/walk. You are very welcome to join us to run, walk or both.

We have a Golf Day organised for the 28th December at Caddington Golf Club 10.00 start. The cost will be £30 which includes breakfast and prizes. It's a great day out – and caters for all levels (and I mean all levels). If you want to join us please contact Paul Levy, any member of the Sports Club or go to our website -

www.chalgravesportsclub.co.uk

Well done to CSC member Libby Gatward who has just completed a 74k/46 mile cycling sportive up and down the hills of the Peak District.



Libby (second from the left) and her veterinary student colleagues belong to the Nottingham University cycling club. The route included some pretty steep 17% climbs (to put that in context, the double hill up from the A5 Hockliffe into Tebworth is about 7-8%) with over 4,400 ft of climbing from start to finish in total. Despite some early mechanical issues Libby completed the arduous route in about 5 hours, which included bike repair and hydration stops.

If you want to join the club annual membership only costs £10 - you get discounted entry into CSC events and activities, 10% discount at SportsShoes.com and regular newsletters. New members also get a CSC water bottle.



So, the dates for your diary –

Thursday 28th December Golf Day

Thursday 28th December Dinner and Drinks Social Evening – The Plough

Saturday 20th April 2024 Quiz Night - fun night plus fish and chip supper

Phil Parry

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MONDAY EVENINGS | 19:00 - 20:00 | CHALGRAVE MEMORIAL HALL
JAN 08 / 22 / 29 | **FEB 05 / 12 / 26** | **MAR 04 / 11 / 25**

Dates may occasionally be subject to short notice change or cancellation. Please check our website for latest information and updates

COST PER 1 HOUR CLASS : £3 CSC MEMBERS / £5 NON-MEMBERS & GUESTS
(PAY ON THE DAY - CASH / BANK TRANSFER / CARD / CONTACTLESS)

Open to all ages, genders, and abilities. Complete beginners welcome. Yoga mats provided or bring your own.

Walk-ins are welcome but spaces are limited so please let us know that you are coming by using our website to book a place or by sending us an email. For more information, please visit the Chalgrave Sports Club website.



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