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## Chalfont St Peter Village Voice – April 2015 [elainequigley@sky.com](mailto:elainequigley@sky.com)

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**RIVER MISBOURNE NEWS** from Bob Older - Happy Easter! Birds are singing, flowers are flowering, trees are budding and rivers flowing: I've even seen the sun briefly today. It's a wonderful world.

The groundwater dips taken at the beginning of the month and, indeed, those at the beginning of February and March show a really close correlation with those for the same month in 2011. 3-month rainfall totals are also very similar, although 6 and 12 month totals are higher. I notice that, by the end of 2011, the river was completely dry from above Chalfont St Giles. At present, it continues to flow well, as it now has, almost without exception, since January 2013. We will see! What do you make of the tables and graphs on the website?

Contractors have been seen jetting culverts and drains through CStP though one wonders about the value of this work compared with the need to tackle the well documented problem of surcharged sewers. Meanwhile surveyors working on behalf of consultants working for the Environment Agency have been making very detailed topographical studies through the village. As far as I know, there are no plans for any significant work though it would be good to have road levels/drainage sorted outside the Party Shop.

After the March Work Party, we felt the watercourse was in generally good condition from Amersham through to CSP and we'd made a good start on establishing some "viewpoints" and a possible picnic spot near CSP allotments. Gardeners will know this is the time of year when much needs to be done to keep on top and set the stall out for the rest of the year so there will still be plenty to do on our next outing. In particular, we will be targeting the bank-side by the new path in C.St Giles including removing and burning various debris we have created over the years - a task deferred from January and still hoping for assistance from the Youth Club now the weather is better. Unless, we have a really good turnout, we will again have to postpone any attempt to tackle the encroaching alder and other near Amersham Mill. It's been good to see the husbandry of the farmer upstream of Quarrendon Mill this year.

Anyway, please let me know if you can join us on **\*Sunday 26th April - morning or afternoon\*** session, or both - and I will send specific suggested work plans.

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing some of you at our\*"Not-a-meeting" at the White Hart, Chalfont St Peter \*(NOT the one at C.St Giles!) at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday 21st April. It has been good to welcome and chat with some new faces at these little gatherings this year.

Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon in or by the river, Best wishes, Bob Older

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### REQUEST from Thames Valley Police

Between 21:30 and 0200 on 1st/2nd April 2015 a vehicle parked on the junction of Austenwood Lane and Austenway was broken into and property stolen. Did you see anything that may assist the Police in their investigation? If so please contact PCSO C8632 from the Chalfont Neighbourhood Team on 101. Please remember to power down any laptops you leave in the boot of your car (although we highly recommend that you take them with you) - blue tooth devices are used to "ping" the device on your computer, if it "pings" back then the criminal knows there is something in your car of value. Thank you.

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**CHALFONT ST PETER GARDEN CLUB** meets next on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane for the Spring Club Show and photography competition.

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**CHALFONT ST PETER W.I.** Report. "Variety is the Spice of Life". So far, this year, they have had "Hand Spinning", a talk on "Hearing Loss" and "Tales from the Kitchen",

Gilly Pusey brought a spinning wheel, a spindle and many types of British sheep wool and fleeces, she demonstrated how to card and spin. She had made lovely silk scarves which she brought with her.

M Leon Cox gave a most interesting talk, using a large model ear to show the different forms of deafness.

At the March meeting, Mrs Dru Ellis, was highly entertaining with her talks from the kitchen. From World War 1, up to the 1980s, women were expected to run the home. Mrs Ellis had a table covered with kitchen tools and gadgets which were memory-jogging and evoked times when housework was really had physical work.

As 2015 is the W.I. Centenary year, there are many parties, coffee mornings and celebrations of all sorts. CSP W.I. will, with Chalfont Common W.I. be planting the W.I. Centenary Rose outside the Library, with a plaque.

There is to be a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Each Institute has an invitation for one member. A ballot has been held and CSP's treasurer was the lucky lady.

They will all go to Waddesden Manor for the County Celebrations in June.

CSP W.I has recently hosted the Spring Group Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March, when the Chiltern W.I. Singers entertained everyone charmingly. This was followed by a sumptuous tea, and a raffle.

Their next meeting is on April 8<sup>th</sup>, when Mr Peter Harris will talk on 'West Wycombe Pak and the Dashwoods.

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**VOPAG** meets next on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, at 10 for coffee and 10.30 for the talk 'Snoring no Joke', given by Chris Rodgers, from Sleep Apnoea Trust. Venue is the CSP Community Centre. All over 55's welcome. Entry £1 includes a raffle ticket. This monthly meeting is well worth attending, to gain useful information and meet interesting people.  
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***BEACONSFIELD RUNNING SISTERS/GERRARDS CROSS RUNNING SISTERS 2015 Beginners' Course***

***The Reading Rooms, Beaconsfield Old Town/Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre, GX -7.00 pm***

***Are you interested in joining a friendly running group for women at either of these venues?***

Beaconsfield and Gerrards Cross Running Sisters are running separate 6 week beginners' courses in April. Beaconsfield group commences on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 and Gerrards Cross on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015. These courses are designed for those women who have done little or no exercise since leaving school/getting married/having babies/ever! We also welcome lapsed runners, but we all start together.

Age is no barrier to success! There are Sisters aged 18 to 70+ with an equally wide range of abilities. Some can run comfortably at around 9 minutes a mile, while others are content to jog round at a more sedate pace. As beginners, we do not RUN. We walk/shuffle very slowly. YOU decide when, and if, you can go a little faster. Our motto is that you should always be able to chat while you run. If you can't do this then you are going too fast.

The cost of the 6 week course is £15 per person, which includes a medal and T shirt after completing a Fun Run at the end of the course.

***After completing the course, you are invited to keep running with the groups on a Thursday evening at 7.00 pm. There is a choice of runs which vary from 3 miles in length to 4 miles or more.***

If you are interested in joining the **Beaconsfield** group, then please contact:-

Jane Perry Tel. 01494 673656 email: [perrys-in-france@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:perrys-in-france@hotmail.co.uk) Myriam Silverman Tel. 07899 997099 or **Gerrards Cross** group:- Adele Wilter e-mail: [gerrardscross@runningsisters.com](mailto:gerrardscross@runningsisters.com)



## HEDGERLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ON Wednesday 15th April at 8pm Andy Savage will present The Railway Heritage Trust. This talk will cover why the built heritage on Britain's railways is so important, then look at the reasons why it became neglected in the 1960s, how the Trust was formed twenty years later to ensure that BR's built heritage was properly cared for, and then look at how the Trust works, and projects that it has funded over the last three decades.

Crystal Palace station

Andy Savage is a life-long railway civil engineer and currently the Executive Director of the Railway Heritage Trust, having previously been Deputy Chief Inspector of Rail Accident Investigation for the UK, and before that Engineering and Safety Director for the transport division of a major contractor.

On Saturday 18th April 2015 (10am) we will visit the John Lewis Heritage Centre in Odney Lane Cookham.

The John Lewis Partnership Heritage Centre is home to the Partnership's business archive and the textile archive of Stead McAlpin, a fabric printing factory in Carlisle that was once owned by the Partnership.

Following an introductory talk by Archivist Assistant Owen Munday, we will have the opportunity to see the textile viewing gallery which contains over 4000 of the archive's designs in both paper and fabric format, with gems from famous designers such as Lucienne Day, Voysey and William Morris. After our visit we will have lunch at the Ferry Inn Cookham. Booking required £20 (including lunch). Priority given to members. 5 PLACES LEFT

Monthly Meetings of Hedgerley Historical Society take place at Hedgerley Memorial Hall, Kiln Lane Hedgerley SL2 3UZ at 8pm and visitors are most welcome.

Further details from John Lovelock 01753 647187 / [jdlovelock@btinternet.com](mailto:jdlovelock@btinternet.com).

**CHILTERN** Open Air Museum has over 25 family events planned for the 2015 season including spectacular historical events and re-enactments and popular evening events 'The Enchanted Museum' and 'Halloween Spectacular'. On 31st March families joined in with spring themed crafts, cookery and family fun at the Museum's famous Terrific Tuesday! New projects for 2015 include a fantastic family guide book, corn dolly workshops and experience days and a new home for the resident short horned cows. [www.coam.org.uk](http://www.coam.org.uk)

Chiltern Open Air Museum, Newland Park, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks, HP8 4AB  
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### Action Fraud Alert – SELLING YOUR VEHICLE

This is a message sent via Thames Valley Alert. This information has been sent on behalf of Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau) <https://www.actionfraudalert.co.uk>

#### “REMEMBER, YOU ARE THE SELLER”

If you are selling your car via a classified advertisement or auction site, be aware of the following fraud scam: Fraudsters may contact you through your advert, normally by text message and provide you with a link to a fraudulent website.

- \* The website may look professional and similar to the “original” website that you advertised on.
- \* It will explain that there is a ‘potential purchaser’ for your car.
- \* It will ask you to pay a small “arrangement” fee to ensure the purchase takes place by using an e-money method; which could be via UKASH or PAYSAFE vouchers, for example.
- \* It will instruct you to purchase the vouchers and may even provide you with a link to a list of the shops in your area that sell them.
- \* You are then asked to input the unique codes from the e-money product that you have just purchased.
- \* Once inputted your money is gone!

However urgently you wish to sell your car, do not be misled because of a need to sell it!

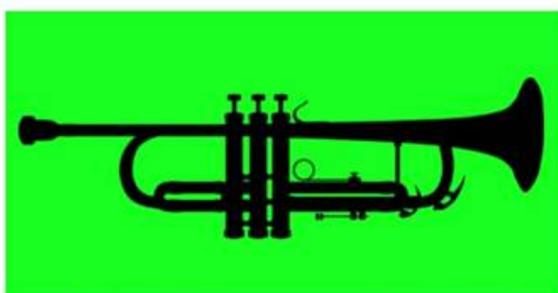
- \* Do not pay an advanced fee for the sale of your vehicle.
- \* Meet face to face for an agreed sale and only accept cash.

# SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS

at All Saints Church

## Decadent Brass

10-piece brass ensemble



Enjoy a sparkling  
**Spring Serenade**  
and afternoon tea  
on

**26<sup>th</sup> April**  
**3 pm**

Decadent Brass entertains  
and educates with Handel  
to Hazell, Bach and Bizet  
to the Beatles, music for  
royalty and dances for all.

**Tickets £10** adults (children free, one per adult)

**Call Paddy Hague 01753 883384**

**or Robert Cunningham 01753 883997**

Concerts at All Saints Church, Oval Way, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 8PZ  
Organised by the Friends of All Saints and the All Saints Music Festival Committee  
For more information, visit [www.csp-parish.org.uk/afternoonconcerts](http://www.csp-parish.org.uk/afternoonconcerts)

**WORK AID** in Chesham does wonderful work recycling tools and machines and sending them to where they are desperately needed abroad. They also take care of the volunteers who give their time so generously by providing useful courses that may be of interest. Here is the latest newsletter.

EASTER TREATS - the knitted baskets and nests with Easter eggs generated just short of £200. Well done knitters and thank you all very much indeed.

THE HUB - has just got larger! The wall has come down, the new curtains will be going up very shortly and the hub looks like a different place altogether. Come and see for yourself.

ETSY - is now well established as our online shop and I'm delighted to report that we have had 2,673 views from all over the world including Zambia, Uzbekistan, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Poland, Peru and USA to name but a few countries that support our shop. The 35 orders we have had have generated nearly £300 and they have shown great demand for vintage items - from books to patterns to craft accessories.

We now also have many favourable reviews, but feel free to add yours after a purchase. The more reviews the better credibility.

Claire and Avril, our new 'Etsy' volunteer, are now able to upload new things on a regular basis to constantly generate interest. So, do keep the donations coming of vintage and hand-made items so that we can offer variety and increase sales.

SUMMER MARKET - I hope you're all busy knitting, stitching, painting and/or planting for our market stall in Amersham on 6 June. Don't forget, the theme is 'Gardens and Flowers' and almost anything fits!

FABRIC - we're still very short of cotton and lightweight fabric to send to Africa, so any donations will be very gratefully received. Please drop them off at Workaid at your convenience.

I attach the poster advertising the April demo with Marilyn Pipe. A must for all textiles enthusiasts. The crochet course starting in May is guaranteed to be much fun as well as very instructive. Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 12.30pm, £32 for 10 hours, includes coffee and biscuits.

Workaid, The Old Boot Factory, 71 Townsend Road, Chesham, HP5 2AA. [www.workaid.org](http://www.workaid.org)

**Rosa Maria**