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# Chalfont St Peter Village Voice – August 2012

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**RUN THE RACE** is a community initiative - two weeks of activities that our local churches have organised to get people together to enjoy the Olympics. There will be a whole 'village' of marquees up on Gold Hill, and some events taking place on GX common. The opening ceremony is a big screen event. The closing ceremony will take place in a festival atmosphere from 1pm on Gold Hill again on a big screen. In between there are youth activities (Time Breaker is being incorporated into it, but everything will be on a bigger scale and supplemented) for 0-18s, a parents' cafe serving free tea and coffee from 10.00-12.00, a Sports Cafe/Bar every weekday from 2pm-10pm where you can go to eat and drink and see the Olympics on the TV, a ladies' night, a men's night, a themed vintage tea for seniors each week, all age sports every afternoon and lots more.... it's massive! More than 250 American volunteers are coming to help run it, and there is a total of 550 or so volunteers overall. Below is the programme from the time you will see this information.

Tue 31st July – Civic Reception – invited guests only  
Stop The Traffik – Justice Evening with Ruth Dearnley

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Aug – Vintage Tea Party “Remember the Coronation”  
- Impact Youth Event “It’s a Knockout competition”

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug - Ladies’ Night Live – Chat show +Live entertainment

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug - Impact Youth Event “Live Gig Night”

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Aug – Sports Café Open

Sun 5 Aug - Gold Hill Service – Worship Graham Kendrick & Jeff Warren Speaking  
-Child Protection Training  
-Café Church – Malcolm Duncan, Debbie Forest + others

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Aug – Impact Youth Event “Pub Quiz Night”

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Aug – Family Fun Night

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Aug – Vintage Tea Party – “Remember the 1948 Games”  
- Impact Youth Event “Worship Night with Neil Wilson”

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Aug – “Tough Talk” – Men’s Night

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Aug – Impact Youth Event “World Record Breaking Night”

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> August – SITE CLOSED – PREPARATION FOR CLOSING FESTIVAL

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Aug – Run the Race Celebration Service  
- Closing Ceremony Festival with closing Ceremony on Big Screen

**Daily (Mon-Fri) 0-11’s Holiday Club and Parents Café**  
**Open Access Sports (Except Wednesday)**

**Arts & Justice (Except Wednesday) Crafts, talks, pamper sessions**  
**Youth Work**

Gold Hill – Main Marquee 1800-19.30

Gold Hill – Main Marquee 2000 -2200

Gold Hill – Main Marquee 1500-1630

Gold Hill – Youth Tent 1900-2100

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Gold Hill – Youth Tent - 1900-2100

Gold Hill - Sports Tent - 1400-2200

Gold Hill – Main Marquee- 1100 -1230

Gold Hill – Main Marquee-1300-1700

Gold Hill – Sports Café - 1900-2100

Gold Hill – Youth Tent -19 00-2100

Gold Hill - Main Marquee – 1900-2030

Gold Hill – Main Marquee- 1500-1630

Gold Hill – Youth Tent – 1900-2100

Gold Hill – Sports Bar - 2000-2200

Gold Hill – Youth Tent - 1900 - 2100

Gold Hill – Main Stage – 1100-1230

1300-2330

**Gold Hill – Whole Site 1000- 1200**

**Gold Hill Common – 1400 – 1600**

**Gold Hill “Be Active Marquee” -1400 –1600**

**Gerrards Cross Common from 1400**

## **CHALFONT ST PETER HAVE YOUR SAY MEETINGS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> August 11:00 to 13:00 in Budgens and 31<sup>st</sup> August 10:00 to 12:00 in Chalfont St Peter Library**

**CHALFONT ST PETER** Garden Club has its Summer Show on Saturday, **August 18 from 2 – 4pm** at the CSP Community Centre. There are classes in vegetables, fruits, flowers, floral art, domestic , photography, novices, novelty and juniors During the afternoon there is a raffle and refreshments will be available. Our gardeners in Chalfont St Peter are always able to impress all who see this yearly presentation and regulars know that it is an occasion not to miss.

**CHALFONT ST PETER PARISH COUNCIL has a vacancy for an Assistant Haywarden. This is a permanent part-time position of 20 hours per week at £7 per hour.**

The Parish Council is looking for a reliable person to work as part of a team of Haywardens with responsibility for litter picking around the Parish.

The hours are flexible and would ideally someone with a passion for working outdoors. This position is available immediately. For further information or an application form, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01753 891582 or email: [clerk@chalfontstpeter-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@chalfontstpeter-pc.gov.uk) The closing date for applications is **Friday 11 August 2012.**

**CHILTERN** District Council is warning residents to be aware that a company is cold-calling at homes telling residents that their pre-paid gas and electricity meters will soon be illegal and they need to be changed. This is not the case. They ask you to sign that you are happy to have new meters installed but do not make it clear that you will be changing suppliers. The law states that the company must give the customer a written statement of the statutory **7 cooling off period**. If cancellation rights are not provided then the customer is not obligated to pay for any work undertaken and the contract can be cancelled.

**If a resident has concerns about any traders that canvass for work in and around the home they are advised to seek advice from the national Citizens Advice Consumer Call Centre on: 08454 04 05 06 and Trading Standards would be also grateful if any such approach is reported to them on this number.**

## **CHALFONT ST PETER W.I.**

The July speaker, Jackie De Friez, from The National Animal Welfare Trust gave an interesting talk on their role in re-homing , mostly, pet animals. The headquarters is near Watford but there are regional centres around the country. No animal is ever put down. Every effort is made to find them a good home. Hard work - but very satisfying.

We do not meet in August but will be putting our glad rags on and together with guests, go to Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) for the day. Please, please may the sun shine !

The September meeting will be on the 12th at 2pm in the Church hall. Sally Botwright, a Blue Badge guide, will talk on the Old London Docks. Visitors welcome.

**THE** Chalfonts Friendship Club is for people who are retired/of retirement age to meet to share company. It is focussed on reaching out and promoting companionship and sharing amongst people in our local Community.

We get together every month at the Chalfont St Peter Community Association and have regular Outings, Theatre Trips, Sunday Lunches, Quiz Evenings, Talks on Art, Days Out & Visits to Stately Homes & Seaside.

The Club is currently holding Wednesday Lunches - on the second Wednesday of the month - in The Parish Centre at the rear of St Joseph's Catholic Church, Austenwood Common, CSP rather than at The CSP Community Centre, Gravel Hill, CSP. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Pat Kelly 01753 885534 or Mary Cross on 01494 875264.

**MAUREEN** and John Marsh enter their Thirtieth Year of running Whitewebbs Bed and Breakfast on Lower Road Chalfont St Peter. They enjoy meeting people from all around the UK and the world. Many of their guests return regularly and become good friends. Some are relatives of local families down for special celebrations. A phone call 01753 884105 is all that is needed or their website Whitewebbs Bed and Breakfast. Guests are enjoying strolling round the garden at the moment which is at its best. They also enjoy Maureen's paintings and drawings around the walls and buy as a memento. Details on [www.maureenmarsh.com](http://www.maureenmarsh.com).

**MAKING** Days - Summer Crafts on 17th & 24th August 2012 will have a Wind & Water Theme.

This is an original arts & crafts club for school holidays based in Chalfont St. Peter.

The aim is to keep your children busy and actively engaged with a wide range of high quality, original art and craft activities. Activities are designed to be suitable for all ages and adaptable so your child can be as creative as their imagination.

Making Days is based at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre and is open on selected dates during school holidays from 9.00am to 3.00pm for 4 to 11 year olds (morning sessions are also available).

Children are supervised with a high ratio of adults to children and all staff are experienced and qualified with enhanced CRB checks. Individual support can be arranged as required. Booking is essential.

Prices: £29 Full Day (9am to 3pm) £20 Morning (9am to 12.00pm) Sibling discount of £5 Cost includes a morning healthy snack and drinks – children should bring a packed lunch suitable to their dietary needs and wear appropriate clothes for art activities. Contact: [makingdays@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:makingdays@hotmail.co.uk) 07768 544264

**GERRARDS CROSS** Sailing Association meets in the Colston Hall of the Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre, East Common, SL9 7AD, on Wednesdays at 8.15pm. The bar opens at 7.30. To find out about the illustrated talks that are held at each meeting, please go to <http://www.gxsa.org.uk/prog.htm>

**VILLAGE Older Person's Action** group (VOPAG) has been set up as part of Chalfont St Peter Village Appraisal to give the over 55s of Chalfont St Peter the opportunity to meet together and exchange views, news and information. VOPAG meets once a month and speakers talk on various topics of interest. There is also an information point in Budgens, the dates of which are displayed on their notice board. The next meeting is on **Thursday, August 16**, at 10am for coffee and the meeting begins at 10.30, in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. Further information from 01753 884729

**AT** the July meeting of St Joseph's Furniture Market the following donation were made:-

£400 each to Chiltern Cheshire Home and to Magdi Yacoub Institute (Harefield Heart)

£300 each to Myeloma UK, South East Bucks Crossroads, Alzheimer's Society, St Vincent de Paul Society, and to Bucks Vision (Chalfont).

£200 to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The Furniture Market is open every Saturday from 9am-12.30 in the Market Store behind the Church Hall at the rear of the Church. Parking in the Church car park and entry to the Market by car is via Priory Road.

**HAPPY** Houndz is a Dog Walking service based in Chalfont St Peter. The web site is '[happyhoundzchalfont.com](http://happyhoundzchalfont.com)'. Phone 01753888389 + mobiles Liz 07801016238 / Katy 07732112230 and e-mail [happyhoundzchalfont@gmail.com](mailto:happyhoundzchalfont@gmail.com).

**ZUMBA** classes are available and this new interest is really catching on. They are available at £5 a session on

Monday 6-7pm Curzon Centre, Beaconsfield, HP9 1RG

Monday 7:45-8:45pm Chesham Grammar, White Hill, HP5 1BA

Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm Chalfont St.Giles Memorial Hall, HP8 4JJ

Please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Peel on 01494257303/07948273814, drop her a line on:

[sarah.peel27@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.peel27@gmail.com), or visit [www.zumba.com](http://www.zumba.com) for more details.

**CONTACT** the elderly is a charity founded about 30 years ago. It aims to give frail, isolated, elderly people companionship. On the third Sunday of the month, volunteers collect one or two elderly people from their homes and drive them to the home of that month's hostess. About eight elderly folk and their drivers gather at the home of a volunteer host or hostess. A welcoming cup of tea at 3pm is followed by a quiz and chat, then an afternoon tea with savouries, cakes and a cuppa. At about 5pm the drivers take their guest home. The hope is that the elderly have enjoyed the companionship of people their own age and also of the younger drivers. For those who cannot get out much, or whose family lives too far away to visit often, or don't have family, it provides a chance for a relaxed chat in a homely setting.

The charity is a national organisation. There are now seven groups in Bucks, but still lots of potential guests who would benefit from a group in their area. If you think you could host a tea party, drive or support, please contact the Buckinghamshire Development Officer, Terry Gibson, on 01276 502611 or email [terry.gibson@contact-the-elderly.org.uk](mailto:terry.gibson@contact-the-elderly.org.uk).

If you think that you'd like to be a guest at such a tea party, contact your doctor in the first instance. All the guests are referred to contact the Elderly by their GP or Age Concern.

**BOOKLOVERS** can now escape to another world at home or on their travels with free eBook downloads straight to the PC, mobile phone or MP3 player, from Buckinghamshire libraries.

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**PEOPLE** can now find details of care, community services and organisations at their fingertips, following the launch of a new online directory by Buckinghamshire County Council.

Bucks Connect, ([www.bucksconnect.org.uk](http://www.bucksconnect.org.uk)) is an online database designed to make life easier for residents to find essential information on a range of organisations from the private, public, community and voluntary sectors. The website, will help put them in touch with services from arranging social care support for adults, to finding a new community group to join.

Information can be found on extra help in the home, voluntary and community groups, charities and organisations that provide advice on topics such as advocacy, transport and money matters. There are also listings for various interest groups, community facilities and activities to take part in.

Patricia Birchley, Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, said: "This is an excellent resource for families and individuals who rely on the support of community and care organisations. The website is a really simple way to find services that can help people be more active, find a new hobby, join a club, find a support group, cope with a long term condition or get extra help in the home...."

## **New sensory contract goes to 'Action on Hearing Loss'**

Locally based charity 'Action on Hearing Loss' has been named preferred bidder to provide a new integrated sensory disability service in Buckinghamshire.

The charity currently provides specialist hearing impairment services to the council and will be teaming up with Sense, a national charity for deafblind children and adults, for the three-year contract.

The new service will be a one-stop shop offering an improved service for people with sensory and dual sensory disabilities, with an increased equipment budget and enhanced support.

The move to a single provider means that Buckinghamshire can offer more services than at present, provide a drop-in facility and review services for children living with a sensory disability. To support independence there will be direct support and advice available to the person themselves and, where appropriate, their carer.

Patricia Birchley, Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, said: "Until now we have had two providers, one for visual impairment and one for hearing impairment. There has been some duplication in the past and the new contract brings the two services together with a single point of access for all sensory disabilities.

"I would like to thank all the organisations that took part in the tender process and congratulate 'Action on Hearing Loss' on being the preferred bidder. We were impressed that they have a good mix of volunteers and paid workers to deliver a flexible and cost-effective service. Plus there was a strong emphasis on monitoring performance within their bid and a clear commitment to partnership working."

Valerie Letheren, Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Children's Services said: "We regret that only one bid could win the contract in the end. We very much appreciate the work Bucks Vision has done for us in the past and hope that we may be able to work with them again at some point in the future."

The services to be provided under the new model include:

- Finding out about our customers' sensory needs by doing an assessment
- Finding out what kind of equipment people need and providing it
- Information and advice, including a drop in service
- Rehabilitation and helping to increase independence
- community care assessments and care services from the sensory care management team

Notes:

Sensory disability is impairment of one or all of the senses. The term is most often used in relation to vision and hearing, but other senses can be impaired and would fall within the remit of the service.

As the preferred bidder 'Action on Hearing Loss' is the organisation that the council intends to award the contract to subject to the normal negotiations and finalising of legal and contractual agreements before 1 October this year.

**Please forward this newsletter to friends/neighbours. Thank you.**