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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice,

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JOIN the vicious Viking adventure!

Chiltern Open Air Museum will be invaded by vicious Vikings **on 8 - 9 August**. Come and meet the Viking warriors, be shown their weapons and battle gear, hear the sounds of the melee and witness the Viking victory retold in a saga of the battle.

There will be demonstrations of the fighting styles and techniques used by the Vikings along with displays of weaponry and combat prowess. You will even be able to pit yourselves against these fearsome warriors (limited numbers; children under 10 only) in the 'Kiddie Vike' arena. The re-enactors' encampment will be set up for campaign with crafts, cooking and talks on weapons, armour and Viking life - come and see what it was really like on a Viking battle campaign!

Visitor Experience Manager Siân Hammerton-Fraser says: "This is the second year that the Museum has been invaded by Vikings! Our visitors enjoyed them so much last year that we've brought them back for a further taste of Viking history. But who will be brave enough to take them on this year?"

This is a great fun and educational day out for the family: pack a picnic and indulge in a bit of history! www.coam.org.uk

Chiltern Open Air Museum, Newland Park, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks, HP8 4AB

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CHALFONT ST PETER GARDEN CLUB has its Summer Show on Saturday 22nd August in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. Doors open 1.30pm and the presentation of the prizes is at 4pm. This is the 75th Anniversary year, so exhibitors are likely to be putting even more effort into their presentations.

This is always a great spectacle, so do go along and enjoy it. There are refreshments all during the afternoon

COURSES for Missenden Abbey summer school - Buckinghamshire Adult Learning

Missenden Abbey, London Road Great Missenden, HP16 0BD Tel: 01296 383 582 www.missendenabbey-al.co.uk

These are afternoon talks and include a cream tea.

13 Aug 2015 Jack the Ripper X3GI14N15

Course welcome: 2.15pm Thursday 13 August 2015

Course start: 2.30pm Thursday 13 August 2015

Course end: After cream tea – finishes approx. 5.30pm Thursday 13 August 2015

Tutor: Elaine Quigley

Venue: Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden, Bucks

Fees: Non-resident: £15

Discover the truth behind the murders! Elaine will explain how recent research has revealed who was really behind these gruesome crimes.

18 Aug 2015 Graphology X4GI06N15

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This talk will introduce the science of Graphology, which enables understanding of the dynamics of relationships and how to make them work. Participants are invited to bring samples of handwriting for analysis

Elaine Quigley is a Psychologist and Graphologist, a past chairman and Fellow of the British Institute of Graphologists and an experienced lecturer in Adult Education. She has appeared on television and radio presenting the way graphology can be useful, as well as fascinating. Website: www.britishgraphology.org



Friends 'Like' These?



Our vision at the Volunteer Hub is a better life for the people of Buckinghamshire, and that means putting an end to loneliness and the physical and mental issues it creates. But where do we even begin?

It starts with people like Linda from Aylesbury, who contacted us in the hope of volunteering to help an elderly person with their shopping and offering a lift in her car. After chatting to Linda, it turns out that her love of people made her the perfect match for Carol, a woman affected by disability. Linda and Carol get together for an hour every week and go to the gardening centre for a coffee and stroll - a simple experience with life-changing potential.

'I work part time but have spare time on Fridays and wanted to do something fulfilling. The whole experience has been so positive. I really enjoy seeing Carol and how much she looks forward to it. I would definitely consider her to be a real friend.'

So, if your social network is in need of some real-life connection and you would like to volunteer to help someone in your community as a friend like Linda or taking your neighbour shopping; why not give us a call to find you a match?

For more information about volunteering, call the Volunteer Hub on 0300 1111 250 or email info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk

The Volunteer Hub actively recruits volunteers for charities and groups in Buckinghamshire who support older and vulnerable adults as part of Buckinghamshire's County Council's Prevention Matters programme

THE National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has been alerted to an Advanced Fee Scam whereby mainly persons of Asian descent are targeted by the suspects who cold-call the victim, purporting to be from the Home Office UK Visa and Immigration department, and inform them that a case has been received by the department against the victim, sometimes with a request to deport.

A request is then made for money to be paid mainly by Ukash vouchers or occasionally, money is requested to be paid into a bank account. Also on occasion, victims have been asked to provide bank account details.

A telephone number is given which is a genuine contact number for the Home Office to give the call a form of legitimacy.

The UK Visa and Immigration department would not make any request for payments in this form.

***Protect yourself:**

* Never respond to any such communication;

* Any unsolicited contact followed by a request for an advance payment/fee is a good indication that someone is trying to defraud you. Do NOT pay any fees unless you are 100% sure of what you are paying for!!!

* Never, ever disclose your bank details.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online

http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraudor by telephone 0300 123 2040.

A message from Bob Older re the Misbourne

As we approach the end of July, River. Misbourne is still flowing all the way through the Chalfonts and on to Denham. As noted before, groundwater levels and rainfall in the last 12 & 6 month period has been very similar to 2011, when the river dried up in Chalfont St Peter on 31st July. It will be interesting to see the the end of month readings - recent rainy days won't have any meaningful impact - and whether flow is sustained into September. IF it continues through to autumn that could possibly be a very exciting comment on your work.

Some of you may have seen the Pride of Bucks spread in the local papers a couple of weeks ago when MisbourneRiverAction secured the award in the Environmental Category sponsored by Trinity Mirror Group. As the blurb said, many thanks to all those who have been soaking wet, filthy dirty, stung and scratched with us over the past 7 years - it is always fun and, as last month at Chalfont St Giles, very rewarding to see and hear how much the effort is appreciated.

We had a meeting last week to compare notes with BucksCC HS2 team prior to their petition to the parliamentary committee. Their remit has moved over the years from purely opposition to concentrating on seeking the very best possible mitigation of all risks and damage that could be caused if the project proceeds. MRA's stance is similar and is particularly focused on seeking environmentally sensitive lining, as previously approved by the EA for the unsuccessful Lottery Funding application. Most importantly, we believe this is essential where the route crosses under the river under Chalfont St Giles - right in the most sensitive perched section. Secondly, where the route runs close to the particularly vulnerable reaches of the CStG mill leat and by the Thames Water balancing tanks and, finally where the route crosses the A413 near Little Missenden - a non-perched zone so, perhaps, less likely to experience a change in nature.

For your diary:

a) We will be joining with a local company - Freemantle Media - on Thursday 19th August to work on the river immediately downstream of Town Mill in Old Amersham. We will be tackling where trees etc have got out of hand along the bank and footpath and will definitely need a good posse of MRA volunteers to work alongside.

b) While some good work was done at our last work party, attendance was again rather low so we were only able to complete part of the plan. We will have a weekday exercise on Tuesday 25th August to carry on through the woods below CStGiles.

c) Our next standard work party will be on the morning of 29th August from 09.30

Please let me know for which of the above we can look forward to seeing you. Remember, just an hour can make a lot of difference: 2 even more.

d) Also, please don't forget to come and see us at Chalfont St Giles Show on September 5th. The invertebrate monitoring team will be providing a display of their activities complete with a selection of wriggling, creeping things for your amusement. Thanks to all who have already volunteered to cover an hour or so.

e) Finally, hoping for a pleasant evening, we will have our next "Not-a-Meeting" beside the river in the garden of the newly refurbished Merlin's Cave at Chalfont St Giles on Tuesday 25th August.

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FAKE Designer Goods Alert

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>>

People looking for a cheap designer bargain online are being targeted by fraudsters advertising fake designer goods. The items received are usually cheap and inferior counterfeits of handbags, clothes and sunglasses amongst other things.

The general rule is 'if it looks too good to be true then it probably is.' Designer products sold at heavily discounted prices are an immediate sign that something isn't quite right.

What can you do to protect yourself?

Where possible, buy from well-known, High Street retailers. If you've never heard of a firm, or it is based overseas, be sceptical.

Avoid paying by cheque or bank transfer. Use PayPal or a credit card as they will give you additional protection.

Search the internet. Type the website you are buying from and look for reviews of what other customers are saying about the company. Bad customer service feedback usually finds their way online quite quickly.

Check for spelling mistakes or poor grammar on websites as this may suggest the website has been put together by a fraudster.

Sign up to Action Fraud Alert at <https://www.actionfraudalert.co.uk/to> keep you updated with what's going on.

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WARM Weather Security - Reminder

This is a message sent via Thames Valley Alert. This information has been sent on behalf of Thames Valley Police <<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk>>

As the warm weather is here this is a general reminder to you concerning home and garden security.

Ensure windows and doors out of view are secure.

Double lock your doors using the key and make sure your windows are closed even if you are just popping out for a few minutes.

Leaving windows and doors open in the warm weather gives thieves an opportunity to enter your property. It only takes a few seconds to grab your handbag through the kitchen door!

Do not leave valuables or car keys by open windows and doors. Where possible, mark valuables with your postcode.

Do not leave garden tools, ladders, etc. easily accessible in your garden and make sure your shed is secure.

If you are going away be discreet about who you tell, especially with regards to the quantity and value of gold, jewellery and other items that may be in your property.

If you would like any further crime reduction advice please feel free to call your local Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101 or visit our crime reduction websites at www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crprev

<<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crprev>> and www.chiltern.gov.uk/crimereduction

<<https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/fckeditor/editor/dialog/www.chiltern.gov.uk/crimereduction>>

WARNING FROM SHELL OIL COMPANY

This has come through from USA, but it is worth knowing, even if you don't ever think of using a mobile while filling up with petrol.

MUST READ, EVEN IF YOU DON'T OWN A CAR. Shell Oil Comments - Safety Alert!

Here are some reasons why we don't allow mobile phones in operating areas, propylene oxide handling and storage area, propane, gas diesel refueling areas..

The Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning after three incidents in which mobile phones ignited fumes during fueling operations. In the first case, the phone was placed on the car during fuelling; it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the pump..

In the second, an individual suffered severe burns to their face when fumes ignited as they answered a call while refueling their car!

And in the third, an individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in their pocket, rang while they were fueling their car.

You should know that: Mobile Phones can ignite fuel or fumes. Mobile phones that light up when switched on or when they ring release enough energy to provide a spark for ignition

Mobile phones should not be used in filling stations, or when fueling lawn mowers, boat, etc.

Mobile phones should not be used, or should be turned off, around other materials that generate flammable or explosive fumes or dust, (I.e., solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust, etc...)

TO sum it up, here are the Four Rules for Safe Refueling:

- 1) Turn off engine
- 2) Don't smoke
- 3) Don't use your mobile - leave it inside the vehicle or turn it off
- 4) Don't re-enter your vehicle during fueling.

Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to try and make people aware of fires as a result of 'static electricity' at petrol pumps and has researched 150 cases of these fires.

Results were very surprising:

- 1) Out of 150 cases, almost all of them were women.
- 2) Almost all cases involved the person getting back in their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping petrol. When finished, they went back to pull the nozzle out and the fire started, as a result of a static spark from their bodies from sliding out of the vehicle.
- 3) Most had on rubber-soled shoes.
- 4) Most men never get back in their vehicle until completely finished. This is why they are seldom involved in these types of fires.
- 5) Don't ever use your mobile when using the petrol pump.
- 6) It is the vapors that come out of the gas that cause the fire, when connected with static charges.
- 7) There were 29 fires where the vehicle was re-entered and the nozzle was touched during refueling from a variety of makes and models.. Some resulted in extensive damage to the vehicle, to the station, and to the customer.
- 8) Seventeen fires occurred before, during or immediately after the petrol cap was removed and before fueling began.

NEVER get back into your vehicle while filling it with petrol. If you absolutely **HAVE** to get in your vehicle while the petrol is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door **TOUCHING THE METAL**, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

As mentioned earlier, The Petroleum Equipment Institute, along with several other companies now, are really trying to make the public aware of this danger.

Please pass this on to family and friends, especially those who have children in the car with them while filling up with petrol. If this were to happen to them, they may not be able to get the children out in time.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ART EXHIBITION at Chalfont St Peter Parish Church Hall, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks, SL9 9RJ on Saturday, **12 September 2015** between 10.00 am - 4.30 pm **Local artist Paul Bell** - winner of the BBC show The Big Painting Challenge . Please come and have a look at a diverse range of artwork from renowned local artists. Both framed and unframed work for sale, including work from our featured Artist, Paul Bell. Homemade refreshments available
Admission is FREE