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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice –

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Layters Pond, Chalfont St Peter



ST PETER PLAYERS will present **Ca\$h on Dēlivēry** a comedy by Michael Cooney. It will be on 5th, 6th and 7th July at 8pm each night in the Community Centre, CSP. **Box Office 07928 161419**. The Players can always be relied upon to provide great entertainment and this is likely to be full of laughter and even some chaos, which is all under the control of the experienced performers. Therefore you are sure to have a riotously funny evening's entertainment. Book early to ensure you don't miss out. Seating will be at tables of 10. You are invited to take along your supper or snacks to consume during the interval. There will be a licensed bar also.

MAUREEN AND JOHN MARSH have asked to send a huge thank you to Alan Moffet and to everyone involved in the "Afternoon Tea" arranged for about a hundred people on Gold Hill Common on Jubilee Saturday. What a pleasure to be greeted by immaculate Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, Beavers & Youth Clubs with a chance to talk to them too. We were treated to plates piled high with sandwiches and delicious cakes many baked by the young people serving us. We sang patriotic songs led by some talented ladies and ended with God Save the Queen. Our voices were heard right across the Common! Three Cheers for the young people of our village. Another day to remember in the life of our village. Maureen and John Marsh

CAREERS SPRINGBOARD THE CHILTERN, SOUTH BUCKS & HIGH WYCOMBE SELF HELP GROUP FOR MANAGERS AND PROFESSIONALS SEEKING WORK. - Meetings take place 7.15 for 7.30pm each Monday at St Andrew's United Reformed Church Hall, Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross, SL9 7QE. Meetings are FREE. New members always welcome.

July 2 Preparing for the Interview - Thorough preparation is the key to a successful interview. Speaker: Martin Garrity, Consultant.

July 9 Handling the Interview Itself Focussing on what happens during the interview & how to handle tough interview questions. Consultant volunteer: Rosie Miller www.rosyfutures.com

July 16 Action Planning for the Summer Break An opportunity to prepare a well organised and successful action plan for your job search through the summer holiday period. Guest Speaker: Linda Denny, Consultant, www.thesmartcoachingcompany.com

July 23 Maximising the Potential of LinkedIn Effective use of LinkedIn. All you want to know about LinkedIn. Utilise the potential of LinkedIn for your job search this summer.

Guest Speaker : Mark White, Director, www.socialmediadirectors.co.uk www.businessinberkshire.co.uk
A new programme will be published in July for meeting Monday 10th September 2012

GERRARDS CROSS Flower Club meets next in the Colston Hall at the Memorial Centre, East Common, GX, at 2.15pm on Wednesday July 18^h to share a "Safari" with Alison Mount. Competition is "Summer's Bounty".

HEDGERLEY Historical Society meets on Wednesday, July 4, to take an Evening Walk around Gerrards Cross Conservation Area with Julian Hunt, the well-known expert on this area. Meet 7.30pm in Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre, SL9 7AD.

CHALFONT ST PETER W.I. meets next on Wednesday 11th July at 2pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane, when Jackie De-Friez will talk about the National Animal Welfare Trust. The display for the meeting will be – Favourite Pet Photograph.

CHEEKY MONKEYS TEA PARTY – Friday, 6th July from 2.30 – 4.30 (come any time) to St Thomas' Church Hall, Mayflower Way, Holtspur, HP9 1UF. Play, crafts, face painting and snacks for the monkeys. Cream teas for the adults Entertainment by **Hullabaloo** Holtspur, HP9 1UF £3 per family. (Please bring a picnic & join us afterwards in the garden, weather permitting.

WARNING – I have just been contacted by a local resident who has been scammed by having goods delivered to his house that he hadn't ordered. Thinking that his daughters may have ordered the items as a surprise for him and his wife, he signed for them. On opening the boxes he realized that a mistake had been made and phoned the company that sent them. They accepted that it was a scam and could check it out with the misinformation that they had been given with the order and they agreed to collect the goods the next day.

Early the next morning the gentleman was downstairs and the doorbell rang. He was confronted by a large black man who said he had come to collect the goods. The homeowner was doubtful, but thought that if the person knew about the collection, it must be OK. Only after giving the goods to him, and seeing him go off with them, he realized that there was no company van outside. Later that day, the genuine van came and it was evident that this was a well-planned activity. I have actually heard of this happening before.

The gentleman concerned asked me to publicise this, to hopefully prevent anyone else being taken in. Fortunately the company doesn't require him to pay for the goods, which came to over £500, but it has caused him a lot of worry and stress.

ALZHEIMERS Bee-Friending Scheme: There are many people with dementia in Bucks who are living alone and feeling isolated. Some of them are housebound and spend most of the week not seeing anyone. Reliable, caring volunteers are needed who would be interested in providing companionship to a person with dementia in their home or out and about. If you get on well with people and enjoy a good chat you may really enjoy being a volunteer befriender. It is very rewarding and an hour of your time each week can make a real difference to someone's life. The team is seeking volunteers throughout Bucks. Good communication skills and empathy are essential. All volunteers will be offered training and out-of-pocket expenses. More details: contact Joy Johns, 01895 837545, e mail joy@voluntaryaction.org.

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. Meetings are every month at the Chalfont St Peter Community Association and there are regular Outings, Theatre Trips, Sunday Lunches, Quiz Evenings, Talks on Art, Days out & Visits to Stately Homes & Seaside. All welcome. Activities for July:

Wed	12.30 to 14.30	Saturday	Trip to Coast,
July 11	Lunch	July 14	(possibly Bournemouth/Poole)

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Pat Kelly 01753 885534 or Mary Cross on 01494 875264.

It would be helpful if you could let your usual contact know a few days before the monthly meeting at the Community Centre and a few days before the Sunday Lunch whether or not you will be coming, so they can then cater/ book a table for the appropriate number of people.

In the case of theatre trips and other outings, we would ask you to confirm well in advance if you wish to go. We have to reserve and pay for seats in advance and for minibus/coach transport and will appreciate prompt payment by cheque please (to 'The Chalfonts Friendship Club').

JAMES Hopkins Trust for special children will benefit from funds raised at a coffee morning on Saturday July 14th from 10am – Noon, at Glebe House, Windmill Road, CSP SL9 9PW. This charity is for severely disabled children, aged 0-5 years old, in Gloucester. They are fund-raising to build 2 extra respite en-suite bedrooms. Please do go along and support this worthy cause and find out more about the Trust. On sale will be various cakes, home-made honey fudge biscuits and much more. Also a large raffle will take place. www.jameshopkinstrust.org.uk

THERE are changes to Arriva bus times in Bucks. One service relevant to us is the 353, where the journey is extended to Hemel Hempstead. However, there are quite a few changes, so you might find it useful to get a timetable, 0844 800 4411. You can also view the timetable on line at www.arrivabus.co.uk/south-east.

FRANCES CHIDELL reports on the latest offering by the Chiltern Shakespeare Company at Hall Barn. She says, "Macbeth last month has already been noted and praised by reviewers in the local papers. I can't help adding that I felt the production, so cleverly directed by Andrew Rogers, reached a new high for the company. Congratulations all round!

Tension and suspense were sustained throughout the tragedy which describes the terrible psychological effect the murder of King Duncan had on Macbeth and his wife who had jointly arranged it. It led to her suicide offstage and him being violently killed by the avenging Macduff and dragged away.

Everyone remembers the three prophetic Witches, (Nicola Metcalfe, Dana Kidson and Sarah Wilson) and they were all the more important and fearsome by having extra-large arms. When they folded them vertically they were covered up like three ghostly wigwams. The castle walls surrounding the action set the scene and well-chosen music added to the sense of foreboding.

Lawrence Green was a striking young Macbeth, recently returned from victorious battles, and Louise Mappley as his manipulating wife was excellent: ladylike, a bit sexy and slightly sinister. Jeff Baynham was a friendly open-hearted King Duncan (with a Scottish accent) which made his murder, while an honoured guest of the Macbeths, all the more telling. I've never seen a man as furious as Nick Wyse as Macduff, so incensed that Macbeth had ordered his wife and children to be murdered.

HAPPY HOUNDS is a friendly, local dog walking service based in Chalfont St Peter. As keen walkers and pet owners, they have seen the need to start up a small, personal, friendly dog walking service. This could be useful if you are forced to work very long hours and have to leave your precious pet unattended for long periods of time or are recovering from an operation or illness. They are able to offer a range of caring services to support pet owners in the surrounding areas. As well as arranging regular and ad hoc dog walking services, we also offer daily pop-ins for a range of other pets. They also have insurance cover.

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THERE have been a few occasions recently where tools have been stolen from vans and the police are warning van owners and builders to take extra security measures to safeguard their tools. The most recent incident happened in Berkeley Close, Chesham this morning (12/6).

Unfortunately the majority of these tools are not easily traceable as they are not security marked with the owner's postcode and business name. We strongly advise that tools are visibly and permanently marked with these details by engraving or etching. Property marking also acts as a deterrent to thieves who have to cause permanent damage to remove the marking, making it difficult to sell these items on.

Anyone who has any information that could help the police with their inquiries is asked to call 101 or Crimestoppers if they wish to remain anonymous on 0800 555 111.

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>

GERRARDS CROSS Scottish Country Dancing Club would warmly welcome any newcomers, especially beginners. Classes at 7.30pm at GX Memorial Centre. Keep fit and have fun! For further information please telephone Celia on GX 884

PIANIST and Conductor David Meacock is launching two initiatives for the local community this Summer: first a new *Summer try-out Piano Lessons Course*, and second *Alpha Voices*. Further information about both and booking up forms are available via: www.davidmeacock.com - David's newly designed website.

The idea behind the *Summer try-out Piano Lessons Course* is to give youngsters – but adults can also do the course - a chance to have a go at learning the piano, and decide whether it's for them without the need for them to have a piano. It consists of five daily piano lessons in either of the last two weeks of August. By the end of it, participants will be able to read simple music and play a nursery rhyme.

Alpha Voices is for singers who are able to be at concert standard on just three - rehearsals two Friday night and a Saturday afternoon. It is aimed at those who haven't the time for weekly rehearsals, but would like just a bit more rehearsal and so a likely more musically satisfying outcome than the one-shot-saloon approach of the Bring and Sing format. As *Alpha Voices* is equally open to those who already do weekly rehearsals with another choir such as the A40 Choir, and would like to take part in an additional event, its rehearsals and concerts are being timed to try to avoid clashes with other choirs' events. Bookings are now open for the first event: Haydn's *The Creation*.

CHALFONT ST PETER GARDEN CLUB has its next meeting on Wednesday, July 18th at 8pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane. The speaker will be Christie Leary, who will present My Organic Garden. Visitors welcome.



OUR COMMUNITY LIBRARY has been running successfully for the last few months, and the working group is now keen to extend the service they have been providing. To this end, they are asking for donations of **new books** you have enjoyed reading (published in 2010 or 2011, please), **new magazines** once you are done with them, and boxed **puzzles** in good condition.

The library team is very keen to improve on the service and facility they provide for our community. They have a team of 60+ dedicated volunteers, but they are working on a limited budget, and donations from our community would go a long way to helping them improve their stock. They are also very keen to improve their Teenage section which has been sadly neglected over the years and donations of **teen novels**, **teen magazines** and especially **study guides** and work books would be put to very good use. Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause!

ST JOSEPH'S Furniture Market, behind the church hall, entrance off Priory Road, is open Saturdays 9am to 12.30 and can be accessed from Priory Road, Chalfont St Peter. (off Austenwood Lane). Park in the Church car park. To donate furniture in good condition: phone 01753 888340. furnituremarket@hotmail.co.uk

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 **Tuesday, 17th July**, at 10am for coffee and the meeting begins at 10.30, in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. Further information from 01753 884729

GERRARDS Cross Lawn Tennis Club will be holding a **Neighbourhood Meeting on Monday 23rd July, starting at 8pm in the Clubhouse, Bull Lane.**

BUCKSVISION, Chalfont Division, needs volunteer drivers who could spare an hour twice a month to collect members from their homes and take them to the meetings in Chalfont St Giles. This Local charity covers Chalfont St Giles, St Peter, Little Chalfont, Seer Green and Jordans. If you are interested, please contact VAL ROBBINS (01753 885752) or WENDY STEVENS (01494 874844).

TJHAMES VALLEY POLICECHALFONT ST PETER HAVE YOUR SAY MEETING

CSP LIBRARY July 10th 10:00 TO 12:00

A **NEW** online directory for care and community services launched.

CHALFONTS CHILDREN'S CENTRE – Check with the centre (below) to find out current dates/times

Tuesday Twintastic_10:00-11:30_Chalfont St Peter Youth Centre

Dinky Dancers 1:45-2:45 Chalfont St Peter Youth Centre

Wednesday Stay & Play 10:30-12:00 Chalfont St Peter Youth Centre

Baby Clinic 2:00-3:00 1st & 3rd of month The Guide Hall, School Lane, Chalfont St Giles. HP8 4JJ

Thursday

Stories & Crafts -Mobile Bus 10:30-11:30 Every Second Week Blizzards Yard Car Park, CSGILES

Baby Clinic 9:30-11:00 Every week at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre

Story Time 2:30-3:00 Chalfont St Giles Library

Baby Clinic 2:00-3:30 Chalfont & Gerrards Cross Health Clinic, Hampden Rd, Chalfont St Peter. SL9 9SA

Friday Stay & Play-Mobile Bus 1:30-3:00 CSP Community Centre

Bounce & Rhyme 2:15-2:45 Chalfont St Peter Library

Saturday

Dadtastic 10:00–12:00 At: Waterside Children's Centre, 470 Waterside Chesham. HP5 1QF

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MOTORISTS in Buckinghamshire are set to benefit from changes to the way inspections and road repairs take place in the county. The changes, listed below, will improve the way that Transport for Buckinghamshire operates, bringing a better service for residents.

More highway inspectors:

The number of highways inspectors has doubled since April. All inspections are now carried out by a two-man team, with one inspecting while the other drives, ensuring a greater coverage of the area and more thorough inspections.

Categorisation of potholes:

CAT 1 potholes, those in most need of repair, found during inspections are repaired within 24 hours. A new category, CAT 2, has been introduced with these potholes being reported to the Local Area Technician (LAT) who is then

responsible for deciding the most appropriate type of repair and response time.

Increased pothole resources:

Alongside the changes in categorisation of potholes, the gang with primary responsibility for fixing them has increased from eight to twelve men, allowing for more repairs each day.

New proactive approach to road patching:

Our two six-man road patching gangs address areas of road between 5m² and 100m². They will use hot material to repair patches of road in need of repair and are now able to repair up to 150m² per gang per day, an impressive increase in output.

Velocity Patcher:

The Velocity Patcher is able to carry out 30% more pothole repairs per day than using the conventional method and therefore reduces costs. It provides a permanent first time repair using cold lay material and it is quick and easy to use. It has the potential to use recycled road surfacing materials. The treatment is also carried out without the need for vibrating tools or rollers so there is no noise pollution.

Peter Hardy, Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport said, "These changes mean that TfB can more closely address the concerns of the travelling public. Alongside the £30m 'We're Working On It' major repair programme, this shows how TfB are committed to providing the best quality service and value for money for Buckinghamshire."