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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice – July 2013

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30th July Terrific Tuesday



CHILTERN Open Air Museum has a packed programme for Summer 2013, with a family-friendly event every weekend in July and August. Travel through time with events including Redcoats and Cavalry (3rd and 4th August), a Tudor Court Room (10th and 11th August), Romans and Britons (17th and 18th August) and Medieval Pageantry (24th-26th August). There is also a brand new Sweets & Treats event on the weekend 27th and 28th July celebrating everything sweet and sticky in history! The Museum offers a season ticket for £20, which includes entry to events. The Museum's popular Terrific Tuesdays for children are also back for the 2013 summer holidays. Every Terrific Tuesday has special crafts and activities for families from 11am-4pm, all included in the standard admission price. The full line up for summer 2013 is:

The Museum also runs a Holiday Club for 5-12 year olds on Terrific Tuesdays. Pre-booking for holiday club is essential: places can be booked by phoning the Museum Office on 01494 871117 or emailing enquiries@coam.org.uk Children explore the Museum, play games and try craft activities in small, supervised groups. It costs £22, and lunch is included.

Visitor Experience Manager, Sian Hammerton-Fraser, said, "There is always something happening at the Museum, whether or not there is a special event on. Families can discover 2000 years of history exploring the historic buildings, farm and woodland at the Museum; play with Victorian toys and games, dress up in Second World War RAF uniforms and borrow free activity backpacks. The Museum has also just opened a unique Adventure Playground, which is based on the historic buildings in its collection. We're looking forward to an exciting and fun-filled summer."

THE BAR AT THE GEORGE

Mick Flynn Band

137 High Street Chalfont St Peter

The Music Club for people of our generation over 40's
Great Live Band playing 60s,70s with a splash of NOW!
Music Quiz, new artist Cabaret spot and dancing.

Wednesday 17th July

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MISBOURNE Art Society's next meeting is on July 6th and the watercolour demonstration by Ronnie Ireland is "Drip, scumble, slap". Meetings are held at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre at 2.15pm on the first Saturday in the month. www.misbourneartsociety

"WHAT'S on this Summer at Chalfont Leisure Centre?" **Active Zone** week days from 29th July to 23rd August *Roller-Flate every Mon/Weds/Fri 10.30am – 2.00pm* **Pool Inflatable Sessions every Mon/Weds/Fri 1.00pm – 2.00pm**
Snorkelling sessions 26th July & 30th Aug **Splash 'N Tumble every Thursday 10.30am – 12.00 noon** *Swimming Lesson*
Crash Courses (3 days) 29th July – 2nd Aug and 12th Aug – 14th Aug
Please speak to reception or see our holiday board in the centre for more information. 01753 887812

CHALFONT ST PETER W.I. meets next on Wednesday 10th July at 2pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane, when Roger Askew will present The Saville & Valley Gardens in Windsor Great Park. News from the Group for last month shows that this is a friendly and welcoming group. A new member joined them and found she had chosen a good time to do so as the June meeting was a Jubilee tea party, when members dressed in red, white and blue and tested their memories in a quiz relating to the Queen. Tables of four competed with questions about where the Queen was born and lived when she was a child etc. They all enjoyed it thoroughly, though their knowledge wasn't as comprehensive as they had hoped. As everyone had brought something to share during the afternoon tea, the occasion was a very satisfying experience.

CHALFONT Common W.I. reports that several of them, together with about 45 members from other WI's went to the Amersham Angels WI walk around Amersham – it was very interesting taking in parts of the town as well as the wonderful countryside. This was followed by a delicious homemade tea. It was interesting to meet the young members from this newly established WI. There were several very young children on the walk.

They had an afternoon tea party in aid of cancer research –members brought along 45 bags of clothes, bric-a-brac etc which they took along to the shop in Amersham as well as a substantial cash donation. They managed to pick a very warm afternoon and tea and cakes were enjoyed by everyone in a member's garden. Several members enjoyed our monthly walk in the Chilterns despite the weather and they visited the cinema in Rickmansworth to see Quartet.

The next event is the village feast day where they will have their usual cake stall.

They continue to attract new members and are always pleased to see new faces, so do go along and have a chat or contact them on 01494 872133. Meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month in the Tony Graham Room at the Community Centre 7.30 for 7.45.

THIS is an appeal to all proprietors of newsagents, takeaways and, anyone who does paper based door-to-door deliveries.

Please, when you are delivering flyers, newspapers and similar ensure that you push them all the way through the letter box. Do not leave them hanging half way out. If the occupants are away, later on in the day when the majority of people have taken their papers inside, those left hanging out are a clear indication to burglars which homes may be unoccupied.

The Police have recently had complaints about this from members of the public. Yesterday along a street that has seen seven homes burgled within the last fifteen months someone left copies of a free newspaper hanging out from every letter box in the street.

Please pass this on to anyone you know who is involved in paper rounds and leaflet distribution.

Newsboys and Newgirls often do paper rounds quite early so here is a 10 point safety guide for you.

1. Do not talk to strangers, especially if they are in a car.
2. If you are being followed immediately head for the nearest place of safety.
3. Report any suspicious behaviour to your parents and the police at the earliest opportunity.
4. Avoid lonely areas. Beware of using short cuts such as alleys and bridges.
5. Be particularly vigilant when delivering in blocks of flats.
6. Never accept invitations to go inside a house for a cup of tea etc.
7. Carry a personal safety alarm.
8. If using a bicycle ensure that both the front and rear lights are working.
9. Wear reflective clothing in the dark and always wear a cycle helmet.

THE Chalfont St Peter Naturist club is hosting a Ladies Day in July. There tend to be more men in Naturism than women, though it's not completely out of balance, and there are always plenty of families with children, but there seem to be more issues/barriers for women to giving it a try, though women often report a greater life-enhancing effect. Much of what people think of social nudity is changed when they see the environment and experience it for themselves and to that end they are hosting a **Ladies Day on July 13th**. It's clothing-optional too, to further reduce any feeling of pressure or reluctance. The details are on their website, here - <http://www.diogenessunclub.co.uk/ladies-clothing-optional-day-update/>.

GERRARDS Cross Lawn Tennis Club will be holding an Neighbourhood Meeting on Monday 15th July Starting at 8pm in the Clubhouse, Bull Lane.

GERRARDS CROSS Scottish Country Dancing Club would warmly welcome any newcomers, especially beginners. Classes are at 7.30pm at GX Memorial Centre. Keep fit and have fun! For further information please telephone Celia on 01753 884217.

THE NEXT meeting of the Ox and Bucks Branch of the Western Front Association is on **July 20**, when Bill Fulton will present– Malta in the Great War. Meetings are on Saturdays at the Guide Centre, School Lane, Chalfont St.Giles, HP8 4JJ, commencing at 2.30pm apart from the AGM and Social lunches in Summer and at Xmas. Non-members are welcome, entrance-fee at the door, inclusive of tea and cake is £2.50 per person, and meetings are normally over by 5pm. Car parking is available either at the Centre or possibly behind the Memorial Hall which is opposite. Details of the Association and all branches are available on-line at www.westernfrontassociation.com

CHALFONT ST PETER GARDEN CLUB has its next meeting on Wednesday, July 17th at 8pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane. The speaker will be Paolo Arrigo and the title is From seed to plate, Franchi seeds of Italy, (discounted seeds for sale). Visitors welcome.

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, 16th July**, at 10am for coffee and the meeting begins at 10.30, in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. Further information from 01753 884729

A 'POP-UP' job shop in Aylesbury town centre aims to help the Vale's young people aged 16 – 24 into work. The temporary shop, to be based in Hale Leys shopping centre between Next and Accessorize, has been set up by Buckinghamshire County Council in partnership with Aylesbury Vale District Council, Barnardo's, Buckinghamshire Business First and Connexions Buckinghamshire.

Young people and their parents or carers can drop in and talk to experienced advisers, who will be on hand to help with:

- Access to real job and Apprenticeship opportunities
- On-site interview advice and techniques, including mock interviews
- Talk to local training providers and sign up for training courses
- Careers advice and guidance and help with CV writing and application forms

The job shop will open on Thursday 4 July from 2pm - 7pm; Friday 5 July from 10am - 4pm; and Saturday 6 July from 10am - 2pm. Find out more at:

<http://www.bucksc.gov.uk/employability>

Mike Appleyard, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, said: "It's a tough job market for young people at the moment. This job shop will help arm them with practical, useful skills, which should give them a head start when they are job-hunting."

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>

Returning lost people with memory problems home

Do a good turn for your neighbour. That's the aim of the new Neighbourhood Return scheme, which aims to act quickly to find people with memory problems, such as dementia, who have got lost. In England and Wales disorientation and 'getting lost' happens to some 40,000 people for the first time each year. It increases the likelihood of care home admission fourfold. This in turn increases the stress on sufferers and carers, and can impact heavily on personal and public finances. We want to extend care and independent, but supported living in the community to these vulnerable people.

Neighbourhood Return builds on the community messaging systems of Neighbourhood & Home Watch. It uses secure registration, messaging and mapping systems and its searches are risk assessed and managed by a specialist Local Authority call centre. The scheme is now being run across Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Northamptonshire and Waltham Forest, and went 'live' in November 2012.

Can you help us? We are looking for volunteers to join searches in their immediate area, who have a mobile phone which is regularly charged and has credit on it, and who can use text messaging.

We know everyone isn't available all the time, so the scheme aims to sign up as many volunteers across Buckinghamshire as possible. Even if you work, or if you have limited time available please still consider volunteering. If you aren't available or in the area when we alert you that someone has gone missing, just text back 'no'.

If you are free to help, our care centre will send you a description of the person and let you know where to search. When you reach the destination, you let them know and they will provide further instructions on where to look next. A safe searching guide helps to give you guidance about searching and how to gently approach the person who is lost, should you find them. Searches are conducted for up to two-and-a-half hours by volunteers, who can join or leave the search at any point during this time, if the person isn't found by then the search is then handed over to the police.

You can sign up to the scheme at www.ourturn.org.uk or by phoning **0116 229 3118**. This isn't a huge commitment. You will rarely or may never be called to help, but by registering, not only will you help carers to feel supported by their local community, but should someone in your local area go missing you could help save a life.

If you are a carer of someone with memory problems, you can register them using the contacts above. It's absolutely free. Once your loved one is registered, we will send you a fridge magnet with the helpline number on, so you can easily find it, should you ever need it. If you pre-register someone with memory problems, we can get volunteers mobilised in 3-5 minutes. You can still use the scheme in an emergency without pre-registration, it just takes 15-20 minutes to get all the details we need to start the search. The call centre keeps in touch with both the carer and Thames Valley Police at regular intervals to let them know how the search is progressing.

HEDGERLEY Historical Society meets on **Wednesday 3rd July** and is a guided walk around Royal Windsor meeting outside the Tourist Information Centre in Windsor Central Station at 7.30pm. The 90 minute walk will be led by Laura Comley-Smith a Blue Badge Guide and the event is free to members and visitors.

For the diary, Farnham Common Community Library has arranged a visit to Buckingham Palace on **Monday 2nd September** at 11.45am to see the special exhibition to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Coronation. The display includes Coronation robes which may not be displayed again for many years. The tour (duration two and a half-hours) includes an audio tour. This is a ticket only event and you will need to make your own way to London however the Library have obtained special rate tickets as follows: Adult £19.00 Over 60/Student £17.50 Children under 17 £10.85. A Booking Form and further details are attached.

THE CHALFONTS Friendship Club was established locally in May 2009 for people who are retired/ of retirement age to meet to share company. It is focussed on reaching out and promoting companionship and sharing in our community. They get together over a lunchtime meal on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter and have regular Theatre Trips, Sunday Lunches, Talks on Art, Quiz Evenings, Outings, Days Out & Visits to Stately Homes & Seaside.

Retired and living on your own or a couple? Know somebody who is alone or in need of company?

Interested or know someone who might be? All welcome

Contacts: Pat Kelly on 01494 875264 Charles Watters on 07966 349945 Mary Cross on 01494 875264

Olympic Blessings author to speak at Restore Hope charity in Latimer

Roy and Daphne Godwin of Ffald y Brenin are visiting Restore Hope in Latimer, Buckinghamshire on 15th and 16th July to bring teaching on 'becoming a people of blessing'. Roy Godwin is author of the blessing that was written for the Olympics and has also been invited to write a blessing for the Commonwealth Games.

Roy Godwin is author of the bestselling 'Grace Outpouring', which tells of the remarkable journey of Ffald-y-Brenin retreat centre in Wales, in developing blessing as part of its rhythm of prayer and the difference this has made.

Conference delegates will have the opportunity to learn in some depth about the Biblical basis for the practice of blessing. The conference will also bring teaching on how to develop the practice of blessing loved ones, neighbours, workplaces, communities and the land.

James Ray, Director of Restore Hope, says "*We often use the word 'bless' in our everyday language and this is a great opportunity to find out about what this really means. We are really honoured that Roy Godwin is coming to our area.*"

The Blessings Conference will run from Monday 15th July 2.30-5pm, to Tuesday 16th July 10am to 4.45pm. Refreshments are provided both days and a light lunch on 16th July. The cost is £32 or £25 for concessions. Restore Hope is situated in the beautiful Chess Valley and has a reputation for hosting similar events.

Bookings can be made online at www.restorehopelatimer.org or by telephoning Restore Hope 01494 765555.

More information is available from Restore Hope: www.restorehopelatimer.org

Tel: 01494 765555 Email: info@restorehopelatimer.org

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. Telephone: **01753 888389** or **07801016238**, Email: happyhoundzchalfon@gmail.com © Happy Houndz Chalfont 2012 - Information from: happyhoundzchalfont.com

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

LOLLIPOP patrollers honoured on their diamond anniversary : Two senior County Councillors paid tribute to the dedication of Buckinghamshire's lollipop patrollers this week when they celebrated 60 years of their service nationally.

School crossing patrollers from across Buckinghamshire took time off on Tuesday and Wednesday (June 25, 26) to celebrate the diamond anniversary at two special receptions - one in the north and one in the south of the county.

Thanking the county's 70 patrollers for their commitment and care for children crossing busy roads to and from school,

Buckinghamshire County Council Chairman Carl Etholen said: "You work in all weathers, you show such dedication, and you provide such a valuable service. You deserve great recognition: long may you continue."

Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport, Janet Blake, said: "It is great to see the good work being carried out by school crossing patrollers. Their valuable contribution to the safety of children travelling to and from school is much appreciated and we hope to encourage more people to become crossing patrollers."

Lollipop patrollers were presented with commemorative badges and certificates.

A NEW online directory for care and community services launched.

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) 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...."

AN initiative that is saving millions of pounds for taxpayers has earned IT staff at County Hall runner-up place in a prestigious national competition.

Buckinghamshire County Council beat an impressive field of candidates to finish joint second in the partnership category of the Real IT Awards, held in central London on Tuesday night (June 18).

The award recognises the way the Council worked with partner organisations to share a public service network (PSN) across more than 400 buildings in the county.

The accolade follows an 18-month project which has led to an estimated £12 million savings - £1m per year for the next nine years, plus a further £3m otherwise needed in the next five years to update computer systems.

The authority's IT team merged the county's systems into one network with Wycombe, Chiltern, South Bucks and Aylesbury Vale district councils, as well as academies, schools and Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue.

The estimated £12m savings will be made across all the authorities who are now linked into the PSN. The network provides internet services to the majority of schools, libraries, adult learning centres and council offices in the county.

The County Council, joint runner-up with the Co-operative Banking Group, was pipped at the winner's post by SThree – an international specialist recruitment business with 67 offices in 20 countries.

Peter Hardy, Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, who was at the awards ceremony, said: "We were thrilled to be recognised in this way. Of course, we would have preferred to win but we beat several other very worthy projects, and it was clear the judges were impressed by our entry.

"This is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of our IT staff who have saved the public a massive amount of money thanks to this initiative. It is also a tribute to the work of our partners who worked so hard to make this happen for everyone."

The Council's triumph was listed in the Real IT Awards booklet which read: "An outstanding feature of the Partnership between the council and their stakeholders (Schools, District Councils, Fire and Rescue Services) was the balance struck in protecting the needs of the smaller stakeholders, and the risks being taken by the council.

"As a result of the Framework Agreement there have been major cost savings for both Bucks CC and their Stakeholders.

"Expensive procurement processes have been eliminated and services improved."

Fourteen men, one lady and 1000 miles for FamilyLife UK A team of 10 Dads, four sons and one intrepid Mum from the Gerrards Cross area are riding from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise funds for FamilyLife UK, a charity that supports family life and relationships. The team has been in training for several months and will ride up to around 100 miles a day every day over two weeks from 14th to 28th July to achieve their goal of raising over £30000 for FamilyLife UK.

Mark Daniel, Director of FamilyLife UK says, "This is a challenging event and we have been cycling for several months to prepare. For those who like statistics: over the last 49 training rides we've cycled over 1,500 miles, climbed 91,000 feet (three times Mount Everest) and burned 82,000 calories in the process! I have been really moved by the commitment of each member of the team, many of whom have extremely busy jobs and lives. With the increasing pressures of 21st century life we've all seen relationships where the 'wheels have come off'. FamilyLife works to help people invest in and strengthen their relationships and its brilliant that the team want to do something extraordinary to support this."

The cycling team comprises 15 individuals from all walks of life. The youngest team member, at 16 years old, is Daniel Green, who will have just finished his GCSEs when taking up the ride. He is joined by his Dad, Graham Green, a carpenter. Other team members include a former bomb disposal officer, a man who plays rugby in his head and an adventurer who climbed the highest mountain in Mongolia on skis and nearly fell down a crevice on the way down. The 'veteran' team member is Geoff Enoch, a classic car engineer, who says that he's 40 trapped in the body of a 62 year old! The lady joining the team is Amanda Bourdillon, 48, from Italy, who is only joining the ride for the first quarter, due to family commitments.

The support team will be headed up by Christine Daniel, co-director of FamilyLife UK. It will follow the riders in two sponsored vehicles, carrying the luggage, back-up equipment, food and drinks. Overnight stays have been planned in youth hostels and bed and breakfast accommodation across the country.

Sponsorship has been generously given by 15 diverse local companies including The Entertainer, BP Collins Solicitors, Fisher Butchers, Gaviots Oak Carpentry and Joinery Services, WH Carden Ltd, Prontaprint Slough, County Financial, Northfields, Romis and JoelEnoch.com They are also supported by a number of specialist companies involved with the cycling world including Gore Bike wear, Dees Cycles, Stowes Cycles, Quest, Endura and Getbuzzing. So far the team have raised £19,000 towards their £30000 goal. It's easy to make a donation to support Family Life UK at www.familylifeuk.org/lejog. You can also follow the adventures via a daily blog on the website.

VOLUNTEERS in Buckinghamshire will find a strong advocate in new County Council Chairman Carl Etholen. He has made them one of his top priorities for his year of office.

Carl, who received the chain of office from outgoing Chairman Marion Clayton at last month's annual council meeting, says that as government funding to local authorities reduces, the voluntary sector will become more and more valued as part of community life.

'Whether it's delivering library books to housebound people, serving on a school governing body, or helping conservation work in our country parks, volunteers do a fantastic job in helping to keep the county's wheels turning.'

Carl, who lives in Saunderton, is no stranger to voluntary work. He is a volunteer driver on Princes Risborough's Community Bus, and has volunteered to serve in Lacey Green's community shop.

He is also Chairman of Trustees for Princes Centre - the Princes Risborough Day Care Centre - and wrote a business plan on behalf of the community to take on the running of the centre from the County Council last year. Last month the centre celebrated its first year as a social enterprise.

Carl's aspiration is to pass on what he has learned from his experience to help and encourage those in the voluntary sector, connecting them with points of influence in the community.

'I want to help volunteers to see the benefits of helping locally, and the enormous contribution they make to the life of their communities.'

Carl says it is important to value what the voluntary sector can bring to protecting and enhancing Buckinghamshire's rural environment - another priority for the new Chairman.

He points to the concept of the community shop as a valuable sustainable service where a commercial concern is unviable. 'There's scope for opportunities beyond selling produce,' he says. 'It can become a community hub for people to meet, and promotes healthy lifestyles by encouraging people out of their homes to get their essential supplies.'

Not unlike the concept of the community bus, says Carl. 'This can greatly improve life in rural communities where commercial services aren't viable: a lifeline for local people, and also a wonderful social meeting point!

'We have a lady who travels on the Risborough bus but doesn't get off anywhere. She uses it to meet people and chat!'

Fresh from presenting Enterprise Awards at a Buckinghamshire Ambassadors' reception, Carl said that a priority during his year would be to encourage business and industry in their pursuit of excellence - and to shout about it.

'We are the entrepreneurial heart of England, and we see more business starts than anywhere else in the country,' he said. 'I want to encourage our sense of business pride to rise further, and the fact we had 60 Enterprise Award entries this year tells me we're moving in the right direction.'

Carl will continue to develop the role of Armed Forces Champion forged by Marion Clayton. 'Marion is a very difficult act to follow,' said Carl. 'As a superb Chairman, she raised the standard, representing the County at many different events with dignity, energy and great presence. I will try very hard to match this.'