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## Chalfont St Peter Village Voice – May

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Throughout the coming month, regular updates can be seen  
on [www.chalfontstpeter.com/villagevoice](http://www.chalfontstpeter.com/villagevoice)

**SADLY.** The Chalfont Book Shop in Market Place is closing on 30<sup>th</sup> June. They have a notice in the window that there is 50% off everything, Do call in and support them until then.



St George's Day

**MISBOURNE** Art Society meets in Chalfont St Peter Community Centre at 2.15pm on the first Saturday of every month. On the 4<sup>th</sup> May - Afternoon Tutorial with Angela Fielder from 1 – 5pm in the Main Hall of the CSP Community Centre.

**CHILTERN** Open Air Museum, Newland Park, Chalfont-St-Giles, HP8 4AB [admin1@coam.org.uk](mailto:admin1@coam.org.uk) 01494 871117

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> May – Medieval Jousting 18<sup>th</sup> May – Enchanted Museum at Night 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May – Gladiators! 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> June – Chiltern Arts Fest Adventure on the doorstep.

**HEDGERLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** activities in May:

8pm Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2013 Hedgerley Memorial Hall	<b>Stanley Spencer in Cookham</b>	<b>Stephen Palmer</b> presents a talk about the life of the famous 20 <sup>th</sup> Century artist Sir Stanley Spencer RA
10.30am Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2013 Stanley Spencer Gallery High Street Cookham SL6 9SJ	<b>Stanley Spencer Gallery and Cookham Village</b>	<b>Stephen Palmer</b> will lead a visit to the Gallery followed by a walk around Cookham Village. Gallery entry £5

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**SONGS** of Praise Led by Pam Rhodes at All Saints' Church Oval Way, Gerrards Cross SL9 8PZ In the Parish of Chalfont St Peter on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm** In our centenary year we invite you to join us for a (non-televised) Service of Songs of Praise followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet Pam. **To book your ticket ring : 01753 883384** Admission strictly by ticket (no charge). There will be a retiring collection in aid of church funds and 'Iain Rennie Hospice at Home'.

**CHALFONT ST PETER** Garden Club meets next on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in the church Hall, Church Lane when Stuart Lees will present Adventurous Container Gardening. Visitors are welcome.

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**SATURDAY, 11 May from 10:00-4:00pm Mindfulness: A retreat day with Gayle Creasy** This is an opportunity to learn how to focus the attention of the mind (by concentrating on the body or the breath, for example)—rather than allowing the mind to ‘wander’ as our minds tend to do! This is a powerful tool for training ourselves in concentration, awareness and inner stillness—enabling us to focus the mind intentionally as desired. It is a part of contemplative practice in several religious traditions. This retreat day is an opportunity for learning, practice and feedback on developing this awareness and who we can apply it in daily life.

At **Jordans** Meetinghouse, Welders Lane, Jordans HP9 2SN Phone 01494 876593 [events@jordansquakercentre.org](mailto:events@jordansquakercentre.org)  
Cost £35, concessions available Please bring your own lunch; hot drinks provided .

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> May**, from noon to 4pm is Parish Day at St Joseph's in Austenwood Lane. This family fun day will offer a BBQ and bar, entertainment for all ages, traditional games and stalls, plants, cakes, books, children's games and bouncy castle. Free entry. All welcome. [www.stjosephs.org.uk](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk)

**ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET:** At the April meeting, the Committee donated: £450 to Iain Rennie Hospice at Home and £450 to Helen and Douglas House, a hospice for young people. The Market is open each Saturday from 9am to 12.30pm in the market store behind the church and the hall. Entry off Priory Road and parking is in the church car park. If you have any furniture in good condition that you no longer need and would be happy to donate it to this charity, you can contact 01753 888340. [furnituremarket@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:furnituremarket@hotmail.co.uk)

**IF YOU'RE** a man and you can walk 'n sing, St Peter Players need you. They are performing 'Anything Goes' in July (wonderful silly and funny musical from the Cole Porter Armoury)...songs like Anything Goes, I get a kick out of you. Well they sadly have a dearth of men – so they are looking for guys who can play the sailors...some could even gain lines and other roles such as bartenders, reporters and passengers as well as the all-important sailors...so, if you think you can join a wonderful cast and crew in the brig to perform this summery fun musical, call Tina on [01753 882935](tel:01753882935)....or pop along to the Community Centre In Chalfont St Peter on Gravel Hill. Mondays 8-10.30pm.

Performance dates 11/12/13 July...Rehearsals Monday / Thursday evenings plus four Sundays up to performance building set etc...

Oh, and if you're a lady reading this all crossly because they were asking just for men, actually they need women too...there's the four angels who have some tapping to do....and numerous parts of passengers and so on that join in all chorus numbers and should have a ball and haven't all been cast yet...so...get calling, and pop in...it's a very friendly group and lots of fun...

**SCANNAPEAL'S** Open Gardens scheme for 2013 has been launched to raise funds for life saving equipment at Wycombe, Amersham and Stoke Mandeville Hospitals and in the community. To request a copy of the Scannappeal Open Gardens leaflet which gives details of all gardens or to book tickets in advance (including a discounted multiple entry ticket), telephone 01494 734161, email [info.scannappeal@buckshealthcare.nhs.uk](mailto:info.scannappeal@buckshealthcare.nhs.uk) or visit [www.scannappeal.org.uk](http://www.scannappeal.org.uk)

#### **Open Gardens:**

The Old Workhouse, Marlow on **07 May 2013 from 13:00 - 17:00** @ 3 The Old Workhouse, Mundaydean Lane, Marlow SL7 3BT Garden Entry 4 on the [Open Gardens page](#). **Tickets:** £3 per adult, on the gate.

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[Latimer Series: Behind the Scene at Buckingham Palace](#) on **10 May 2013 from 19:00 - 20:30** @ Latimer Place, Latimer, Nr Chesham HP5 1UG. Edward Griffiths LVO will give an informative talk about his role as Deputy Master of the Household at Buckingham Palace. The Master of the Household's Department is the largest in the Royal Household, with over 230 employees and is responsible for all hospitality, catering and housekeeping arrangements for official and private entertaining at the Royal residences. Whether it is a lunch for two or a banquet for 300, the Master of the Household's Department organises everything, from the guest lists and seating plans to the preparation and service of the meal on the day. After the talk, why not treat yourself to supper at Latimer Place to round off a lovely evening? Tel: 01494 545 500 and quote *Scannappeal Talk* for a discounted two or three course meal. **Tickets:** £15 each (includes welcome drink) in advance only. Doors open: 19:00 for 19:30. Sponsored by [The Paperchain Partnership](#)

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[Phoenix Trail Stretcher Challenge](#) on **11 May 2013 from 09:00 - 14:00** @ The Three Horseshoes Pub, Towersey, Nr Thame, OX9 3QY. Get together with friends, family and colleagues for this fun sponsored team challenge! Suitable for all abilities and a great team building exercise . Test your mental and observational skills with a series of mini (non strenuous) challenges whilst carrying a traditional stretcher with dummy. Compete to **win** our coveted Scannappeal Stretcher Challenge Cup!**Entry:** £5 per person (includes light lunch and a medal), in advance only. Teams - minimum of four people. Registration from 0900 hrs. Starts and finishes at The Three Horseshoes Pub, Towersey near Thame. Please email the completed [registration form](#) to [info.scannappeal@buckshealthcare.nhs.uk](mailto:info.scannappeal@buckshealthcare.nhs.uk) if you wish to take part or for more information call 01494 734161

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[Seven a Side Football Tournament](#) on **16 May 2013 from 17:30** - @ Adams Park, High Wycombe HP12 4HJ Would you like the chance to play at Adams Park? Well you can! Wycombe Wanderers Ex Players Association is staging a seven-a-side football tournament on the hallowed turf, in aid of Scannappeal. If you play for, or are part of a team, you can enter by contacting Scannappeal on 01494 734161 . Teams of 10 players (aged over 35) are invited to take part. Each team will play a minimum of four 12 minute games and a knockout round. You will be playing against ex Wycombe Wanderer players including Bob Dell, Keith Ryan, Andy Robinson and Mark West. **Entry fee per team is £75.** A limited number of teams can enter and the deadline for registration is **Monday 8 April 2013**. Special events are planned for the evening, including a 'beat the goalie' competition for children. Bar and barbecue available. **Entrance for spectators:** £5 Adults, £2 Children in advance or on the gate. Gates open: 17.30. Kick off: 18.15 Supported by [WWFC](#) and [Wycombe Wanderers Ex Players Association](#).

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[Vinci Bowls Night](#) on **17 May 2013 from 18:00 - 21:00** @ Chess Vale Bowls Club, Ashridge Road, Chesham Have a go at lawn bowling at this popular fun event organised by staff from Vinci Facilities Management. All equipment will be provided. Bar and BBQ available and a chance to win top raffle **prizes** **Tickets:** £6 per person, in advance or via Roy/Stewart 01494 734830.

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[Open Gardens: Cymbeline, Ellesborough](#) on **19 May 2013 from 14:00 - 17:00** @ Cymbeline, Ellesborough Road, Ellesborough HP17 0XH Garden Entry 5 on the [Open Gardens page](#). **Tickets:** £4 per adult, on the gate

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[Open Gardens: Mount Close, High Wycombe](#) on **21 May 2013 from 10:30 - 14:00** @ 14 Mount Close, High Wycombe HP12 3PE Garden Entry 6 on the [Open Gardens page](#). **Tickets:** £3.50 per adult to include refreshments, on the gate.

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Open Gardens: The Warren, Great Missenden on **23 May 2013 from 11:00 - 14:00** @ the Warren, Potter Row, Great Missenden HP16 9LT Garden Entry 7 on the [Open Gardens page](#). **Tickets:** £4 per adult, on the gate. **AUCTION OF**

**AUCTION OF PROMISES** in aid of Gold Hill Care will take place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 7 for 7.30pm start**. This is for **Rock House**, the retirement home at the top of Gold Hill, where funds are urgently needed. Many really superb promises have been offered and tickets are £10 – to include a fish and chip supper plus pudding, available from 01753 885788, 01753 887968 and 01494 815984. Please do support this really important cause and you will be making a contribution to the needs of local senior citizens, who rely upon your generosity.

**THE Chalfont St. Giles Bowling Club** is having Open Days on:- Saturday, May 4th at 10-00 until 1-00, Sunday 12 May at 2.00, Saturday 18 May at 10.00 and Sunday 19 May at 10.00. They have equipment etc. to borrow - The bowls club is situated across the field from the car park. Postcode HP8 4QT. Park in recreation ground car park (near tennis courts).

**VOPAG** (Village Older Persons Action Group) meets next in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre on **Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** at 10am for coffee and the meeting starts at 10.30. This group provides an authoritative voice to take up issues with people who can do something about them. It's also a great way to meet up with others to share news and views and to listen to interesting speakers.

**THE Ox & Bucks Branch of The Western Front Association** meets in the Guide Centre, School Lane, Chalfont St Giles, HP8 4JJ. The meeting is 2.30 – 5pm and on May 18<sup>th</sup> the speaker will be Dr Spencer Jones from Birmingham University. Non-members are welcome, entrance-fee at the door, inclusive of tea and cake is £2.50 per person. 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](http://www.westernfrontassociation.com) For directions please contact us using the WFA website.

**KICK** start the summer term with a **free** healthy living programme in Buckinghamshire. With more than 1 in 3 children\* over the healthy weight range for their age and height in Buckinghamshire, the new term is the perfect time for families to take advantage of the **free** MEND Programme (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do it!). The MEND course is aimed at overweight 7 – 13 year olds and their families, and provides an excellent chance to get fit and healthy in summer 2013. The MEND Programme started in April in Amersham, Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Burnham; as part of a national network of over 350 courses which have already helped over 15,000 families improve their diets and activity levels. A limited number of places are available on each course completely free of charge thanks to funding from Buckinghamshire NHS.

Elayne Hughes, MEND Programme Manager for Buckinghamshire said; "The MEND Programme can really change families' lives. Through our healthy living programmes we encourage children to try new things and involve the whole family with ways to make healthier choices and become more active. Children become healthier and fitter while their self-esteem and confidence increase greatly. We hope that this summer families in Buckinghamshire will take up the chance to improve their health and fitness with MEND's fantastic free course."

The 13 week programme includes a series of sessions to get the whole family involved in helping children to change their eating and exercise habits, while learning about nutrition, therefore promoting sustained improvements in overall health, fitness and wellbeing.

As well as finding out about the foods our bodies need to stay healthy, children take part in exciting games and activities and learn how to get fit by being creative with what they do. Everyone has a fun and rewarding time and the whole family benefits.

For more information or to register for the MEND Programme in Buckinghamshire, call the Programme Manager Elayne Hughes on 01494 732020 or 07970 214 760. Call MEND free on 0800 230 0263 or visit [www.mendcentral.org](http://www.mendcentral.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. They get together every month at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre and have regular Outings, Theatre Trips, Sunday Lunches, Quiz Evenings, Talks on Art, Days out & Visits to Stately Homes & Seaside. All welcome. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Pat Kelly 01753 885534 or Mary Cross on 01494 875264.

**GERRARDS CROSS FLOWER CLUB** meets in the Colston Hall Memorial Centre, East Common, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2.15pm. New members welcome.



#### **Alzheimer's 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 like 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. Volunteers throughout Bucks are being sought. Good communication skills and empathy are essential. All volunteers will be offered training and out of pocket expenses. More details from Joy Johns. 01895 837545, e mail [joy@voluntaryaction.org](mailto:joy@voluntaryaction.org).

**AN EXTRA** hour for summer recycling Opening time at Buckinghamshire County Council's 10 household waste and recycling centres extend by one hour a day during summer months. From Monday April 1 they will open from 9am to 6pm. Revised opening times affect centres at Amersham, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, Beaconsfield, Bledlow Ridge, Buckingham, Burnham, Chesham, High Wycombe, and Langley.

During 2012, 76,492 tonnes of waste were deposited, of which 58,644 tonnes were recycled, equalling a 77% recycling rate on average for the 10 centres.

**CAREERS SPRINGBOARD** is the Chiltern, South Bucks and 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. New members are always welcome –Membership is FREE E-mail address: [careers.springboard@virgin.net](mailto:careers.springboard@virgin.net) [www.careersspringboard.info](http://www.careersspringboard.info)

**ENERGY** from Waste contract signed - Buckinghamshire County Council has signed a contract with FCC Environment to build and operate an Energy from Waste plant in Greatmoor, north Buckinghamshire.

The facility will convert 300,000 tonnes of waste a year—that cannot be recycled—into enough energy to power up to 36,000 homes. It will also create around 300 temporary jobs during the construction phase, 64 permanent jobs and 31 further jobs in the supply chain.

The 30-year contract will be funded through an innovative use of construction-only finance and prudential borrowing. Neil Gibson, Strategic Director for Communities and Built Environment, said: "Both the Council and FCC Environment have worked very hard to reach this stage and ensure that Buckinghamshire's waste will be managed more sustainably in the future. The Energy from Waste facility will not only divert substantial amounts of waste from landfill but it will also be saving our council tax payers over £150 million over the life of the contract. We are very excited to be working with FCC Environment to deliver this."

Steven Adams, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "The Buckinghamshire County Council Energy from Waste project is another example of this council working to protect this county's natural environment, keep council tax bills low and protect investment in other critical frontline services by being innovative and bold. This exciting project is an exemplar of local government at its best."

The County Council named FCC Environment as its preferred bidder for the residual waste treatment contract in 2011, and the Cabinet awarded the contract last July (2012).

FCC Environment Chief Executive Paul Taylor said: "We are delighted to have reached this important milestone with Buckinghamshire County Council, and are looking forward now to delivering the facilities and an integrated service that the county can be proud of."

Construction of the plant is anticipated to start later this year.

#### **CHALFONT St Peter Feast Day - 29<sup>th</sup> June**

This year's

Feast Day event will take place on Gold Hill Common on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June starting at 10.00am. Over 100 stalls will surround the Fairweather Insurance Arena providing a range of goods, activities and information on local clubs, societies and organisations. There will also be a Fun Fair, Morris Dancing, a traditional Punch and Judy show, a dog show (sponsored by the Goddard Veterinary Group) and a classic car display. The arena will also host several activities during the day including school dancing and gymnastics displays and the classic car drive through.

The Parish Council stage will showcase a number of singing and dancing acts during the day and is the setting for the evening concert by Ultimate Elton, the UK's leading Elton John tribute act and his band. He will be supported by the band Leech. The evening will culminate with the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon by the Parish Council.

Programmes will be available free from the Parish Church offices in Church Lane and will be being distributed in the village on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22nd June from a stall opposite Budgens in the village. Donations will be sought and every penny raised goes towards local good causes. Programmes will, of course, also be available on the day.

The organisers would like to thank all of the other sponsors for their support – the Parish Church, Gold Hill Baptist Church, Tim's Dairy and Thorpe House School. They are looking to build on last year's success and make this year's event the "greenest" yet and, working with Change4Chalfont and Chiltern District Council, will be seeking to recycle as much litter and refuse as possible from the day. Those attending are asked to dispose of litter sensibly in the bins provided or take it home with them.

Michael Day of the organising committee said: "We have enjoyed fabulous Feast Day events in recent years and, last year, we were able to distribute around £12,000 to local good causes in the community as a result of the activities. We look forward to another fabulous day this year." Full details of the event can be found at [www.feastofstpeter.org.uk](http://www.feastofstpeter.org.uk)