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## Chalfont St Peter Village Voice, May 2014

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**PLANT SALE** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 - 10am to 1pm at the Chalfont St Peter Community Library.

**MISBOURNE ART SOCIETY** meets next for a Workshop, "People, Stones and Shells", on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.15pm in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. [www.misbourneartsociety](http://www.misbourneartsociety)

### THE GERRARDS CROSS FUN RUN, EAST COMMON on SUNDAY 11TH MAY

The 8th Gerrards Cross Fun Run is all set for Sunday 11th May 2014, 12 noon – 4pm.

This biennial event will be held as usual, on East Common, Gerrards Cross. The day begins from 10.30am for T-shirt collection followed by race registration and at 12.00 noon the 5K race starts from The Memorial Centre following a route along the local roads behind the Centre with the grand finale on East Common. On the Common will be lots of fantastic entertainments and activities for all the family. Music and live bands, Grand Draw, BBQ & Beer Tent, 9m rock climb plus many more stalls providing entertainment and fun. The 5K Fun Run is open to all ages from the age of 8-99 years! There are separate under 8's Children's Races and even dogs can enter!

The web site [www.gxfunrun.org.uk](http://www.gxfunrun.org.uk) is now up and running and you can register on line to take part in The Fun from Monday 17th February.

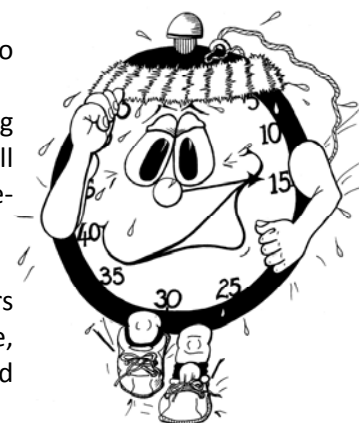
The Fun Run has raised a total of £215,000 over the last seven Fun Runs, an amazing amount of money which has been donated to various charities. This year the Fun Run will be supporting two local, worthwhile charities - Kids in Sport, for the third year, and Home-Start, Slough.

Once again we thank local businesses which help support the event. Our major sponsors this year are currently Stoke Park, Fairweather Insurance, The Kitchen Company Uxbridge, The Brampton Partnership, Roberts Newby, Nunn Hayward, B P Collins, Clancy Docwra Ltd and Traveltime.

The Fun Run is the biggest community event in Gerrards Cross with up to 1500 runners and 4000 attendees enjoying the action packed day.

So browse our web site, [www.gxfunrun.org.uk](http://www.gxfunrun.org.uk) spread the word, follow the links to our charities, read what our sponsors have said and, whether you are a team or an individual, apply on line or download an application and get set to run in

The Gerrards Cross Fun Run, East Common Sunday 11th May 2014, 12-4pm. [www.gxfunrun.org.uk](http://www.gxfunrun.org.uk)  
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**CHALFONT ST PETER W.I.** send this report of recent activities.

"Winter is behind us so perhaps you feel like doing something new. Why not come and join us on the 2nd Wed each month in the Church Hall.2 - 4 pm.

This month ,Frances Benson gave an excellent and fascinating talk on Pearls ,from how they developed in the oyster to when they are ready to be worn. They come in amazing shapes, colours and sizes and are apparently back in fashion. Next month the talk is entitled "Not in front of the servants".

Members have varying skills. Two of our ladies, June Wilson and Carole Poulton displayed the beautiful, patchwork quilts that they had made. We had all been asked to make a Greetings card. The speaker judged them and the Handicraft Cup was won by Carole Poulton.

On **Monday May 12th an outing to Dunelm mills has been organised.** The next meeting is on **May 14th.**

**MAY** Fair, in aid of The Children's Society, will be on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May** from 10am to 2pm, in the Church Hall, Church Lane, CSP. Cakes jewellery, plants, books, tombola, Bric-a-Brac, delicious lunches and refreshments.

**V.O.P.A.G.** meets next at the Community Centre on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The speaker is J. Ballantyne on "Travelling on Business in the 70's." Coffee is at 10am and the talk starts at 10.30. Over 55's should this talk that no doubt will trigger memories.

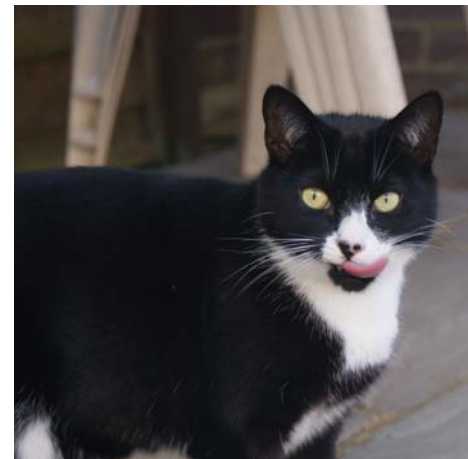
**GERRARDS CROSS FLOWER CLUB** meets at the Colston Hall, Memorial Centre East Common, GX, at 2.15pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. This month on May 21<sup>st</sup>, the talk is "Seasonal Serendipity", presented by David Ryland. For more information contact 01753 884497. Visitors welcome.

**CHALFONT ST PETER Garden Club** has meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** when the talk is on "**The History of Chenies Manor, given by Valerie Edwards.** Visitors are welcome.



**A PLEA** from dog groomer Jenni Shafe -  
[jenni.shafe@foxydog.co.uk](mailto:jenni.shafe@foxydog.co.uk)

Jenni says "We really do need to find these 2 a new place to call home. Their owner has recently lost her father, had to move house and has had another baby. She is finding it hard to cope and has come to the difficult decision of wanting to find another home for this brother and sister.



She feels they need more stability and more attention, none of which she can give them at the moment. They are a lovely pair, very friendly and love lots of cuddles!! Jess the black and white lady is the little more precocious of the two but both are extremely friendly!! They are 4.5 years old. They are used to a very lively household so will fit in anywhere I'm sure, Can anyone help or know anyone that could??



This chap is a very special dog. Through no fault of his own he is now looking for a new home. He is 7 yrs old, neutered black Labrador. His owners have just had their second child and feel they haven't got enough time for him, nor the space for him in their house (he currently lives in the kitchen and garden). They have at least thought things through and decided its right for the dog to leave them and they want the new home to be right.

Does anyone know anyone that could possibly give this chap a forever home? He is very well behaved, knows the main commands (sit stay etc) and loves food!!

He was run over as a young dog and had a leg injury, but only suffers after playing with a ball using a thrower, and just gets a little stiff. He is very fit otherwise and would fit right into any family having lived with a child for 4 years.

Can anyone make Tom's day.....Please pass to anyone that you know that is a dog lover.

### **DIOGENES Sun Club celebrates 50 years in Chalfont St. Peter**

On Saturday 26th April, Diogenes welcomed Councillor Brian Norman, Vice Chairman of Three Rivers District Council, and his wife Elaine, to plant a cherry tree to commemorate our fifty years in Chalfont St. Peter. They were joined by many Diogenes members, including some of the longest standing members who helped move the club to Chalfont in 1964. Also present were The Buckinghamshire Advertiser and Village Voice editor, Elaine Quigley.

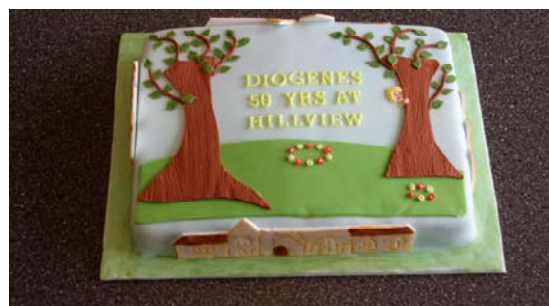
Founded in Bricket Wood in the early 1930s, Diogenes was one of the early naturist clubs which opened in the area at that time. With housing gradually getting closer and closer to its site, the offers being made by developers could no longer be resisted and the club set to in order to find a new home. In late 1963, members were successful in purchasing at auction the semi derelict Horn Hill Court in Shire Lane, vacant since the demise of the last resident, Theodora Roscoe, moving in during early 1964.



### **Anniversary tree planting and the cake (below)**

Members immediately began restoring the house and grounds to make them suitable for the practice of naturism. Fences were erected round the site, the grounds cleared and a programme of restoring the old house commenced. The outdoor pool was constructed and was ready for use in 1965, along with the tennis courts, which were built in the old walled kitchen garden. In those first days at Hillview (the name given to the house by Diogenes to replace Horn Hill Court) there was no hot water and very few creature comforts. Members came to camp at weekends in order

to work on the house, with only cold water to wash in. This community spirit has always characterised Diogenes and continues to this day, with almost all work on site being carried out by the membership. Now, Diogenes is one of the UK's finest family friendly naturist clubs, with some of the best facilities to be found in any such club. We also have a beautiful indoor pool opened in 2003, along with a sauna suite and superb facilities for children - a real draw for the many families we welcome into membership, which now numbers around 300.



Diogenes Vice Chair, Andy Cremer, said "In this special year for the club, we remember the herculean efforts of those members who had the vision and foresight to purchase Hillview, and who worked so hard to give us the beautiful piece of paradise we now enjoy. Naturism is becoming more popular in the UK and the facilities we treasure at Diogenes continue to attract new members throughout the year, many from the local community. We are looking forward to our next fifty years."

Historically, we know that Diogenes had a low profile locally and even many local people were completely unaware of the club's existence. Nowadays we have changed that and see ourselves very much as part of our local community. We have wonderful facilities, along with a great atmosphere for the whole family to enjoy and welcome free visits to find out more about this unique and special club. If you would like to check out the amazing tranquil oasis that is right on your doorstep, see our website at [www.diogenessunclub.co.uk](http://www.diogenessunclub.co.uk)

**HAPPY** Houndz is a dog walking service and 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).

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### AS YOU LIKE IT 11<sup>TH</sup> -14<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup> -21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

Open Air Theatre (audience under cover) at Hall Barn, Beaconsfield HP9 2SG.

Performances start at 8pm with matinees on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June at 2pm. Grounds open two hours before performances for those wishing to picnic.

Ample parking. Licensed refreshment marquee.

#### **Tickets from £15; concessions available.**

Performed by Chiltern Shakespeare Company with surplus funds donated to Wycombe Homeless Connection.

Book online at [www.csctickets.com](http://www.csctickets.com) or call 08700 667720 9am-6pm Monday – Saturday.

Visit [www.chiltern-shakespeare.co.uk](http://www.chiltern-shakespeare.co.uk) for more details & to book.

**THE Gerrards Cross and District Committee for Macmillan Cancer Support** invite you to join them for **Sparkling Afternoon Tea with a Musical Interlude**

A unique opportunity to enjoy the grounds of Hall Barn Estate with Sparkling Wine Hall Barn Estate, Beaconsfield, HP9 2SG Followed by Afternoon Tea and Songs with Kirsten Z. Cairns Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Tickets £20 Please buy your tickets in advance from:

Pat Chapman 01753 883573

Anne Harris 01753 885151



Held with grateful thanks to Hall Barn Estate and to Chiltern Shakespeare Company for permission to use their marquee .

#### **The venue and programme**

**Hall Barn Estate Beaconsfield** was first mentioned in the Pope Rolls of 1185, but was spelt Bekensfeld, which

thought to mean "a clearing in the beeches"; a beech tree figures on the town's crest.

Beaconsfield Manor, originally part of the manor of Burnham, was subdivided at the time into three estates: Hall Barn, Gregories and Whiltones, now known as Wilton Park.

In 1624, Anne Waller and her son, Edmund, acquired the lands of Hall Barn. Edmund became a famous poet and politician of the Commonwealth, but his later involvement in the Civil War and subsequent conviction for treason earned him a death sentence. This was subsequently commuted to exile abroad. Eventually, Edmund was allowed back home and is thought to have had Hall Barn built upon his return. The house later passed into the hands of Sir Edward Levy-Lawson, who became Lord Burnham, and it remains in the family to this day.

#### **Songs by Kirsten Z. Cairns**

Kirsten is a soprano and her repertoire ranges from folk songs to musical theatre, operatic arias and oratorio. She holds a Masters in Music and a Certificate of Postgraduate Study from the Royal Academy of Music and Drama, as well as a Postgraduate Diploma in Voice from the New England Conservatory. As Director of Opera Studies at The Boston Conservatory for some years, Kirsten's knowledge of vocal repertoire and performance practice is considerable. Kirsten performs frequently for Music in Hospitals Scotland, and her programme promises to be a mix of well-known folk songs, wartime songs and even some Music Hall favourites.

**CHALFONT** View is a new eMagazine with news and opinions on national and local issues which affect all of us who live in the Chalfonts community. Whether it is development, roads, potholes, clubs, people or business, Chalfont View provides an interesting slant on what makes our community tick. The first issue has articles on Bucks County Council's proposed council tax increase and why councils need more teeth to ensure 'planning localism' works. Please go to <http://chalfontview.blogspot.co.uk/p/home.html> to read the first issue and register for further issue.

**BOOK** your Birth and Death Registration Appointments Online People in Buckinghamshire can book their appointments for registering a birth or death online at [www.buckscc.gov.uk/registration](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/registration). Bookings can be made at a date, time and location to suit you in, Aylesbury, Wycombe, Amersham and Buckingham. Anyone interested in the history of Buckinghamshire can also order and pay on-line for copies of certificates, which date as far back to the year 1837.

**CRACK down on doorstep crime** 'We're just working in your road, and noticed your loose roof tiles...'  
With these words, another Buckinghamshire resident risks falling victim to the doorstep rogue trader. Buckinghamshire County Council's Trading Standards team reckons that doorstep crime - rogue trader calls and distraction burglaries - cost the county's residents around £5.5 million a year.

And between Monday and Friday (April 7-11), they will be joined by Community Safety and Thames Valley Police teams in a joint operation as part of Rogue Trader Week.

They will visit doorstep crime hotspots across the county to work with residents on how to:

- Report suspicious doorstep callers.
- Set up a No Doorstep Selling Zone - to protect their neighbourhood from rogue traders.
- Become a Community Champion - to watch out for vulnerable and elderly neighbours against scammers.

They also hope these visits will give them more information about incidents that have gone unreported. And as part of the joint operation, anti-rogue trader advice clinics, providing details of these remedies, are planned next week in Gerrards Cross, Aylesbury and Beaconsfield.

Buckinghamshire Trading Standards officers Tim Day and Chris Holden, who have been tracking doorstep scams, say that between January 2010 and September 2012, the combined value of reported loss to residents was £974,000 - representing more than 400 reports.

Five victims were conned out of more than £40,000, while one suffered a £200,000 loss. In fact, says Chris, the average amount scammed is around £10,000.

'We know only one in 10 victims actually reports their losses,' said Chris. 'And this is how we can extrapolate the loss to reach our estimate of five and a half million pounds. That's around 4,000 victims.'

Vulnerable groups and people over the age of 70 are most at risk from doorstep criminals, says Chris. And it has an effect on their health: 40% of victims reported a change in their quality of life

It angers Martin Phillips, County Council Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, that so many older and vulnerable residents fall victim to rogue workmen or sales people. And he is concerned that victims feel unable to report their losses.

'We want to provide our residents with the best defences, like setting up a no-doorstep-selling zone,' said Martin. 'And I'd recommend a visit to one of our joint agency advice clinics.'

'The partnership approach is the way to fight the scammers, and this is why the teams are working together and will continue to do so.'