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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice April 2009

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BRIAN ISHERWOOD is a talented local artist, who has on two occasions won the Elaine Butler Cup in the vote for the favourite submission to the Annual Exhibition of the Misbourne Art Society. This picture of a Siberian Jay shows the delicacy of his touch and he says that he paints a picture every week. If you'd like to own one of his excellent works, you can contact him on 01753 886907.

CAREERS SPRINGBOARD meets on Monday evenings at St Andrew's Reformed Church, above the shops in Gerrards Cross. At this time when there may be a demand for job information, it is worth going along to a meeting for those who are interested in ideas for job searching.

No meeting on 6th April and Easter Monday 13th April.

April 20 Facing up to Redundancy Richard Lambert

April 27 Effective CV writing David McMullan

May 11 It's a job to find a job Tony Hodgson

MESSAGE from **Chalfont St Peter W.I.** reporting that it has had two meetings recently, their own, when Mrs Shirley Hanham won the Art Cup for her painting of "A corner of the garden" and a week later they joined the other members of the Misbourne Valley Group for the Spring Group Meeting, hosted by Chalfont St. Giles Afternoon W.I. The speaker Mark Webster gave an amusing, rousing talk about his life with ITN News, and Politics. We enjoyed a splendid tea and excellent Raffle.

Their next meeting is on April 8th when the speaker, Judy Tipping will talk on Burnham Beeches. Meetings are in the Church Hall at 2.15 p.m. All welcome.

CHALFONT St Peter Garden Club members have had the excellent idea of offering **FREE** membership to up to 50 local people who are newly redundant or unemployed. First come, first served. This will entitle them to admission to the garden hut open on Sunday mornings from 10am - noon and they can get advice from knowledgeable gardeners about growing fruit and vegetables as well as getting the chance to purchase garden items, such as fertiliser etc., at special prices which are cheaper than at the garden centres. This membership offer, which lasts for one year, also enables free entry to the monthly meetings - The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18th March at 8pm in the Chalfont St Peter Church hall, followed by Bernard Stopps lecturing on Growing Vegetables for the Kitchen and Annual Show. Contact the Membership Secretary, Richard Fenton on 01494 871308 to make sure you don't miss out on this super offer.

THE next meeting of the Garden Club will be the Spring Show on Wed., April 15, in the Church Hall, 8pm.

ALPHA course supper, Wednesday, 22nd April.

Find out what Christianity is really all about 7.30pm to 9.30pm

At Gold Hill Baptist Church, Chalfont St Peter

Please contact Katrina Reading on 01753 887173

or email katrina.reading@goldhill.org to book your free place as soon as possible.

Followed by an optional free 4 week course which will include supper, a short talk and informal discussion. (Wednesday evenings from 29th April to 20th May)

WOULD you like an opportunity:

- to talk over some of the challenges of being a parent with others who are facing similar issues?
- to try out some new approaches?
- to gain a fresh perspective on your situation?

A series of individual 2 hour workshops on parenting issues

For more information and to register for any of the workshops contact Katrina Reading on 01753 887173 or email: katrina.reading@goldhill.org

Managing Difficult Behaviour (3- 9 year olds) April 27th

Living With Your Adolescent (10+ year olds) May 18th

Making The Most Of The School Holidays June 22nd

Monday mornings 10-00am-12.00 noon (with crèche) and Monday evenings 8.00pm-10.00pm £5 per workshop (concessions available) includes course materials & refreshments, at Gold Hill Baptist Church, Gold Hill Common East, Chalfont St Peter.

Also Handling Your Finances in the Recession - Saturday June 6th 10.00am-1.00pm FREE

JORDANS & District Rotary has been very busy supporting local causes:

'Bang the Drum' at a new prospective members evening held on Monday 2nd March at the Bellhouse hotel was an outstanding success with 39 prospective new members attending. For a club of only 27 members it was wonderful to be outnumbered by so many men and women who were potentially interested in joining a service Club as well as having fun in the process

The evening started with a talk by one of their recent new members Rob McDermott, who spoke about his experiences of being a new member, ably assisted by his wife Sue. Then Alan Sonnex gave an insightful and entertaining talk on being a Rotarian in the local community, with Geoff Mathews speaking about Rotary's International activities.

In addition these were backed up by an excellent presentation on Seer Green Scouts whom Jordans Rotary are supporting with funding by running a May Ball. As they grow from a 16 to 50 strong Troup providing much needed support to young teenage boys and girls in our area. This is a wonderful example of how a few dedicated people can make such a difference.

Kevin Kilty gave a presentation on Micro Credit in Malawi where Rotary is supporting the project through the local Club in Malawi. They are achieving amazing results in revitalising devastated local communities through funding local businesses, where over 75% are successful. Kevin had visited the area and gave the benefit of his first hand experience.

Their Exhibition Stand generated considerable interest during a break for food and fellowship and informal conversation with Members

Clearly they have yet to see how many guests wish to follow up and learn more with a view to swelling their numbers by joining their Club or another within the area.

The Rotary District Officer reported that he thought that achieving 39 guest member was a record for all the Rotary Clubs in our District. They were pleased and trust their guests also enjoyed themselves.

Beaconsfield School travels the extra mile for distant disasters

We have all been reading of the major academic achievements currently being achieved by the students at Beaconsfield School.



Beaconsfield School.

However the students and teachers have also given time and a considerable effort since last November to help others less fortunate, by filling 10 Aqua boxes with essentials for survival including clean water for the poor in 3rd world countries, whose villages and towns have been devastated by some disaster. The effort was planned by a sixth former Hannah Longley, who organized various forms in the school to fill one of the blue boxes with most of the essential requirements as recommended by Aquabox, a Charity run by Rotary. Staff completed the list with hazardous requirements such as hammers and knives.

The empty Aquaboxes, containing a filter cartridge and a matching supply of water-treatment tablets cost £30 and have been

funded by Jordans & District Rotary Club, who collected and will return the Aquaboxes to the distribution depot in Derbyshire. When Disasters occur Rotary deliver the Aquaboxes, as required and available. The school are able to learn to which disaster area their boxes have been delivered. **J**Jordans & District Rotary Club, congratulate the students and the school on their magnificent efforts.



SANTA HELPS CANCER PATIENTS

President John Gough of Rotary Club of Jordans and District presented a cheque for £1,500.00 to Kate Benson, the newly appointed Fund Raising Manager for Macmillan Cancer Support in Buckinghamshire. This money was raised by club members during a collection before Christmas outside the Tesco store in Loudwater.

VOPAG (Village Older Person's Action Group) meets next at 10am on Thursday 16th April in the Parish Council Building in Gravel Hill. This is for the over 55s to meet, chat and listen to interesting speakers who will keep them up to date about happenings in Chalfont St Peter, in terms of services and activities.

THAMES Valley Police is recruiting volunteers from the community to join the Police Volunteer Support Team. Volunteering with the police provides individuals with a unique opportunity to work alongside police officers and staff, using their skills, experience, knowledge and enthusiasm to help the Force to reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime.

As a member of the Thames Valley Police Volunteer Support Team you will be part of an exciting programme of community involvement and play an important part in making your community safer.

Volunteers undertake a wide range of roles for Thames Valley Police, which are designed to enhance and complement the roles of Police Officers and Police Staff. These include Administration, CCTV Support, Community Safety, Front Counter, Neighbourhood Policing, Roads Policing Administration, Neighbourhood Watch, Horsewatch and many more!

If you have some time to spare and are interested in supporting your local police service, please telephone Sandra Cook, Volunteers Co-ordinator, for Bucks on 0845 8 505 505 or email sandra.cook@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

THE PROBUS CLUB is for retired men of all occupations and meets at the Colston Hall, The Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 10am for 10.30am, finishing at noon. Enquiries to 01753 886514.

ST JOSEPH'S Furniture Market made donations in March to Madelene Paton Luncheon Club (for the elderly) - £250, to Magdi Yacoub Institute (Harefield Heart research) - £250 and to British Red Cross (Bucks) - £200. The Market is open every Saturday morning from 9.00 to 12.30, selling second-hand furniture donated by the local community. Please come and browse or better still buy! All proceeds are donated to charity. The Market is situated in Priory Road, the first building past St Joseph's church car park. Helpers would be welcome if they can spare perhaps as little as two hours per fortnight to collect, deliver or just move furniture.

NOTICE of arguably the largest Coffee Morning at Gerrards Cross Methodist Church, Oak End Way in aid of The Leprosy Mission on Saturday 18 April from 10am – 12 (noon) Enjoy a Coffee (or tea) and biscuit for only £1.00. *Please bring your Friends and Neighbours.* **Special 3-minute Presentations by 10 year old Alastair Sledge throughout the morning.** Bring & Buy Stall. Make this the Best Ever!

Do you know these facts about Leprosy? The stigma of leprosy has still not been eliminated. [Leprosy is caused by a bacillus and probably spread through coughing and sneezing. Lepers are often rejected by their communities and even by their families. Leprosy can cause disability, deformity and blindness if left untreated, causing further rejection and heartache.](#) Lepers can have their lives transformed through medical treatment and vocational training. One new case of leprosy is detected every *two minutes*.

THE South Bucks Choral Society has been established for 25 years under the leadership of conductor Iain Ledingham and three concerts are given each season.

New members having a reasonable knowledge of music and sight reading are most welcome. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays at 7.45pm in St Joseph's School, Priory Road, Chalfont St Peter.

For further details please contact 01753 883684.

This Message from the Ambulance Service has come from various sources

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call.

Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this '**ICE**' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of '**ICE**' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations.

As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name '**ICE**' (In Case Of Emergency).. The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call.

He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as '**ICE**'. Please forward this. It won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest. For more than one contact name simply enter **ICE1**, **ICE2** and **ICE3** etc

CHILTERN Open Air Museum is open from 28th March – 30th October, daily from 10am-5pm last admission 3.30pm. Tel: 01494 871117. 4 – 5 - April Grymms Toons Museum of Victorian Curios. 11- 13 April Easter Family Fun Days. 18 – 19 April - Chilterns Country Show. 25-26 April - Vikings and Saxons in Training.

MISBOURNE MATINS JUNIOR FUN RUN SETS PULSES RACING

144 local children set a cracking pace on Saturday morning 7th March, at a specially-organised Junior Fun Run at Thorpe House Sports Field in Chalfont St Peter.

The event was sponsored by **Tesco** and organised by **Misbourne Matins Rotary Club** – the liveliest and fastest-growing local Rotary Club – and involved children from Thorpe House, Davenies, Robertswood Combined, St Mary's, Chalfont St Peter Middle School and St Joseph's RC Combined.

The 144 children were divided into four age groups (Year 3 and Year 4 who both ran 1.2 km, Year 5 who ran 1.8 km, and Year 6 who ran 2.4 km). All finishers received a medal and a goody bag, and there were a boy and girl winner in each age group who each received a £15 voucher from **Fox's of Amersham**. The winners were:

Year 3:

Tommy Taylor, Chalfont St Peter (4 mins 28 secs) Emma Buttivant, Chalfont St Peter (5 mins 19 secs)



Year 4: Ben Hillier, Davenies (4 mins 30 secs)
Elise Eden, Chalfont St Peter (5 mins 07 secs)



Year 5:

Joshua Hughes, Chalfont St Peter (6 mins 55 secs)

Claire Buttivant, Chalfont St Peter (6 mins 54 secs)

Year 6: Robert Small, Chalfont St Peter (9

mins 43 secs) Lucy Quinlan, St Marys (12 mins 19 secs)

To add to the fun, at the end of the morning, there was an impromptu race (once around the playing field!) for parents and helpers – which really sorted out the keep-fit brigade from the couch-potatoes!

Cool but sunny, the day proved perfect for running, with refreshments for parents and helpers. While **Tesco** provided financial support, **Apex Sports** in Farnham Common printed all the running numbers and gave sports drinking bottles as prizes. Mars Refuel donated 150 Refuel drinks for the goody bags. Additional help was provided by the **Middlesex County Automobile Club** who staked and set up the field.

It is the second year that the Fun Run has taken place. Marathon runner and Misbourne Matins Rotarian Carin Eilerts de Haan, who organised the event said: "We had a fantastic response from the schools – even better than last year, with more runners – and the children ran really well. It is great that kids are so keen to improve their health and fitness through exercise – and the fact that Chalfont St Peter Middle School did so well is testament to the value of its very well-regarded cross-country running club."

Misbourne Matins Rotary Club was chartered in 1997 and was founded from three 'mother clubs': Jordans, Beaconsfield and Gerrards Cross & Chalfont St. Peter. The Misbourne is the small river that flows through Great Missenden, Amersham, the Chalfonts and the corner of Gerrards Cross. Matins is the Latin name for the Greek goddess Leucothae, the goddess of the morning. The name Misbourne Matins therefore reflects not only the area where most of the members live, but also the fact that they meet for breakfast every Wednesday at 7.15 am, finishing sharp at 8.30 as most members still work full or part-time. Misbourne Matins is a lively group of men and women from all occupations who enjoy fellowship, fundraising and involvement in community service, locally and internationally. The club is proud of its strong 'dual gender ethos' and has an unusually high number of female members – indeed its first President was a woman, Helen Phillips. Misbourne Matins welcomes new members from all walks of life.

Further information from: Carin Eilerts de Haan on: 01753 886754 or Gail Kemp on: 01494 442990