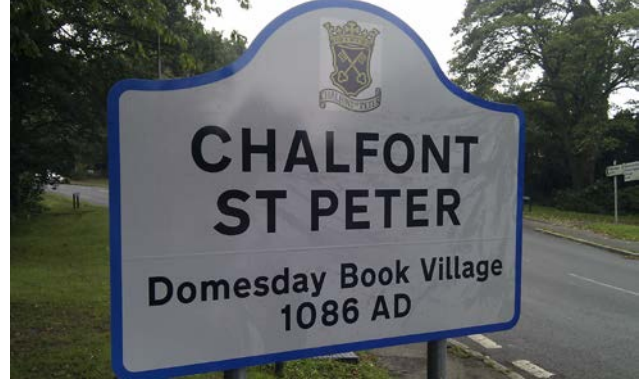


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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice – November 2014

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A MESSAGE FROM SENSE

Sadly, Chalfont St Peter Parish Council has lost its appeal against a decision to build nearly 200 hundreds homes and a 75 bedroom care home on the site of the former Holy Cross School. On Tuesday 28 October the High Court judge upheld the original judgment from July last year, which found that Chiltern District Council was correct to grant permission for the development. Lord Justice Moore-Brick found that the alternative idea, a new school and fewer houses, was not a viable alternative and dismissed the appeal.

Whilst showing sympathy for our arguments, the Judges have reached a purely technical decision in that they are satisfied that the District and County Council and Government Inspector have just about fulfilled the regulations. That does not in our view endorse the manner in which this development of this site has been foisted upon us by the planning authority.

The parish council will be considering the Judgment in full and whether or not there are any grounds to challenge the decision. It will make a further announcement in the next two weeks.

It is such a shame to have lost that once-in-a-lifetime (and much needed) opportunity to improve local school facilities. However, the fight has not been in vain of course, with your help we have managed to get the number of proposed dwellings down from close to 400 to just under 200, and CDC have been forced to realise that they must take public opinion into account when making such crucial decisions.

Most of the people at CDC responsible for this mess (the CDC Planning Committee meeting being referred to by the Judge in the main hearing as a 'shambles') have departed, so there is now no sense in discrediting or shaming them further. Instead we will try to influence the new team at CDC, and the developer Persimmons, to get the best possible outcome for the village in these disappointing circumstances.

Thank you again for your support and generous donations towards this cause. Although this is not the outcome we had hoped for, we remain convinced that the fight was worth pursuing.

THERE have been three reports of theft from vehicles in the last few days.

Occurrence no. 43140228273. Between 17:30HRS and 18:30 on 28/10/14 and 18:30HRS a Theft from Motor Vehicle occurred on Stylecroft Road, Chalfont St Giles. On this occasion a handbag was taken from under the passenger seat.

Occurrence no. 43140228212 – Between 20:00HRS on 27/10/14 and 08:00HRS on 28/10/14 a Theft from Motor Vehicle occurred on Hearnas Meadow, Seer Green. On this occasion tools were stolen from a parked car.

Occurrence no. 43140229195 - Between 13:15 and 14:15 on 29th October 2014 a vehicle parked on a driveway on Church Road, Penn was broken into and a handbag stolen.

There also has been a theft on Vache Lane, Chalfont St Giles between 5:30pm on Thursday 30th October and 7:40am on Friday 31st October 2014 where a set of gates were stolen.

There have now been several gate thefts in the Chalfonts; we would like to take the opportunity to request that you make sure your gates are kept locked and secure.

If you saw anyone suspicious in the area around this time or have any information please contact PCSO C8058 ALLEN via the Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre on 101 and quote occurrence number 43140230888.

If you don't want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org [<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/)
No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

CHALFONT ST PETER GARDEN CLUB has its next meeting on **Wednesday 19 November**, when Keith Howkins will present The History of the Secret Garden. The meeting is in the church hall, Church Lane, at 8pm.

FILM NIGHT – SAMARA

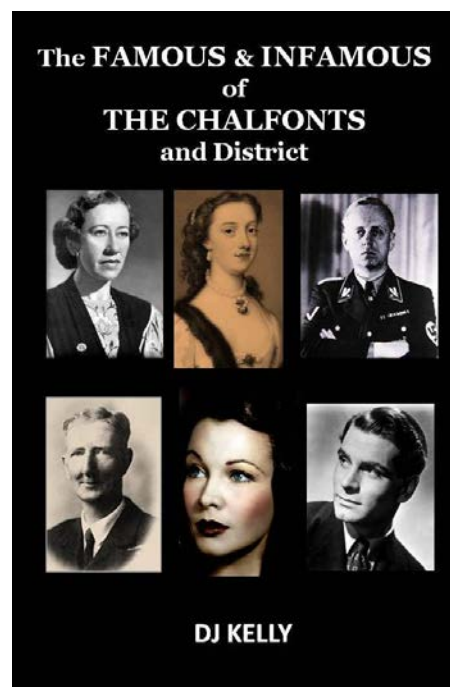
Filmed over a period of almost five years in twenty-five countries, Samara transports us to sacred grounds, disaster zones, industrial sites, and natural wonders. Using ravishing visual images the film encourages us to think about humanity's place in an interconnected world.

Presented by Change4Chalfont - a group of local residents who aim to work with our community by helping to reduce our impact on climate change and our dependence on fossil fuels. For more information about us and our events visit www.change4chalfont.org.uk. Change4Chalfont is part of the worldwide Transition Movement. When: **17 Nov 2014 19:45 - 22:00 One day only**. Where: The Space, Gold Hill Baptist Church, Gold Hill East, SL99DG Chalfont St Peter Tel: 07880 921941 Email: anthony_abbott@hotmail.com Price: Free. Refreshments provided. Donations welcome.

THE FAMOUS AND INFAMOUS OF THE CHALFONTS AND DISTRICT

The beautiful villages of Chalfont St Peter, Chalfont St Giles, Little Chalfont, Denham, Fulmer, Gerrards Cross and Hedgerley nestle in a tranquil setting around the Misbourne Valley in Buckinghamshire. These seven villages have been home to a surprisingly large number of famous people, including aristocrats, film stars, decorated war heroes, musicians and gifted writers, as well as the dissidents, free thinkers and non-conformists for which this district is famed.

Of course, our district has also been home to some particularly infamous characters too, including a gaoler British fascist, a Cold War spy, a leading Nazi and a multiple murderer. The latest book by local author **DJ Kelly** features no fewer than 228 individuals who achieved fame or notoriety, from the acknowledged father of British Socialism who inspired Karl Marx to a big-time swindler whose son is one of Britain's best-loved thriller writers. An ideal Christmas gift, suitable for all ages from 10 to 110, this fully illustrated paperback is available from Office Direct Stationers in Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross Book Shop and also online. [ISBN: 978-1-78510-148-9 £12.99]



CANDLELIT Ball raises over £10,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support

Macmillan's Gerrards Cross and District committee raised £10,698.00 at an exclusive Candlelight Ball held at Stoke Place recently. The Ball marked the 20th anniversary of the committee and that it has raised over £500, 000 for Macmillan since it was formed in 1994.

Local Macmillan supporters were joined by guests from Essex, Hertfordshire, West London, Berkshire and The Midlands who wined, dined and danced, were entertained by a harpist, magicians and by the melodic voice of Harriet who offered her services to the organisers for free in advance of launching her solo career. Fundraising included a gift tree with several very high value gifts and a lively live auction.



Liz King, Ambassador for Macmillan Cancer Support and project leader of The Candlelight Ball organising team said "The Candlelight Ball was a huge success, we thank everyone who supported it and they certainly put the fun into fundraising. The Ball was a sell-out with a waiting list for tickets and we are still receiving generous donations."

Macmillan has over 90 healthcare professionals, such as nurses, dieticians and doctors working in Buckinghamshire and research indicates that by 2030 the demand on Macmillan services in Buckinghamshire alone will rise by 111%.

For more information about Macmillan; www.macmillan.org.uk or phone 0808 808 00 00

For information about sponsorship of local exclusive events in the future email: -

macmillancandlelightball@hotmail.com

VOPAG meets in the Community Centre, **Tuesday 18 November at 10.30**. Always something interesting to share

GERRARDS CROSS FLOWER CLUB meets next on Wednesday 19 November, at 2.15 pm in the Colston Hall of the Memorial Centre, East Common. Sue Blanford will present Believe in Magic and the Gladys Hunt cup will be for "Abracadabra".

OVER £1000 was raised from the Children's Society Jumble Sale in Chalfont St Peter. The Committee would like to say a very big "Thank You" to all those who generously donated so many items for the sale and also those who attended as buyers or helpers. Despite the rain, many came along and had great fun rummaging through the vast array of items on offer. In addition, over £1300 was counted in the House Collection boxes and the Committee are very grateful indeed to all their loyal "Boxholders" plus the supporters who came to count all the coins!

It is not only the vulnerable children cared for by the Children's Society who will benefit from the generosity of the people in this area as leftover sale items have been distributed, in addition to Children's Society shops, to a number of local charity shops, a homeless men's charity in London and ex-prisoners who are supported by a local charity, the Blast Foundation.

CASE STUDIES of disability hate crime- Buckinghamshire & Cherwell. This is a message sent via Thames Valley Alert. Last year, in May a blind victim and his family were subjected to anti-social behaviour by a neighbour for quite some time. A boy, who lived nearby, damaged their car, knocked on their front door and ran away. When answering the door, the offender shouted verbal abuse at the victim, making reference to his disability.

The victim reported the offences to us via 101 and we investigated the criminal offences committed. The 17 year-old boy admitted both offences at court. On the evening of the case, the victim called the investigating officer to thank her for all the hard work to put the case through court and stated 'I know there is a lot of paperwork involved in getting a cases to court so thank you for all the time you spent on our case'.

It is important to remember if anyone is targeting you because of your disability; it is a crime. Don't suffer in silence, please speak out today so the police can take action and bring offenders to justice. Anyone who may be suffering as a victim is encouraged to please report any incidents to us as soon as possible by calling 101.

If you feel you are unable to report the crime to the police for whatever reason, you can contact independent charities such as Stop Hate UK and True Vision in confidence.

In Sep 2012, an altercation between a man and the victim that was autistic, registered deaf and blind occurred at a take away restaurant in Bletchley, Buckinghamshire.

The victim was sitting at a table, the offender attempted to remove this table and staff members requested that he stop it and explained the man is disabled. The offender became aggressive and threw a burger at the victim, which hit him in the face. The victim was quite upset and distressed from this incident.

He was arrested and charged for common assault. The investigating officer liaised with the Neighbourhood team to provide victim support, follow up checks and carry out risk management.

Hate crime in all its forms is unacceptable and Thames Valley Police will not tolerate any hate crime or incident. If we know about it, we can do something about it and protect and support victims. We cannot turn a blind eye to people being mistreated in this manner and we can all work together to bring a stop to disability hate crime.

There is more information about disability hate crime, how to spot the signs someone may be a victim, how to report disability hate crime and how to obtain support for victims and witnesses on our website:

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/aboutus/aboutus-ead/aboutus-ead-hate-crime/aboutus-ead-disability-hate-crime.htm>

More information about how to report disability hate crime incidents via Stop Hate UK and True Vision can found here: http://www.stophateuk.org/talk-to-us/http://www.report-it.org.uk/report_a_hate_crime

If you live in Buckinghamshire, victims of hate crime can report using the support line on 0845 38 99 528 or email shorehamvcu@victimsupport.org.uk <<mailto:shorehamvcu@victimsupport.org.uk>>.

Alternatively, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers (opens new window)

<<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>> anonymously on 0800 555 111 No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

HS2 Select Committee - Petitioners must make their voices heard

Council leaders are urging people who have submitted petitions to be presented to the HS2 Select Committee to make sure their voice is heard.

The announcement today (27 October) of plans for HS3 - a proposed £7 billion rail line to cover the 40 miles between Manchester and Leeds - have given their rallying cry greater urgency.

Cllr Isobel Darby, Leader of Chiltern District Council, said: "It's vitally important that those people who have submitted petitions follow through and have their voices heard. Unless individuals do so and are willing to appear before The Select Committee, the committee will not get a true picture of how HS2 will devastate communities, and destroy lives, the length of the line. If you can petition, don't be put off - just do it." She added: "People need to know they are not alone, and we must stand together."

Of the 2,000 petitions submitted, the vast majority - about 800 - came from the Chilterns AONB area. That speaks volumes about how strongly residents feel about protecting the countryside for future generations. To opt out of fighting for that now at the petitioning stage would be travesty, and I believe, would lead to deep regret later on. There's still everything to fight for, and the fight must go on."

Cllr Darby is happy to 'link up' petitioners so they can support one another in the lead-up to appearing before the Select Committee. She can be contacted at idarby@chiltern.gov.uk <<mailto:idarby@chiltern.gov.uk>>

Cllr Nick Rose, former CDC Leader and lead spokesman opposing HS2, said: "This is not a done deal by any means, despite what the government might like people to think. It would serve their interests very well if every single individual stepped away from the petitioning process, it's precisely what they want and would pave the way for a cheap, quick passage for this ill-considered, flawed scheme which is going to affect almost every resident in Chiltern district one way or another."

"We cannot stand aside and be trampled over. While local authorities can bring some pressure to bear for a better deal, it is the voices of the people directly affected, whose lives will be turned upside down and who will take the brunt of

disruption, and have their roads clogged up daily with hundreds of lorry movements, which will have the greatest influence on the Select Committee." Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire County Council and chairman of 51m group, an alliance of 18 local authorities challenging the HS2 project, said: "It is vitally important that everyone who petitioned should have their views heard by the Select Committee. The reality is that people should not feel intimidated or in awe of the Committee. The MPs will completely understand that individuals are apprehensive and make full allowance for that. Your Councils can help provide information and help you structure your presentation. What is really important is that the Committee hear the voice of concerned and affected residents. There is nothing like speaking from the heart to get over your point."

Timings for when petitioners will appear before the Select Committee are extremely difficult to determine. Petitioning has started with those from the Birmingham end of Phase 1 of the scheme, working south. The schedule for hearing petitions is subject to change, depending on how previous sessions have gone. To check the running order of the HS2 Select Committee's business, see

www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill-select-committee-commons/

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Wed 19th November 2014 Tony Eaton will present Failed to return " Amy Johnson and Leslie Howard"

War and is a recognised authority on the disappearance of the famous bandleader Glenn Miller and the flight to Britain of Hitler's Deputy Rudolf Hess.

In the 3rd of his "Air Mysteries" talks, Tony re-constructs the fatal last flights of 2 British wartime icons - aviatrix Amy Johnson (1941) whose RAF plane crashed into the Thames Estuary, miles away from its authorised flight plan, and film star Leslie Howard (1943), killed when the unarmed civilian airliner in which he was a passenger was shot down over the Bay of Biscay.

Amy Johnson and Leslie Howard

The bizarre circumstances of their deaths, which shocked the nation, have long been the subject of speculation and conjecture.

Tony now separates the facts from the fiction and addresses the persistent rumours that, for political and/or military reasons, the complete records have been deliberately withheld from public scrutiny.

Tony Eaton is now retired after a long career in the Healthcare industry, most recently as Director of the London & Thames Valley Pharmaceutical Group. His special interest in unravelling some of the unresolved air mysteries of the 2nd World War. Having worked in Government affairs he is especially interested in those cases where the authorities are still refusing to fully open their files - and why! As such, Tony has become recognised for his research into the curious disappearance of the famous American bandleader Glenn Miller and the bizarre flight to Britain of Hitler's Deputy Rudolf Hess.

Monthly Meetings of Hedgerley Historical Society take place at Hedgerley Memorial Hall, Kiln Lane Hedgerley SL2 3UZ at 8pm and visitors are most welcome. Further details from John Lovelock 01753 647187 / jdlovelock@btinternet.com.

After our Autumn Lunch in October our guest speaker Elias Kupfermann announced that his next book on Windsor would be published shortly. Details are below. Also Archaeology in Marlow have an event on the 20th November - see attached flyer. .

A new Windsor book Royal Windsor, Images of a Bygone Age will be available from the 15th November and can be purchased directly from the author Elias Kupfermann - email contact is e.kupfermann@btinternet.com . It will cost £10 or £12.50 including postage and packing.

FOREWORD

This book looks at Windsor through the lenses of local photographers, which cover the timespan of the reigns of three monarchs from 1894 to 1915.

The photographers were on hand to capture both Royal events and the more mundane everyday scenes of local life in Windsor. From Royal Coronations, funerals, and colourful military processions, to life on the street depicting tradesmen, urchins and paupers. The book focuses in the main, on three exceptional photographers, George Moore Henton and both Thomas Cochrane, Senior and junior. Their photographic works stands out from their local contemporaries, some of whose work is shown here for comparative purposes.

I first came across the late nineteenth century photographs of George Moore Henton whilst visiting my local museum. These eye catching pictures have an extremely atmospheric quality which does not appear in the work of any other local photographers of the late Victorian period. There was only a small collection in the museum, but I was delighted to discover that the complete collection of George Moore Henton photographs of Windsor were housed at the Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland. I wish to thank the Record Office for allowing me to reproduce the majority of Henton's Windsor collection in this book - thus bringing the photographs home to Windsor. Indeed, many of these photographs have never been seen locally before.

Likewise during the early Edwardian period, the work of the father and son photographers, Thomas and Thomas Cochrane have the similar atmospheric qualities exhibited by Henton, their Victorian predecessor. A couple of years ago, I was approached by a local collector of Cochrane postcards, after he had seen a short article I had written for the local newspaper. He gave me the opportunity of making copies of his extensive collection. I suggested to him that his diverse collection would make an excellent book, and as a result, many of his postcards are published here for the first time.

Chalfonts neighbourhood update

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Update for November

Your neighbourhood policing team (NHPT) is based right in the heart of the village where we share offices and work in partnership with Chalfont St Peter Parish Council.

The neighbourhood policing team consists of Inspector Richard Vine, Acting Sergeant Roberta Rivers, PC Gavin McVeigh, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Roland Lobo, PCSO Jen Shraga and PCSO Francesca Allen.

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

The issues that you tell us that are of the greatest concern to you become the issues your neighbourhood policing team focuses on. These priorities are set by you at the regular drop in sessions or "Have Your Say Meetings" (HYS) held in Budgens, Chalfont St Peter, the Libraries in Chalfont St Peter and Chalfont St Giles, Seer Green Baptist Church and Winchmore Hill village shop.

The NAG develop local actions on these priorities. We link with our local communities, organisations and businesses to target these issues. The issues as set by you are anti-social behaviour, speeding and burglary.

Update for Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

There have been a number of reports of anti-social behaviour in Chalfont St Peter. The neighbourhood policing team have identified the group involved and are closely monitoring their behaviour. Any one repeatedly causing problems within the village is dealt with by our "Yellow/Red card" scheme. A warning is given to the youth and a letter hand delivered to the parents/carers. Any further reported problems a red card is issued and this is followed with a longer term action plan on curbing the behaviour.

Update for Speeding / Parking

Following the return to Schools in September, letters were issued to the schools requesting they were forwarded to the parents and carers. These letters highlighted the parking problem areas and requested that users of the school parked with courtesy at all times. The neighbourhood policing team have followed this up in October by issuing £30.00 fixed penalty notices (FPN's) to any vehicles parked causing an unnecessary obstruction.

As a neighbourhood policing team we will continue to monitor the parking in and around the schools in the Chalfont's and deal robustly with persons found to be parking either dangerously or causing an unnecessary obstruction to the highway.

Update for Burglary

Following a series of burglaries in Chalfont St Giles during September, we are pleased to report that during October there have been none. The police work hard in targeting areas that have had burglaries, with regular patrols and crime prevention advice to residents. With the long nights now drawing in we are urging residents to use timer switches if the property is left unoccupied in the hours of darkness.

For further crime prevention advice please contact the neighbourhood policing team or pop along to a Cops and Coffee / Have Your Say meeting which are held monthly in the Chalfont St Peter / Seer Green and Chalfont St Giles areas.

Crime

There have been reports of sheds / out building being broken into in the area of Wilton Lane, Jordans. Please ensure all gardening equipment, bikes or other items stored in sheds are secure. Padlocking an outbuilding puts a barrier between your property and a thief making it less desirable.

There have been a number of thefts from vehicles that have occurred in various pub car parks across the Chalfonts. Please ensure, if you are popping into your local for a drink or dinner that ALL valuables are removed from the vehicle. Do not leave laptops or other electronic devices in the boots of your cars. It has been known for the criminals to smash the rear windscreen and remove items. Recently a car was broken into and a coat was stolen from the passenger seat. Please let this be a reminder not to leave any items of value on display.

If you are a victim of crime please report it immediately to the police on 101 or in an emergency 999. The following link will enable you to analyse and view the crime rates within your area, just type in your postcode and all of the information will be displayed www.police.uk ([opens new window](#))

“HAVE YOUR SAY”

Your neighbourhood police team are always out and about, when you see us please stop and have a chat about any issues locally that you may have alternatively we look forward to meeting you at our “Have Your Say” meetings.

The next Have your Say event will be held at Crumbs, Chalfont St Peter on Wednesday 12th November 2014, 11:30am - 1:00pm.

Come along and air your views let us know what the issues are that you wish to tell us about, we are here to listen to what you have to say. Your neighbourhood policing team are looking forward to meeting you.

Once again the neighbourhood policing team would thank all the community and our partner agencies for your continued support.

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood policing team you can call us on the police non emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email: chalfontsNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk - please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk

A Twitter address for the public to follow is available, allowing correct and real time information to be disseminated to the public. Should you wish to follow Chiltern area police visit http://twitter.com/TVP_Chiltern ([opens new window](#))