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## **Chalfont St Peter Village Voice, November, 2015**

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### **Fauré Requiem**

Richard King and Fiona Brockhurst are bringing together vocal and orchestral forces to perform Gabriel Fauré's beautiful setting of the Requiem Mass in All Saints Church in Oval Way, Chalfont St Peter on Sunday 1st November 2015 at 7 pm. The Requiem – a choral Eucharist with special prayers – gives the opportunity at All Souls-tide to remember and pray for departed loved ones.

A choir of 35 voices will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra of strings, wind, harp and organ. Following the Requiem, the 'Friends of All Saints' will host refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

**HEDGERLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, on Wednesday 18th November at 8pm**, will welcome local researcher and author D K Kelly, (Denise Beddows) who will present her talk on Bucks Spies and Subversives. This will be held in Hedgerley Memorial Hall, Kiln Lane Hedgerley SL2 3UZ.

Buckinghamshire has a 600 year history of subversion, sedition and espionage. The county has been home to radical plotters, heretics and heretic hunters, agents-provocateurs and informers. Two world wars brought spies, secret agents and saboteurs to the county and many of our stately homes housed wartime code-breakers, eavesdroppers, boffins, intelligence chiefs and even Nazi officers. A surprising number of women spies were incarcerated here and the first use of covert surveillance photography was directed against local women. From religious martyrs and gunpowder plotters to atomic secrets traitors and the domestic terrorists of modern times - Bucks has seen it all.

With a background in research, investigation and intelligence analysis, Denise Beddows nowadays writes non-fiction, biographical fiction, plays and screenplays under her author name DJ Kelly. Having taken early retirement from a career which enabled her to work and play in 20 countries across 4 continents but with a home base in Buckinghamshire since 1982, she is a member of the Society of Women Writers and Journalists who regularly contributes to local, national and international journals. An experienced public speaker, she enjoys giving regular talks on a variety of topics to various community groups.

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](mailto:jdlovelock@btinternet.com).

**YOU** may be interested in going to a **Study Day** being organised by Chalfont DFAS on **10 November** titled **The Gilded Stage - A Social and Cultural History of Opera**.

The lecturer, DANIEL SNOWMAN, is well known to many. The venue is The Community Centre, Chalfont St Peter. The day starts at 10 am with coffee followed by two lectures, a two course hot lunch and wine, the third lecture and ends around 3pm.

If you would like to attend, you may pick up a booking form at our lecture on 28th October. You may also contact Monica Trigg, Chalfont DFAS Study Secretary, on 01494 872146

**CHALFONT ST PETER WI** meets next on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm in the church hall, Church Lane, when Edward Dixon will present **Painting the War**.



**FAURÉ'S REQUIEM MASS**  
**Sunday 1st November**  
**7.00pm**  
**All Saints' Church, Oval Way**  
A Choral Requiem Mass will be celebrated using the setting by Gabriel Fauré.  
  
This service is to give the opportunity for reflection on, and to commemorate, our departed loved ones.

**VOPAG** – Village Older Persons Action Group – will meet next on Tuesday, November 17 in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre, 10am for 10.30, when Sally Bowright, Blue Badge Guide, will present A History of the City of London. All over 55's welcome to join this enjoyable morning's activities.

### **“It's only paint!”**

Fulmer based artist, Heather McDowell, invites you to try your hand at painting. Classes are held at Unique Like You (inside the BreadHouse Café) on Market Place, Chalfont St Peter on Wednesday afternoons. The classes are pay as you go and all materials can be supplied, so no need to commit to a whole term. They run from 12.30-2.30pm so you'll be finished in time for school pick-up.

Heather has recently made art her second career, after 17 years as an Occupational Therapist and three years overseas, extending her painting skills (as well as being a mum). She has sold work at several art fairs and through commissions. Some of her work is now on display in the BreadHouse. Heather has always enjoyed passing on her passion, whether it be prosthetics or painting, and will share some trade secrets to get you painting straight away – you don't even have to draw. Over a few sessions, you can produce something you'll want to show your friends and family (and maybe even put on the wall!).

With her OT background, Heather is able to accommodate budding artists with disabilities; step-free access is available at the Stoke Poges venue. Email Heather at [hemon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hemon@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07952 497681 for more details or to book a space. To see more of Heather's art work, visit: [www.facebook.com/heathermcdowellartist](https://www.facebook.com/heathermcdowellartist) or [www.tinyurl.com/p8jkfw9](http://www.tinyurl.com/p8jkfw9)

Wednesdays 12.30-2.30pm -Unique Like You, 9 Market Place, CSP

Mondays 12.30-2.30pm - St. Andrew's Coffee Shop, Rogers Lane, Stoke Poges - Term-time only.

£20 per class. Materials £5 per class or bring your own. FREE canvas on your first class. Starter kits available so you can paint at home.

### **STUFF the calories and let's help charity!**

Councillor Mimi Harker OBE, Chairman of Chiltern District Council, is hosting a cake and coffee sale **on Friday 6 November from 10am to 12noon** in the reception area of the Chiltern District Council offices in Amersham.

The cakes on sale are being donated by staff from Chiltern District Council and local businesses. All proceeds from the sale will go to Cancer Research UK. “Everyone is welcome to come along and help support this great cause.” said Mimi. “We are raising money for Cancer Research UK as we want to support the work they do to help prevent all cancer, diagnose it earlier, develop new treatments and optimise current treatments and make them even more effective.”

Councillor Harker is being supported by the manager of the local branch of the Cancer Research shop in Amersham, Maria Miroshnichenko, who added: “Working in the local shop I see every day the generosity and support of the people of the district and hope they will extend this to the Chairman's event on 6 November.”

Cancer Research UK is a cancer research and awareness charity in the United Kingdom, formed on 4 February 2002 by the merger of The Cancer Research Campaign and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Its aim is to reduce the number of deaths from cancer. As the world's largest independent cancer research charity it conducts research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

Research activities are carried out in institutes, universities and hospitals across the UK, both by the charity's own employees and by its grant-funded researchers. It also provides information about cancer and runs campaigns aimed at raising awareness of the disease and influencing public policy.

**WORKAID** *Tools for life*, is a charity that provides for both those in need and those who give. The next craft session is on **Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup>**, from 10am to 12 noon and you can join in for just £5, which includes tea, coffee and biscuits. The theme is ***The Magic of Dream Catchers*** and it will be guided by Tanit Felix and Barbara Sadessy. They will provide an opportunity for you to create your very own Dream Catcher and to learn about the historical background of these beautiful and exotic objects that represent the Arts and Crafts of Native Americans. - Using willow frames and feathers provided by Tanit and Barbara, you will weave and embellish a delicate web to treasure, or to give away as a unique and very original gift. To make it personal, take your favorite embellishments, beads, bits of broken jewellery, embroidery thread, lace etc, anything that will make it meaningful and special to you. No need to book, just turn up. WORKAID, The Old Boot Factory, 71 Townsend Road, Chesham, HP5 2AA 01494 775220 [craft@workaid.org](mailto:craft@workaid.org) [www.workaid.org](http://www.workaid.org)

## **This is a message from Jack Mayhew Growth & Development Strategy Officer, Transport, Economy and Environment**

AS YOU may be aware, Buckinghamshire County Council, working with Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (BTVLEP), is currently progressing the proposed A355 Improvements Project. **This project includes the construction of a relief road to the East of Beaconsfield and alterations to the junctions with Ledborough/Longbottom Lanes and to the Gore Hill roundabout in Amersham.** The County Council's consultants Jacobs have been working up design options in the form of different road alignments and various junction configurations. These options were presented at a public stakeholder event on 7th October at Beaconsfield Town Council from 2pm to 5pm, which a number of your CDC councillors chose to attend.

The County Council recognises that this project has attracted significant local interest and we have established a webpage in order to keep all parties informed as the project progresses. The URL is [www.buckscc.gov.uk/a355-improvements](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/a355-improvements). In order to maximise access, we would appreciate it if you could find a suitable location on your website to promote this page. Having information about the scheme accessible from websites at County, District and Town Council levels will help magnify the potential outreach of information posted. Needless to say, this will not be a replacement for any form of further consultation but we hope that it will prove to be a useful tool in sharing documentation and keeping all parties up to date.

### **POLICE Spam Email**

This is a message sent via **Thames Valley Alert**. This information has been sent on behalf of Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau) <<https://www.actionfraudalert.co.uk>>

There is email in circulation that appears to have been sent from a legitimate Lancashire Constabulary email address. The email appears to come from 'Lyn Whitehead' and is asking the recipient to pay an invoice that is attached to the email.

The email has not been generated from inside the Constabulary or by the Constabulary. This email has not been sent from Lancashire Constabulary. A third party supplier to the Constabulary has had their data breached, as a result of the breach this Lancashire Constabulary email address has been spoofed and used to generate spam to recipients far and wide.

This type of email is commonly referred to as spam, and if you have received it you **MUST NOT** open it. Instead delete it from your email system to avoid infecting your device.

Protect Yourself:

- \* Do not click or open unfamiliar links in emails or on websites
- \* Make sure you install and use up-to-date anti-virus software
- \* Have a pop-up blocker running in the background of your web browser
- \* If you have opened the attachment and 'enabled macros' it is very likely that all your personal data will have been breached. You **MUST** change all your passwords for personal accounts, including your bank accounts. If you believe you have become a victim of this get your device checked over by a professional.

If you think you have been a victim of this type of email you should report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cyber-crime reporting centre.

[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) <<http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>>

If you do make a report please provide as much detail as you can about the email and any effects it has had on your computer. Additionally if your Anti-Virus software detects any issues in relation to this email please provide us with the details.

More information can be found on Lancashire Constabulary website

<http://www.lancashire.police.uk/news/2015/october/email-virus-alert.aspx>

You can get more advice on this by visiting the following websites:

**NEW AYLESBURY CREMATORIUM GETS PERMISSION** - sent on behalf of the Chilterns Crematorium Joint Committee The Chilterns Crematorium Joint Committee (CCJC), which operate the crematorium at Amersham, has been granted permission to build a new crematorium at Bierton in Buckinghamshire.

Work is expected to start in the spring once the great crested newts which are breeding near the site are moved for their protection during construction. The completed scheme will provide enhanced habitat for the great crested newts on site. A licence will now be applied for from Natural England to enable the works to proceed.

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The CCJC resubmitted its planning application to the Aylesbury Vale District Council Strategic Development Management Committee yesterday (14 October) after the original planning permission granted in July 2014 was quashed in March 2015 due to the judicial review instigated by the Westerleigh Group which has permission to build a crematorium on a site at Watermead, Aylesbury.

Cllr Michael Smith chairman of the CCJC stated "Whilst there has been a hiatus in the process the CCJC has remained committed to delivering the new crematorium. We already provide a very good and well regarded service to residents at the Chilterns Crematorium in Amersham and are looking forward to using these skills and experience to provide services at Bierton. We will be working closely with the local residents during the build-up to construction and when works takes place on site."

In relation to the work on the local roads, particularly stopping up the highway between Rowsham Road and Cane End Lane, Buckinghamshire County Council completed a Traffic Regulation Order public consultation in September. The results of this are due soon.

**THAMES** Valley Police is encouraging residents to ensure sheds and outbuildings are secure as autumn approaches. Sgt Lucy Seabright, Taplow Local CID asks residents to take a moment and check the security of their sheds and garages. Information about how to keep property safe is available on the Thames Valley Police website. Residents can also call 101 and speak to a neighbourhood officer".

#### **\*Crime prevention tips for Sheds, Garages and Outbuildings\***

Garages and sheds are often full of expensive tools to steal or use to break into the house. Do not leave a garage or garden shed unlocked, especially if it has a connecting door to the house.

- \* Fit strong padlocks and hardware to shed and garage doors.
- \* Make sure that the doors are solid enough not to be kicked in.
- \* Fit locks or bars to windows.
- \* Lock ladders inside your garage or shed.
- \* Consider lockable steel boxes or anchor posts fitted to the floor to secure tools and equipment.
- \* Garden tools and machinery should be permanently marked with your postcode.
- \* Install a battery or mains-powered shed alarm, available from all good DIY stores at a reasonable price.
- \* For extra security, replace the screws in external hinges of your shed or garage side-door with 'clutch-head' screws (also known as 'anti-tamper' or 'coffin' screws).
- \* Secure your wheelie bin to stop an intruder using it to climb on.

#### **Saving with a credit union becoming more popular.**

October 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 was International Credit union Day which celebrated the great work that credit unions are doing around the world. Today, there are 51,000 credit unions in 100 countries, enabling 196 million members to access affordable financial services and providing an alternative to loan sharks and high interest money-lenders. People helping people.

In Ireland, over 70% of the population belongs to a credit union. In America and Canada the figure is around 43%.

Credit unions are also growing fast in the UK, Eastern Europe, parts of South America, Africa and the Far East.

October 31 2015 is World Savings Day – an event designed to boost awareness of the importance of saving, not just for our own financial health, but for the global economy. World Savings Day was established in 1924 with the aim of informing people across the globe about the benefits of keeping money in a bank, rather than under their mattress.

Now is a good time to think of your own finances both savings and loans. South Buckinghamshire Community Bank, part of M for Money credit union, is your local community bank. It offers an ethical way to save and affordable loans when needed. It is a non-for-profit financial co-operative where any annual surplus is distributed to members.

Lots of people pay all their bills in the days after payday – so they know they have enough money to cover them. Try treating your savings the same way and transfer a set sum out at the beginning of each month, that way you won't be tempted to spend it. It is also a good idea to **have a goal in mind** when you start saving eg. saving for a car or a holiday or those expensive times of year like a new school year or Christmas. The Community Bank offers a range of savings accounts which can be paid into through standing order each week or month. Your savings are also available for withdrawal whenever you like. [You can find out more about South Buckinghamshire Community Bank on the M for Money website www.mformoneycreditunion.org](http://www.mformoneycreditunion.org) or by ringing 020 8756 3866

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