

Chalfont St Peter Village Voice October 2011

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QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 7th October - 7.30pm start at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. Tickets £10, includes fish & chip supper. A great fun night – all proceeds go towards upkeep of Community Centre. Bar facilities open with table service. Please call 01753 885778 for tickets. Teams made up of 6 people. Smaller parties grouped on night.

THE Gerrards Cross Scottish Country Dancing Club would warmly welcome any newcomers, especially beginners. Classes on Tuesdays at 7.30pm at GX Memorial Centre. Keep fit and have fun! For further information please telephone Celia on GX 884217.

CAREERS Springboard is the Chilterns, South Bucks & High Wycombe self-help group for managers and professionals seeking work. Meetings take place 7.15 for 7.30 pm each Monday at St Andrew's United Reformed Church Hall, Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross, SL9 7QE. They celebrated 20years of operating with a big networking occasion last week. Their programme for October:

Oct 3 Using the Internet / LinkedIn for your Job Search - Effective use of Online Job Sites and social media resources. Guest Speaker : Russell Crowe (Business leader (www.retailkudos.com, www.cvwow.com)

Oct 10 What the Recruitment Consultant looks for - How can you identify and present that which is most likely to attract them to you as a candidate. Speaker: Neil Sampson (Company Director & Committee Member of Bucks Institute of Directors)

Oct 17 Networking and Direct Letters - Making contacts – the essential ingredient to successful job search. Speaker: Stephen Ostercamp (Volunteer)

Oct 24 Interview Preparation - Thorough preparation is the key to a successful interview. Speaker: John Pope (Volunteer)

Oct 31 Handling the Interview Itself - Focussing on what happens during the interview and how to handle tough interview questions. Speaker: Sarah Kirkpatrick (Consultant)

Nov 7 Networking in Action - Polishing your telephone networking skills in live practice sessions. Presenter : Heather Mintern (Volunteer)

THE Bridge School at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre started Beginning Bridge classes at the end of September. 2011. Evening classes are on Mondays from **7.30 – 9.30pm**, and the day classes are on Wednesdays from **9.30 – 11.30am**.

Bridge is fun, keeps the mind active and is a great way to meet new friends. Tutor Tessa Templeton said, "*We are also running Continuing (ie second year) and Consolidation classes as well as a Tuesday evening class on card play. There's lots of bridge in Gerrards Cross.*" The Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre is at 8 East Common, Gerrards Cross SL9 7AD and there is free parking. Visit www.bridgewebs.com/schoolgerrardscross, email bridgeschoolgx@aol.com or call Tess on 01753 885004. Bridge is one of the most enduring and popular games in the world, played for more than 100 years. In Britain, around 300,000 people play regularly. Bridge can trace its ancestry at least to the early 16th century in England. In 1834 the first signal was invented heralding the first game of duplicate whist in London in 1857.

CHALFONT St. Peter & St. Giles Royal British Legion is presenting a Concert in aid of the Poppy Appeal on **Saturday October 15th** featuring the famous **RAF Squadronaires Band**. The Concert starts at **7.30pm** and is to be held in the **Chalfont St. Peter Community Centre**. Tickets are priced at **£12.50** each available from **Chalfont Office Direct, 3 Market Place, Chalfont St. Peter or Keith Bowler (01753 882519), Roger Hands (01753 884100)**. A bar is available and there is also tea, coffee and biscuits. Last year's concert with the RAF Squadronaires Band proved to be a very successful and thoroughly enjoyable event and, as I say, all proceeds go to the Poppy Appeal.

A RECITAL by renowned pianist Alexander Ardakov is on Saturday, October 8 at 8pm at Dr Challoner's Grammar School, Amersham.

Works by Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and John Skiba who will be present. Tickets £12, students £8, from 01494 727409/726483. In aid of Friends of the Belarusian Children's Hospice (UK).

BODYWORK Clinic at 15 High Street had a super open evening in September and half of Chalfont St Peter must have passed through its doors, to view the excellent consulting rooms and sample the delicious tasty treats available in every room. The therapists were giving free try outs of their skills and all in all it was a great way of introducing local people to what was on offer: Sports and Remedial Massage, Indian Head Massage, Body Massage with Aromatherapy Oils and many more. There is a list outside their front door to give you more ideas.

GERRARDS CROSS Lawn Tennis Club will be holding Neighbourhood Meetings on the following dates:
Monday 17th October - Monday 16th January - Monday 16th April
Starting at 8pm in the Clubhouse, Bull Lane.

GERRARDS CROSS Flower Club meets next on Wednesday 19 October, 2pm in the Colston Hall, of GX Memorial Centre, when Nick Grounds presents 'Flotsom and Jetsam'. The competition is 'Bits and Pieces'.

GERRARDS Cross Sailing Association meets in the Colston Hall of the Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre, East Common, SL9 7AD, on Wednesdays at 8.15pm The bar opens at 7.30. To find out about the illustrated talks that are held at each meeting, please go to <http://www.gxsa.org.uk/prog.htm>

THE R.N.L.I. is trying something new as its fundraiser this autumn. A Jack the Ripper talk showing, through handwriting, who actually did the letter writing and who did the killing and providing proof that is very compelling and cannot be refuted. Over 5000 books have been written on the subject and it is only now that there are enough clues through recently acquired handwriting, to make a clear judgement.

Do get your tickets for this very different evening's talk and also you will have the chance to have your own handwriting analysed after the presentation and the Fish and Chip supper. This is being held on 12th November at 7.30 in the Church Hall, Church Lane. Tickets £10 to include the supper and if you want your handwriting analysis, a donation of £2 for the RNLI funds is suggested. Take your own drink and nibbles as on past RNLI fundraising occasions. Book tickets early as there are a limited number. Contact 01753 886412 or 01753 885477 to make sure you don't miss out.

CHILDREN across Buckinghamshire will be striding out on the pavements in October as they take part in International Walk to School Month 2011 (1st - 31st October).

This is an awareness raising month held in October every year around the world to promote walking to school. Because this month is at the beginning of the academic year, it is the perfect time to start new travel habits or simply try something new.

Peter Hardy, Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Transport said "It's great that schools continue to support Walk to School Month. Each year we see lots of pupils making a special effort to walk to school during the month. In addition, October is International Walk to School Month which provides a great opportunity to find out about walking to school in other countries and encouraging an international outlook on sustainable travel."

Transport for Buckinghamshire has developed scavenger hunts to encourage their pupils to take part and to add some fun. This year's theme is "Community" so children will be looking for various features and points of interest in their local area. They will think about how their actions can affect the community in terms of traffic, congestion and safety.

Over the past two decades, the number of children who walk to school nationally has dropped from 62% to 48%, with an enormous 43% being driven to school in cars - despite the fact that the majority of primary school pupils live within a twenty minute walk of their school. TfB is therefore encouraging pupils to make a special effort to walk to school during October. Drivers should also be aware that more children will be walking to school during this period and care should be taken, particularly near schools. www.schooltravelplanning.com

ST JOSEPH'S Furniture Market has donated £250 each to Age Concern (GX & Chalfonts), Sense (for deaf & blind people), CAPD Endowment Fund (Home dialysis) and Life (Pro Life group). The Market is open each Saturday from 9am to 12.30pm – park in St Joseph's car park and enter the Furniture Market through Priory Way.

A REPORT on the last Chalfont St.Peter W.I. meeting. This was one of the pleasantest ones in recent memory. Firstly it was SO GOOD to see Barbara and Judy, who both have had a troubled summer. The sun shone, the Hall was warm and we had nearly a full house and a visitor too. We all had had a happy day in August, at Brighton. Thank you Jill. We look forward to going to High Wycombe and to our Group meeting on Oct.4th. Mr.Copeland gave a rollicking talk with slides, on Chiltern Curiosities. Mrs.Penny Earnshaw judged the produce for the Cup. The Jar of preserves, strawberry Jam made by our Treasurer, Pat Orris won the Silver Cup. It will be our 90th birthday next year so plans are afoot for the Celebrations. Come and join us ! Next meeting: Oct.12th, 2.15pm in the Church Hall. Our AGM and a talk "Wild Flowers in the Canadian rockies"

We are also holding a welcome event on 11th November - Fashion show and Christmas Gifts - at 7p.m in the Church Hall, Church Lane, in conjunction with M. & Co and Bucks Leather .£5.00 per .ticket includes Wine and nibbles. Tickets available. Bucks Leather. W.I.Contact and enquiries. Jill Repper 01753 880491

ON the 26th October Chiltern Pools will be hosting the adiZone junior fun day. This day brings lots of exciting opportunities for young people to have a go at all kinds of activities at a great cost!

They can try, Street Dance, Zumba, Water Polo, Multi Sports, Swimming and Climbing for just £1 per activity!

All proceeds will go towards the Amersham adiZone project – this project raises money for Amersham to have its own adiZone. An adiZone is an outdoor playground in the shape of the Olympic games logo - it will be Amersham's very own Olympic legacy!!

12.30pm to 1pm Climbing

2pm to 2.30pm Junior Street Dance

1.15pm to 1.45pm Climbing

2.30pm to 3pm Junior Street Dance

2pm to 2.30pm Climbing

3pm to 4pm Multi Sports

12pm to 2pm Family swim (all ages)

3pm to 3.30pm Junior Zumba

2pm to 3pm Water Polo (stage 8 or aged 8 to 14 years)

3.30pm to 4pm Junior Zumba

2pm to 3pm Multi Sports

To sign up go to www.chilternactive.co.uk or for more information contact Natalie Davis on 07787 254680

KALCEO, the shoe shop in Market Place will be closing on 31st October.

You still have the opportunity to browse through this varied and excellent quality stock for all ages, and the times the shop will be open are:

Mondays - 9.30 - 3
Tuesdays - 9.30 - 1
Wednesdays - 9.30 - 12
Thursdays - Closed
Fridays - 9.30 - 3
Saturdays - 9.30 - 5

GET back to nature with bushcraft courses. Black Park Country Park is giving people the chance to get outdoors and learn new skills with their latest natural bushcraft skills course.

The full day hands-on course includes opportunities to learn the following skills:

- Knife and axe techniques
- Fire preparation and lighting, types of fires and their uses
- Shelter building
- Cordage (rope work)
- An introduction to knots, including square and tripod splicing
- Making woodland products

Previous course attendants have thoroughly enjoyed the experience, saying: "What a fantastic day! I learnt much from the experience and I am sure the rest of my group did, who were also very friendly and keen to engage with the programme"; "Very enjoyable, relaxing, stimulating day - thank you."

Participants should note that a reasonable level of fitness is required for certain tasks and suitable clothing and footwear must be worn. Please don't bring personal knives or cutting equipment. Hot drinks and biscuits are supplied but please bring a packed lunch.

Spaces are limited so booking is essential for the days, which run from 9am to 5pm. The cost of the course is £60; there is a minimum age of 18 for participants.

The next courses are running on 23rd September, 1st October, 7th October and 15th October. You can book your place by calling 01753 511060 or book online at www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/parks/bushcraft.page

Bushcraft trainer, Andy Stevens, says: "Bushcraft requires a selection of skills and attitudes that have been used since the birth of mankind, but it's not just about lighting fires and using cutting tools, it's a way of understanding yourself and the environment. You may be able to save your own or someone else's life by gaining knowledge of a very rewarding and thoroughly enjoyable activity."

VOPAG for the over 55s meets next in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre on Thursday, October 20 for friendly conversation, coffee at 10am and a presentation of a relevant subject at 10.30. All welcome, do go and enjoy it.

CHALFONT St Peter Garden Club meets next in the Church Hall at 8pm on Wednesday October 19, when Paul Patton will talk on Growing for the kitchen garden. Visitors welcome.

CHILTERN Open Air Museum has two open occasions in October. On 1-2 it is Traditional Harvest Festival time and on 28th it is Halloween Spectacular (6 – 9pm)

TELL Us Once.....Because your time matters

When a loved one dies, it can be a stressful and upsetting time for those left behind and that stress can often be made worse by the amount of paperwork that has to be filled in, and the numerous repetitive calls that inevitably need to be made.

Buckinghamshire County Council is aiming to take away some of that stress thanks to a new service called 'Tell Us Once' which will help you notify a number of different local and central government departments in one go.

The service will be offered by the County Council's Registration Service to people who are registering a death. The registrars will take the information on behalf of all the Councils in Buckinghamshire who are working together to provide this service for local residents. This could include telling council housing departments, adult services, income support, libraries, driver and vehicle licensing agencies and passport services that someone has died.

After the death registration has been completed, the registrar will begin the first part of the 'Tell Us Once' process. This will take around five minutes where basic details will be taken about the deceased, similar to those taken for the death registration.

There will then be two choices; people can go onto to complete a full 'Tell Us Once' interview where the registrar will input further details and complete the whole process. The information is then passed to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) who will notify all the local and central government departments that need to know. Or, if people do not wish to complete the process whilst with the registrar, they will be given a unique reference number and can call the DWP themselves to complete the process at a later date.

Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Martin Phillips, said; "The Registration service is key in ensuring a death is registered quickly and efficiently, it is ideally placed to offer this additional service to the bereaved to help ease the administrative burden people have at this sad time."

Tell Us Once will notify the following departments after you have registered a death. The departments notified will contact you directly if they need any more information to process the change in circumstances:

* Adult services * Attendance Allowance * Blue Badge parking permit * Carer's Allowance * Child Benefit

* Child Tax Credit * Children's services * Council housing * Council tax * Council Tax Benefit * Disability Living Allowance * Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency * Electoral services * Employment Support Allowance * Housing Benefit * Incapacity Benefit * Income Support * Jobseeker's Allowance

* Library services * Owe payments to council * Passport Service * Tax Help for Older People

* Working Tax Credit

* In Buckinghamshire 3500 deaths are registered per year.

For further information please contact: Kelly Baines Project Manager for Tell Us Once. 01296 383787 or email kbaines@buckscc.gov.uk

THE Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board (SVAB), is launching a public awareness campaign to ensure people in Buckinghamshire know what to do if they are worried about the welfare of an adult.

The campaign which is being led by Buckinghamshire County Council on behalf of the SVAB, is being launched after the results of a survey by SVAB, revealed that less than 67% of residents were aware of Careline, a freephone number that people can use to report concerns.

Abuse can take on a variety of forms including physical, financial, sexual, emotional, neglect, or discrimination.

The Careline number is 0800 137915 and calls are treated in confidence. More information can be found on the SVABs website: www.bsvab.org.

Free Film Screening in Chalfont St Peter by Change4Chalfont

Sir David Attenborough asks *Can We Save Planet Earth?* (60 mins)

Friday 14th October at 8pm

Parish Church Hall, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter

Previously sceptical about the possibility of climate change being caused by human activity, Sir David explores how we may be able to act to prevent a catastrophe. Come and hear what Britain's most trusted celebrity has to say now on the issue, and find out how you can take positive action to respond to what he calls "the major challenge facing the world."

Information and advice will be available on the night.

Wine, coffee, tea, savouries and home-made cake are served.

Change4Chalfont is a group of local residents who aim to work with their 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

Christmas Fun Night all set for December 2nd

The Christmas Fun Night in Chalfont St Peter is organised by the Chamber of Commerce and has been a longstanding tradition in the village.

With support from the Parish Council, the Chamber have, once again, arranged for Market Place to be closed to traffic and floodlit for the evening.

Market Place will be closed top and bottom from around 4.30pm to 9.00pm as will The Vale where it joins Market Place. This means that vehicle access to The Vale, Laurel Road, Fieldway etc will be via Lansdown Rd, Lovel Rd/Pennington Rd and Hampden Road. Churchfield Road will be accessible from Church Lane.

Road closed and diversion signs etc will be in operation and all road closure points will be manned. The Chamber apologise for any inconvenience but believe the event will be much safer and improved by having pedestrianised Market Place for a few hours.

The traditional schools carol singing and other entertainment will take place from a stage outside Budgens.

The Gold Hill Vocal Band will be singing and the Chalfont Wind Band will be playing Christmas Carols and other Festive Favourites.

A kiddies fun fair will be located in the St Peter's Court precinct which will be closed for parking from midday.

It is hoped that the majority of shops and businesses in the village will stay open for the evening with many putting on special displays, running competitions and giving away food and drink to customers. The Fun Night represents a fantastic opportunity for businesses and organisations to show off their wares and services and generate goodwill with customers past, present and hopefully future!

Whilst encouraging people to attend the evening on foot, the Church Lane car park will be open all evening.

There remain some opportunities for organisations/businesses to have the chance to be a part of Fun Night by hiring a pitch where they can sell products, fundraise or publicise their activities. There are just forty pitches available.

Pitches are 3m x 3m (10' by 10' in old money) and cost just £30 for businesses and £25 for Chamber members, charities and not for profit community groups.

The event will start at 6.00 pm and is scheduled to finish at around 8.30pm.

If you would like more information on the Fun Night event, please contact Michael Day on 01753 889287 or 07717 295369 or by email msd@integra-ps.com

Over 40% of pitches have already been booked and paid for, so reserve yours as soon as possible!