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



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**AT LAST!** The High Street has been revitalised with the arrival of a new SEVENOAKS Sound and Vision store. (left). It supplies high quality audio visual systems to suit all tastes and budgets and has the technical expertise to redefine your viewing and listening experience. They also specialise in lighting systems and data networks, as well as integrated whole house iPad control and much more. Custom installation of multi-room systems is their core speciality. All installations are professionally designed and commissioned and they have a portfolio of a wide range of completed projects.

The Sevenoaks chain started in 1972 and Chalfont St Peter, a franchised store, is one of 27 in the UK. Director, James Gilbert, tells me that his team was originally in Watford for over 20 years and then in Chorleywood for 5 years, before they decided to take advantage of the excellent space offered by No. 1 High Street.

Whether you are looking for a pair of loudspeakers, a digital music streamer or a turntable, a 4K UHD TV or a whole home multi-media systems solution, a visit to the store is well worth making and there is a purpose designed theatre suite for Hi-Fi and Home Cinema demonstrations.

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**FLAG BOUTIQUE** at 19 Market Place, has undergone a super make-over, which provides more floor space and also some very glitzy changing rooms, so do go along and browse through the great selection of clothing that might take your fancy.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** AUTUMN FAYRE & Annual Opening of the House Collection Boxes on Saturday 10th October, from 10.00am until 2.00pm in the Parish Church Hall, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 9RJ. There will be various refreshments including lunch, plus an array of stalls selling cakes, gifts, bric-a-brac, jewellery and books, also tombola and raffle.

**EXPLORE** the sights, sounds and smells of a traditional Harvest

On the weekend of 17th and 18th October, visitors to Chiltern Open Air Museum can join in a traditional harvest festival and find out about the customs and celebrations of the past. Visitors can learn about historic farming activities, enjoy traditional folk singing and take part in some harvest themed family crafts. Henton Mission Room, the Museum's beautiful rescued tin chapel, will be home to a festive display of harvest produce grown at the museum.

Visitor Experience Manager Siân Hammerton-Fraser said, "The Museum's mission is to preserve not just buildings but also traditional skills from the past, and as we have an historic working farm, harvest time is really important for us just as it was for our ancestors. Visitors can enjoy first-hand the sights, sounds and smells of traditional harvest activities including witnessing our restored 1947 Ransomes Simms & Jeffries threshing machine in action in the farmyard (as long as the rain holds off!). There's plenty to keep the whole family amused!"

Families can take a trip around the Museum's fields and woodland to discover the local wildlife and to meet the Museum's livestock including the new Museum goats, friendly horses, rare-breed Oxford Down sheep, silver Dorking chickens and - if you're lucky - the elusive farm cats.

**CHLTERN Open Air Museum..** Visitors who enjoy these traditional activities may be interested in the Museum's range of historic Experience Days, which include Blacksmith's Experience Day, Heavy Horse Experience Day, Historic Baking Day and Working with Straw Experience Day. For those who would like to pursue a career in Heritage skills The Heritage Lottery Fund are funding two 18-month traineeships at the museum, a Site and Farm Trainee and a Buildings Trainee please visit the museum website [www.coam.org.uk](http://www.coam.org.uk) to find out more information on how you can apply.

### **MERCHANTS OF DOUBT**

On Monday 12th October at 7.45, at Gold Hill Baptist Church, Gold Hill East SL9 9DG - Free admission, refreshments served.

'Merchants of Doubt' is a stirring documentary about the fake experts and pseudo-scientists that are employed by corporations to obscure and deflect government action which would prove harmful to their interests. This devious practice originally perfected by the tobacco industry is now being taken to new, potentially apocalyptic levels by well-compensated global warming sceptics.

**THE** next meeting of **VOPAG** (village older persons action group) will be on **Tuesday , October 20<sup>th</sup>** in the CSP community Centre, 10am coffee, 10.30am - speaker, Dr Tony Maisey MD a former Bucks G.P. This is a great opportunity for those over 55 to meet and enjoy an interesting morning.

### **MISBOURNE RIVER ASSOCIATION –Bob Older**

This little note now goes to 264 addresses representing more than 350 individuals. Sometimes I wonder quite how many junk-mail boxes it falls into but, encouragingly, I often meet people who confess to reading it and even promise to join a work party one day! Everyone's support in whatever form, even if that is just spreading the word in the village, or a little litter picking while out and about, or a once in a blue (or orange??) moon appearance at a work session is much appreciated and valued. However, to reach our objective of a healthy river, and to keep me cheerful, we really do need help with our activities.

So, I must note that the scheduled weekday exercise on September 23rd was cancelled as we only had one volunteer and, to date, we only have one for this Sunday 4th October morning. While the river is low and before the winter, we can do a lot in both the leat upstream of Mill Lane and the reach down towards Pheasant Hill. Bottom of Chiltern Hill area in Chalfont St Peter is very overgrown. And it wouldn't be hard to find other worthwhile targets to help the river through the last weeks of this season and to prepare drainage as far as we can for the winter. In fact Sunday morning isn't cast in stone so, if could give us a hand this weekend, please let me know as soon as possible which you could do and any \*preference from a) Saturday morning, b) Saturday afternoon, c) Sunday morning or d) Sunday afternoon. We will then go with the majority option and I'll let everyone know what's happening.

Meanwhile, of course, I might see you for a chat about this and that at our not-a-meeting on this Thursday (1st) evening at The Greyhound,\* \*Chalfont St Peter from 7.45 p.m. \* You probably won't be surprised to hear that I have not managed to prepare a draft for discussion of the constitution our insurers were seeking but it is in the work in progress tray.

A healthy number of you have signed up for our \*Annual Dinner on Thursday 10th December\*. It will probably be at either The Ivy House or The Greyhound - to be decided on Thursday evening - and will have their usual choices of 2 or 3 course menus. As always, it will be a good fun and festive night out and a chance for those who volunteer alone to bring spouses, partners, friends to meet some of the crazy people they go river clearing with. Please keep the sign-ups coming.

**DON'T** forget the Friday Craft Market in the Church Hall, Church Lane CSP. Browse through lovely items.

**FOR THE DIARY** Film Night: Samsara Filmed over a period of almost five years in twenty-five countries, Samsara 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](http://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](tel:07880921941) Email:[anthonyabbott@hotmail.com](mailto:anthonyabbott@hotmail.com) Price:Free. Refreshments provided. Donations welcome.

**AN** evening of spooky, Halloween family fun...

Chiltern Open Air Museum's famous 'Halloween Spectacular' is back on Friday 30th October, part of Culture 24's Museums at Night, and the team at COAM are planning on being even more ambitious this year! See a fantastic fire-breathing show, get your face painted, enjoy spooky storytelling around the fire in an Iron Age roundhouse, visit an eerie witch's cottage, take part in trick-or-treating in the Museum's historic buildings around the traditional Village Green, and participate in lots of Halloween-themed crafts. The very bravest can explore the wild woodland walk, but watch out for monsters and beware of the dark...

The Halloween Spectacular is the Museum's largest event of the year and last year attracted over 2000 visitors. Families, children and adults come in brilliantly creative fancy dress costumes and, armed with torches and wellies, will brave whatever horrors the Museum has in store for them!

Visitor Experience Manager Siân Hammerton-Fraser said, "The Museum's buildings are absolutely perfect for this event! Old buildings have a spooky feel to them especially when it gets dark, creating a brilliant atmosphere for some real ghostly fun. Halloween is one of our favourite events here and there is some great friendly competition between our staff and volunteers to create the spookiest exhibit! We love coming up with new monsters, witches and horrors to spook our guests!"

Hot food and drinks will be available to purchase on the Village Green, and children (and adults!) are encouraged to dress up for the event in Halloween costumes with a prize for the best!

This year we will be joined by Tatum Flynn author of D'EVIL DIARIES who will be giving a reading from her book and chatting to our visitors.

So don your wellies, grab your torch and bring the family for an unforgettable, unmissable evening of spooky fun for all ages in the unique and atmospheric setting of the Museum's historic buildings and woods.

The evening starts at 5pm and continues until 9pm, with last admission at 7.30pm. Tickets are very limited so advance booking is strongly recommended. [www.coam.org.uk](http://www.coam.org.uk)

### **"It's only paint!"**

Always wanted to paint but don't know where to start?

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.**



**PLANTS** are brought to Church Lane by **Mick** with his van full of quite a variety, along with bags of coal and logs. He even has fresh eggs. It's worth stopping as you return to the car park, to see what is available. He's there most days.

**UPDATE for October:** 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, Sergeant Nicky Upton, PC Gavin McVeigh, PC Matt Carson, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Jen Shraga and PCSO Daniel Allen.

**Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)** The issues that you tell us that are of the greatest concern to you become the issues your neighborhood policing team (NHPT) focus on. These priorities are set by you at the regular drop in sessions or "Have Your Say Meetings" (HYS) held in Chalfont St Peter, the Library in Chalfont St Giles and Seer Green Baptist Church. The NAG develops 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)** The neighbourhood policing team is pleased to report that there was no increase in anti social behaviour throughout the summer holidays. We have had reports of groups congregating at the residential home in Glebe Close, which has been causing some distress to the residents; we had one report of a young boy poking a stick through the window of one of the residents which caused her great alarm. If you do have children going out in the evening it would be appreciated if you could ask them to stay away from this area

**Update for Speeding / Parking** Schools have returned and the reports of inconsiderate parking has commenced. If you use the local schools, please ensure that you park considerately and safely at all times. The Chalfont neighbourhood policing team patrol the schools regularly and will issue fixed penalty notices to vehicles that are seen to be causing an unnecessary obstruction. Please do not block the driveways of the residents near the schools. Other parking issues continue to be a problem in all areas. Parking on double yellow lines is overseen by a company called NSL. If you wish to report this type of parking problem please contact Bucks County Council. Abandoned vehicles can be reported to Chiltern District Council.

**Update for Burglary** We have had a number of burglaries in Chalfont St Peter in September 2015, two of which involved vehicles being stolen. Some of the burglaries are believed to have happened in the day time / early evening. As the nights are now getting darker please use timer switches on lamps when leaving your property in the evening and if you have an alarm system, please ensure that you set it every time you leave the house. If you are thinking of getting an alarm installed please look on the Chiltern District Council website that has a list of approved alarm companies in the area. If you see any suspicious activity in the area please report it immediately, such as anyone door knocking that is paying too much attention to empty houses; if you can provide a description of the person and any vehicle (with registration number if possible) this will help us in identifying these people. We host a "Have your Say" meeting every month (please see further down in this newsletter for the dates and times) so if you require crime prevention advice then please come along and visit us. Alternatively you can email us at [ChalfontsNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ChalfontsNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

**Vehicle Crime** Vehicle crime has been low this month, one vehicle parked on Gravel Hill was broken into and tools stolen. Please ensure you lock your vehicles when leaving them unattended and remove all valuables. The clocks will go back in October and the darker evenings will be on us, please do not leave handbags, purses, wallets or phones in your car whilst popping in to visit someone. Opportunist thieves will have your property in a matter of minutes leaving you with the inconvenience of repairing the window on your car and cancelling contracts etc.**Crime Advice** 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](http://www.police.uk) ([opens new window](#))

**"HAVE YOUR SAY** Your neighbourhood policing 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" meeting's. The next Have your Say events will be held on: • Wednesday 14th October, 2:00pm until 3:00pm at Crumbs, Market Place, Chalfont St Peter • Friday 9th October 2015, 12:00pm – 13:30pm at Chalfont St Giles Library. 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. **Contact us** If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighborhood 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](mailto: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.