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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice, September 2015

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CHLFONT ST PETER GARDEN SHOW on August 22, celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Club. Superb entries, particularly in the vegetable and flower categories were much admired, but it must be said that all entries showed the skills of those who had taken time and care over them. One of the busy exhibitors, Diane Ponting, had 5 winning entries, and here is one of them - named 'Market Day' a creation of fruit and flowers.



St JOSEPH'S Church in Austenwood, will have a Flower Festival on the weekend **12/13 September**. Extracts from the New Testament told through the beauty of flowers. Do go and admire the talents of St Joseph's flower arrangers and their fellow flower arrangers from neighbouring churches. Tea/coffee and cake will be available in the First Committee Room.

On Sunday **13 September**, there will be an Ecumenical evening of prayer and song, in communion with other faiths, closing the floral festival and giving thanks to God for the talents He has given..

HORN HILL QUILTER EXHIBITION is on Saturday 3rd October 2015 at Chalfont St Peter Church Hall SL9 9RJ Time 10am -4pm. There will be a Charity quilt raffle in aid of Thames valley air ambulance . Sales table and local trader. Light refreshments Entry £2.

FRIENDS OF CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM are having Quiz Evening on Saturday 3rd October, in Chalfont St Peter church hall, SL9 9RJ. (ample car parking in adjacent car park). **7 for 7.30**, prompt start. Tickets are £12, or book a table of 8. (price includes a hot supper), but please take your own drink and glasses. Tickets from Jenny o Richard Ogden 01494 261782 or email: richardogden@btinternet.com In aid of Chiltern Open Air Museum.

PETS (Puppies) For Sale Alert

Action Fraud has noticed a rise in reports concerning the purchase of pets, in particular puppies, advertised for sale via popular online auction websites.

The fraudsters will place an advert of the pet for sale, claiming to have recently moved abroad and the need to re-home the puppies.

Once a sale is agreed and payment is made, usually by money transfer or bank transfer, the pet does not materialise. The fraudster will usually ask for further advanced payments for courier charges, shipping fees or vet bills.

Protect yourself:

- a.. Stay within the auction guidelines. Be wary of paying fees via a Money Service Bureau, such as MoneyGram and Western Union.
- b.. Consider conducting research on other information provided by the seller; for example a mobile phone number or email address used by the seller could alert you to any negative information associated with this number online.
- c.. Request details of the courier company being used and conduct enquiries regarding the company
- d.. Agree a suitable time to meet face to face to agree the purchase.
- e.. Be wary. If you think the purchase price is too good to be true then this is probably an indication that it is!

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online at http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone on 0300 123 2040.

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 he has available. He's there most days.

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

A Quiz Night and Car Treasure Hunt in aid of the RNLI will take place on Saturday 3rd October 2015. It will be an evening of fun and friendly rivalry as tables of four compete to answer the quiz questions and navigate their car to hidden treasures. The event, with a licenced Community Bar, will take place at St Joseph's Community Centre, Austen wood Common, SL9 8RY. For tickets at £15 per person contact Elaine Quigley, Chalfont St Peter 01753 886412 or Malcolm Goodgame, Chalfont St Giles 01494 872640.

THE ROTARY CLUB of Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St Peter will present Opera Tonica performing top musical hits at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre, East Common, Gerrards Cross on Friday 9th October, 7 for 7.30. The cost is just £16 per head, including a welcome drink. There is 10% discount for tables of 10 and a bar service will be available. Music will be from: Die Fledermaus; The Merry Widow; A 'feast; of Gilbert and Sullivan; Merrie England and many more. To book contact Jim Paterson jimandcyn@yahoo.com

THE next meeting of **VOPAG** (village older persons action group) will be on **Tuesday, September 15** in the CSP community Centre, 10am coffee, 10.30am - speaker, David Bone BCC on Carers Bucks 'Products to help the Elderly'. This is a great opportunity for those over 55 to meet and enjoy an interesting morning.

HEDGERLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S next events are on **Friday 11th and Saturday 12th September** when they will visit Penn House for a Guided Tour by Earl and Countess Howe. Both outings are full and there is a waiting list for cancellations. Penn House have kindly offered to arrange a further visit next year and this will appear on 2016/17 Programme.

2016 Calendar has just been published which contains a selection of historic photographs of Hedgerley from their photographic archives together with a smaller image of the scene today. The Calendars are on sale in Londis Stores Hedgerley Hill and will be available at the September and subsequent meetings price £6.

They are looking into the possibility of running a coach outing next year to the Bosworth Heritage Centre and the Richard III Visitor Centre in Leicester. The provisional date is Saturday 25th June 2016 and depending on the size of coach will cost no more than £40 per person to cover coach travel and admission to both attractions. Leicester Cathedral is opposite the Visitor Centre. Admission is free (donations invited). If you are interested in joining in, contact details are below.

Following the summer break, their first meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16th September 2015** at 8pm when Heather Knightwill present Excavating Shakespeare's Shoreditch. Heather Knight MCIfA, is a senior archaeologist with MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology) and has a particular interest in theatre archaeology, especially the early playhouses of North London.

Ms Knight will be looking at the excavation of the sites of the Theatre (built in 1576) which can be considered to be the first purpose built polygonal playhouse and the site of the Curtain (in use by 1577). They were built about 200m apart in Shoreditch, an area on the periphery of the city which until the Dissolution had belonged to Holywell Priory. Both playhouses had an interesting life and saw performances from players such as William Shakespeare, Richard Burbage and Richard Tarlton. One of the main themes will be how archaeology is in the unique position of being able to add the detail to the story of these two iconic buildings.

On Saturday 26th September the annual Bucks Local History Network event will be held at The Gateway Conference Centre in Aylesbury. The attached Booking Form provides more details.

On Saturday 3rd October at 8pm Valerie Grove will present The Life and Loves of Laurie Lee.....Booking required tickets £12. Available at the September meeting or by post (cheques payable to Hedgerley Historical Society) to 13 Coppice Way Hedgerley SLOUGH Bucks SL2 3YL.

Valerie Grove is a lifelong journalist: feature writer and literary editor of the Evening Standard 1968-86, then profile-writer, reviewer and interviewer for the Sunday Times and The Times for the last 30 years. Her first book was written when she had four children under seven, as an antidote to man-hating feminist books: The Compleat Woman (1986) was about women who had long marriages, large families and interesting careers. She has written the biographies of writers Dodie Smith, Laurie Lee, John Mortimer, of Kaye Webb the editor of Puffin Books.

Last year, on the centenary of Laurie Lee's birth, she re-published an updated edition of her biography of the poet best known for Cider with Rosie, his memoir of a rustic childhood.

According to the Laurie Lee legend, he walked out of his native Gloucestershire village of Slad, sailed for Spain and walked across the country playing his violin, getting caught up in the Spanish Civil War in 1935. But the real story of Laurie's youth was far more romantic than the one he told much later in *As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning*. The key figure was his mistress and Muse, the beautiful Lorna Wishart -- who ultimately broke his heart, and also that of his rival Lucian Freud. Valerie Grove will talk about the discoveries she made when she became Lee's authorized biographer, with total access to the papers left locked in his study, and why she renamed her book *The Life and Loves of Laurie Lee*.

"It is Grove's obvious affection for her subject that makes her book so tender and graceful, a touching eulogy to a bygone age" -- Craig Brown

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.

BOB OLDER reports on the Misbourne

- a) Played Gerrards Cross golf course for the first time last week and was pleased to note water still in the river crossing the 1st and 18th fairways, and to avoid putting my ball into either stretch. Even without today's rain, flow has just kept going through The Chalfonts despite past data suggesting it would not. An exciting? - situation.
- b) It was great to have volunteers from Freemantle Media UK working with us for their Back to the Community day on 19th and to tackle with them our first sizeable project in Amersham. We cleared and disposed of an enormous amount of overgrowth and overhanging trees from the path and river immediately downstream of Town Mill in Mill Lane to the delight of many regular walkers and, I hope, river flora and fauna which now have some more light.
- c) Another good day yesterday continuing clearance around the end of Silsden Meadow, CStG and on to the sheep field. This continued our efforts in July and there is now a relatively short section to join up this Saturday and complete that reach for this season.
- e) a pleasant visit to Merlin's Cave last night and an opportunity for those who'd not been before to see not only the interior refurbishment but also how the garden now slopes right down to the river.

Future notes:

- a) Some of the chat last night revolved around the fact that, after 6 happy years, our insurers have now decided we must have a constitution! Hopefully this will not result in any changes to our work and culture. There should be a draft for your comment next month - be assured we don't intend to commence extracting a membership fee.
- b) This note also acts as 2nd Bell for this Saturday 29th work party from 9.30 to 12.30. Currently quite low on numbers and hoping to hear from a few more of you before sending out the orders of the day on Friday afternoon.
- c) Chalfont St Giles Show is on Saturday 5th September. Please could we have a few more volunteers to watch the stall for a while, chat to visitors and encourage new members. Cheryl and I cannot be there during the middle of the day. RSVP. The invertebrate monitoring team will be providing a display of their work to show off, complete with real, live creepy crawlies.
- d) Midweek gang will be out again next month on Wednesday 23rd September - please let me know if you can join them
- e) Next standard work party (after this Saturday of course) will be Sunday 4th October - please let me know if you can join us.
- f) Next meeting at The Greyhound on Thursday October 1st at 7.45 p.m.
- g) Finally and importantly, our Annual Dinner. Thursday 10th December is suggested but I haven't booked yet to see how many of you come back by, say end next week, with would love to come but clashes with Golf Club/Yoga Group/etc. Christmas do. If several, I will float another date. If the date does work for you, it would be good to have an indication from now.

CHALFONTS Newsletter for September 2015

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 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 Team is pleased to report that there was no increase in antisocial behaviour throughout July.

Update for Speeding / Parking

Parking continues 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.

This is a timely reminder for parents/carers parking at Schools in September. Please ensure that you do not park on the junctions or pavements. The Neighbourhood Team receive a high volume of complaints regarding school parking, and we work closely with staff members to ensure that parents/carers park safely and considerately. Those found to be parked in a manner that causes an unnecessary obstruction will receive a £30 fixed penalty notice.

Update for Burglary

There was a report of a burglary in Cross Lanes, Chalfont St Peter; investigations are still underway regarding this incident. If you are leaving your house unattended overnight consider using a timer switch on a lamp, this will help make the house look occupied and potentially divert any unwanted attention to your property. Let a trusted neighbour know that you are going away. If you see any suspicious activity, please call the police immediately.

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

Vehicle Crime

There was a series of breaks into transit vans across the Chalfonts in August. Tools were stolen from these vehicles. Please ensure all valuables are removed your vehicles. The Chalfont team can also property mark any tools/gardening equipment for you free of charge. If this is something you would like us to assist with please contact one of the team.

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/>>

Have your Say

Your NHPT 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" events will be held on: Wednesday 16th September from 14:00 – 15:00 at Crumbs, Market Place, Chalfont St Peter

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 NHPT are looking forward to meeting you.

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Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the NHPT you can call us on the police no- emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email: 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_](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

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