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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice
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**BLACK PARK MODEL BOAT CLUB IS HOLDING ITS ANNUAL REGATTA AND OPEN DAY
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd.**

**100's of MODEL BOATS on display, including YACHTS, TUG, TRAWLERS AND LIFEBOATS,
SUBMARINES, HOVERCRAFT, NOVELTY MODELS, POWERBOATS**



Photographs from: <http://www.blackparkmodelboatclub.org.uk/> where you can also get more information.

THE event is on from 10am to 4pm- with boat displays on the water all day.

Facilities include cafe, toilets (with disabled facilities) adequate car parking a short walk from the water (parking is pay and display at £2 a day) - children's play area, nature reserve and acres of woodland to explore !
All proceeds from the day to the RNLI.

THE CSP Garden Club Summer Show is on Saturday, August 18, 2-4.45pm in the Community Centre. Always a great display and afternoon tea is available also. Go along and see who wins the cups and the plaudits and get some gardening tips.

WANT TO KNOW what goes on at the Community Centre? Need a new hobby or interest? Then go to the Community Association's Golden Jubilee Celebration Open Day at the Centre on Sunday, September 2 from 1am to 4pm.
Over 25 organisations exhibiting throughout the day, plus 7 active displays at intervals in the Main Hall (Pilates, Pedal performing arts, line dancing, St Peter Players, short mat bowls, table tennis, yoga) Exhibition of memorabilia Refreshments by the W.I. Licensed bar. Free admission.

2007 MARKS the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Community Association and the 45th anniversary of the official opening of the Community Centre. The Association is keen to mount an exhibition of documents, photos etc. relating to the early days of both, at the Golden Jubilee Celebration Open Day at the Centre on Sunday, September 2. If you have anything of interest, please contact the Association office at the Centre (01753 email: cspca@btconnect.com)

IN AUGUST St Joseph's Church in Austenwood has different times for their services. Masses will be Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm and Sunday at 7.45am and 11am only. At Denham they remain at 9.30, but maybe some variation, but no masses at Chalfont St Giles. In September the mass times will return to normal.

CHILTERN OPEN AIR Museum activities in August are: 3rd-5th Noddy and Friends, 11&12 Medieval Pageant, The Lion Rampant, 18&19 Home Cooking through the Ages, Historic re-enactment groups. August Bank Holiday, 25-27 has Hands-on spectacular, lots of activities for all to enjoy, includes your chance to join the Roman Army with The Vicus (26&27th only). The Museum is in Gorelands Lane beside the Newland Park campus. www.coam.org.uk 01494 872163.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH run on Mondays to take food to the homeless, is struggling to get enough donations of sandwiches, fruit, biscuits and soft drinks, as many of the regular givers are away. Help would be much appreciated if you can take donations of these items, sandwiches labelled please, to St Joseph's Priory in Austenwood by 4pm on Mondays.

MISBOURNE Art Society meets in the CSP Community Centre at 2.15pm the first Saturday in every month.

August 4 Self Portrait (take a mirror) 'Rogues Gallery

August 6 Sketching Day on GX Common, lunch at The Packhorse.

September 1 The Greatest Works of Art on Earth Ever – Anthony Slinn

BEST KEPT VILLAGE results. We have done well in the Pushman Cup for villages with a rural population over 3000, where we came runner up to Haddenham. A fine place, so no shame there. We have of course been winners before, so we are sure to be again if we all take a pride in our village and treat it with respect. Many people can be seen picking up litter when they see it and putting it where it belongs, in the bins provided, but it only takes a few lazy people to make the place look messy. This can't change this unless we all bring up our young to value where they live. It takes time, but is a worthwhile goal!

THE VOPAG meeting last month was very well attended indeed and the number of displays and information stands was considerable. Very popular was the SAGE (safer driving project) stand where people could have their driving vision capabilities tested and there was a continuous stream of people wanting to have the eye test. However, there were also many other village items that provided much to engage people's interest. Among the many good speakers, Ann Mitchell, of Age Concern, caused a lot of merriment when she took everyone through the exercises that she gives at her keep fit class on Monday mornings in the Reading Room in Chalfont St Giles, which is actually pretty well subscribed by people from all the local villages. Because of the space needed for the exhibits this meeting was held in the Community Centre, but for the rest of the year meetings will be held in the Parish Council Office from 10.30 am. to 12.30 pm, on Thursday 16th. August, Tuesday 18th. September, Thursday 18th. October, Tuesday 20th. November and Thursday 13th. December. Do go along and join in.

POP-IN meets every Thursday morning during term time from 10-11.30am in the Gold Hill Baptist Church and there is a crèche for babies and activities for pre-school children. Subjects in July are: Fantastic food for kids, Through tough times to good, with Patsy Wyatt. This is a non-denominational group and all ladies are welcome to join the Thursday meetings.

CHALFONT St Peter and Gerrards Cross History Society holds its meetings, generally one a month, on Fridays at 8pm in the Memorial Centre, East Common, Gerrards Cross. Visitors are welcome. For further information, the secretary can be contacted on 01494 873831

ST JOSEPH'S Mother & Toddler Group will be staying open during the summer holidays – every Thursday from 10am-noon in the Church Hall.

CAREERS Springboard is a self-help group and regular participation in the Monday evening meetings should help to stimulate your job search skills. The meetings also provide the opportunity for you to share your views and problems with others. Volunteers are available to give personal advice and appointments should be booked through the administrator Chris White on careers.springboard@virgin.net. The Monday meetings take place 7.15 for 7.30pm at St Andrews United Reformed Church Hall, Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross.

A Charity Film Show of "The Painted Veil" (based on the novel by Somerset Maugham) will be held in aid of Thames Hospicecare on Thursday, August 23 at 7.15 for 8pm at Club 7 Pinewood Studios. Tickets are £12.50 (to include a glass of wine) and are available from Sylvia on 01753 662115 or Trish on 01494 676502. Admission will be by ticket only.

THE WEA course programme Autumn 2007 – Spring 2008 is now available and you may like to browse through it to plan what interests you might take up as the weather outside is less tempting. You should be able to pick up a leaflet from the Library or the GX Memorial Centre. The venue for all courses is The Memorial Centre Gerrards Cross and as this is easy to get to and has plenty of parking, it is an added inducement to make the commitment to do something new, without too much hassle. Autumn courses are Asia, present and future – Global Power Balance (booking 01753 885959). Plays, Prose and Poetry; something for everyone (Part 1) booking 01923 262370). "The Seven Deadly Sins in Art", (booking 01753 643978) and Creative Writing – Part 1 (booking 01753 891296). Spring courses are Walking with Maps (booking 01753 643978). Plays, prose and poetry; something for everyone (Part 2) (booking 01932 262370). "The Seven Deadly Sins" in Art (continued). Booking 01753 643978. Creative Writing – Part 2 (booking 01753 891296)

THE Tith Barn Youth Centre will re-open after the summer holidays on Monday 17th. September for year 7, Wednesday 19th. September for years 9 - 11 and Thursday 20th. September for year 8.

THE CSP WI meets on the second Wednesday in the month at the Church Hall, Church Lane at 2.15pm. August meeting to be arranged, but on September 12 Dr Audrey Hogarth will give a talk on Perestroika.

GERRARDS CROSS Flower Club next meets in The Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross at 2pm on September 19 when Katherine Lee, a national level demonstrator, will present "Diversity". The competition is An exhibit "Basket to feature Garden Flowers" for the Sunnyhurst Cup.

YOGA classes are at the CSP Community Centre on Thursdays at 1.30pm. Contact numbers 01494 677094 or 07811 138589.

AGE CONCERN provides a two-course lunch on Tuesdays in the Church Hall, Church Lane. The doors open at 12.15 for you to enjoy food cooked by a team who act as hosts to their guests and make the occasion one of friendly sharing. The cost of the lunch is £2 and the number to phone is 01753 882858.

Another benefit of being a pensioner is that you are entitled to use the Chiropodist service that is run by Age Concern. I am told that both of the ladies who work for this are excellent. Cost is also attractive, as it is only about half the usual cost for chiropody locally. The service covers Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross. To book, please phone 01753 885646.

THE Day Centre, run by Age Concern, with the assistance of Gold Hill Baptist Church that provides the building and its resources, is for elderly and infirm pensioners and mostly for people who are housebound. It runs on Wednesdays from 10am-3.30pm and provides coffee, lunch and afternoon tea for those who would benefit from the company and caring that make it a treat to look forward to. It also provides a respite day for families who have an elderly member at home, who needs to be cared for.. Please phone 01753 882858 to learn more about what is on offer. It is certainly a valuable community contribution.

ALL SAINTS' church music festival has 3 more events, ending in November. Their next date is Saturday, October 13, when The Ionian Singers will perform at 7.30pm in the Church hall. A chamber choir consisting of 35 singers, they have a national and international reputation based on performances throughout the UK and abroad, as well as many recordings. They will be presenting a varied programme of both sacred and secular music. Tickets £12: from **01753** - 883384 or 882426.

PILATES classes are provided by Chalfont St Peter experts. Tricia at the Community Centre, CSP on Monday and Friday 10.40am to book phone 01753 885420 and Jackie at the Chalfont St Giles Youth Club, Narcot Lane, CSG, Monday at 1.15pm You can either go along and join in or phone Jackie for more details on 07941 274379. Courses start again on September 3, after the summer break. Pilates will improve your flexibility, help increase your strength and muscle tone, lower your stress, help flatten your stomach, help back pain and many other benefits.

FRIDAY market in the Church Hall, Church Lane is worth a visit. 9am – 2.00pm

THE Community Centre has a carousel with a huge number of leaflets about Village activities and provisions for learning. You just have to browse through and you'll never 'have nothing to do' again.

FRIDAY night is Bingo night at the CSP Community Centre. It is on from 8-9.30pm for some light entertainment and perhaps an exciting win.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN meets in the CSP Community Centre at 2.15pm on the last Thursday of each month.

ALL SAINTS' Church Hall is the venue for Chalfont Grand Squares every Tuesday at 8pm. Have fun and keep fit doing American squares. Contact number for more information is 01895 259510.

BADMINTON players are needed by a friendly club that plays Wednesday evenings in Chalfont St Peter Middle School. Contact John on 01494 873527 or Linda on 01494 875486.

SHORT Mat Bowls provides enjoyable exercise on Friday afternoons at 2-5.30pm in the community centre. Instruction will be given and bowls will be available to for new members to use. Either turn up or contact Audrey on 01494 873401.

THE Little Drum music group offers an action packed music and movement group for children aged 4 months to 4 years. Modern and traditional music and rhymes, percussion instruments, puppets and visual termly themes. Chalfont St Peter on Tuesday mornings. Phone Julie on 01494 792619.

SUE Myers, health visitor at Chalfonts and Gerrards Cross Hospital offers a free service, with one-to-one support with free prescriptions for nicotine replacement therapy to help give up smoking. Clinics are held Wednesday mornings, 8.30am-12.30pm at the hospital. Please phone 01753 883821 for appointments.

COUNCILS in Buckinghamshire will launch a major face-to-face communication campaign, which aims to improve participation in local recycling schemes across the county. Over 15,000 households will be visited across the whole county. Working on behalf of the local authorities in Buckinghamshire, 12 trained recycling advisers from Waste Watch will be speaking directly to residents on their doorsteps to promote the recycling services offered by their local council. The recycling advisers, of all ages and backgrounds, will be encouraging people to recycle or recycle more than they do currently. The recycling advocates will be able to provide advice and guidance on recycling and clarify what materials can be collected via the existing collection schemes. All of the recycling advisers will be wearing a high visibility uniform clearly marked with Recycle for Buckinghamshire logo to identify them. They will also have an identification badge and letter of authority from their local council.

Chalfont St. Peter Urban Art Subway Project 2007

It had been decided that a group of young people would repaint the subway under the A413 as so many of them attending the Youth Centre used this as the only safe crossing from the centre of the village. They became involved in discussions on the organisation of this project, the application for funding and the preparation of the underpass prior to painting - as everyone knows, this subway is very prone to flooding.

An application to the Youth Opportunities Fund was successful and they now have a grant of £11,346 for the project.

Buckinghamshire County Council agreed to undertake the repairs, preparation work and undercoating and will also apply anti-graffiti glaze on completion. They will also upgrade the lighting. The Club has been asked to contribute £500 towards the cost of this work. Work on the problem of regular flooding is also under way. It is understood that should any further flooding occur following completion of the work it will not in any way affect the painted design.

In order to prepare themselves for the work involved the young people attended Design/Urban Art Workshops during the Easter holidays, the half term holiday and further Workshops are being held during the early part of the Summer holiday period.

It will be necessary for the subway to be closed for the duration of the project (excluding preparation work) as there could be a risk to pedestrians. Notices will be displayed well in advance of the closure dates. There will be a cost of £1,300 for the closure and approximately £500 to put a diversion in place and the Youth Centre will be liable for these costs. Work will take place from Monday 24th. August to Friday 24th. August and on Saturday 25th. August the Youth Centre will hold an Open Day for the subway with celebrations.

In order to include residents in the plans a flyer was distributed which asked people to suggest a word or phrase which sums up Chalfont St. Peter to them. All positive suggestions have been included in the design of the subway work and over 130 contributions have so far been received. The winner will receive a hotel/theatre break in London.

Acknowledgement must be given to the hard work of the young people who have been involved in the project and also the support we have received from Buckinghamshire County Council, Chiltern District Council, Chalfont St. Peter Parish Council and the members of our local policing team.

It is hoped that this project, as well as improving the subway for local people, will have been a valuable exercise for the young people in working with partners in the community.

RECENTLY St Joseph's Furniture Market distributed £350 each to St. John Ambulance, South Bucks Deaf Children's Society, Macmillan Cancer Support and Helen & Douglas, and they also gave £400 to Ian Rennie Hospice at Home.

Thank you to all those who have supported the furniture market and thereby enabled this money to be distributed to deserving charities. The market is on Saturday mornings from 9am - noon in the room behind St Joseph's Church Hall. There is plenty of parking in the church car park. If you have furniture in good condition that you wish to donate, please contact 01494 872007 to arrange for it to be collected.

THREE GIGANTIC SCULPTURES have arrived at Buckinghamshire County Museum. Created by international artist Jan Niedojadlo, visitors can not only experience these amazing sensory sculptures from the outside, but also from the inside. Jan describes his work as 'art to be viewed on your back - and not just with eyes and brain - but experienced with your whole body'. Inspired by nature, biology, science fiction and the environment, Jan creates 'other worlds' that can be explored with all the senses. By being allowed to climb inside, adults can become like children again and children can be transported on journeys of the imagination. The sculptures are constructed from a variety of recycled materials that are often found or donated, such as industry cast offs, like foam and rubber or domestic waste, like plastic milk bottles and carpet. One even makes use of a Cornish fishing net. Thousands of people have engaged with Jan's work in diverse locations around the world, including galleries, museums, festivals and nightclubs for over a decade. Buckinghamshire County Museum is delighted to have three of Jan's sculptures in Aylesbury for the first time. A holiday outing to experience the sights, sounds, textures and smells of Chrysalis, Hive and Orbit for yourselves and enter the amazing world of Jan Niedojadlo's sensory sculptures. **Amazing Sensory Sculptures** is on display at Buckinghamshire County Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP until Saturday 27 October 2007. Monday to Saturday and Bank Holidays 10am – 5pm. Admission free.

THE Anchor Staying Put scheme is part of Southern Buckinghamshire Safer Homes. They will undertake small household repairs etc. for disabled adults; anyone over the age of 60 and vulnerable householders at risk of accidents, falls, fire or living in fear of crime who are living in Chiltern. The service is supported by local District Councils, Fire and Rescue, Police, our Primary Care Trust, the Housing Association and Bucks County Council. It is a valuable service, charging only £10 per hour + VAT and materials and the people carrying out the work are all carefully checked before being employed. The number to obtain help is 01628 526367.

ACTIVITY CHEST, the toy shop in Chalfont St Peter, celebrated 1000 days of trading on Saturday 21st July, 2007 with customer offers, a charity donation and customer competition. Many changes have taken place since the sale of the first product, a rag doll, with over 93,000 other educational and creative products to delighted customers. Stock is constantly evolving and has included the introduction of a section for under 3 year- olds and many more creative and science products. True to Activity Chest's initial business objectives, the company has avoided things stocked by the major retailers and toy buying groups as well as most fashionable and fad products. They see their future as being able to provide the WOW factor on every visit to keep people coming back, and their loyalty card introduced about 2 years ago is held by over 1000 customers. Activity Chest has played its part in the local community with regular donations to local raffles and school activities, but early on adopted William's Fund as its corporate charity and their fundraising activities are for this charity.

Neighbourhood Policing allows Police and the public to work closely together to solve crime and disorder problems.

Chalfont's Neighbourhood Team

Sergeant Steven Slee is heading the Chalfont Teams

Our Chalfont St Peter team is:

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