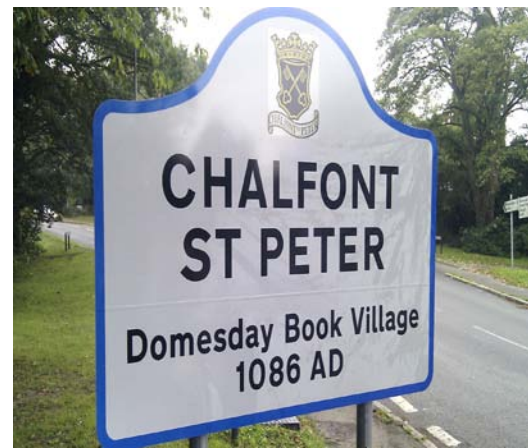


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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice December 2011

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THE CHALFONT St Peter Christmas Fun Night organised by the Chamber of Commerce will take place on December 2nd and the evening will run from 6 – 8.30pm.

There will be a kiddies' funfair operating in the precinct and a range of entertainment taking place from a stage in the centre of the village. The event provides an excellent family fun evening and an opportunity to show what is on offer within the village.

1st CHALFONT ST PETER Brownies & Guides Xmas Fair **Sat 3rd December 10-12** at Chalfont St Peter Church Hall. Do some Christmas shopping whilst supporting your local brownie and guide unit with their roof fund. Meet Santa and browse the stalls: Refreshments, Cakes, Christmas gifts, tombola, jewellery and much more.

A QUIZ evening in aid of the Children's Society will be on Saturday 3rd December, 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Parish Church Hall, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter Tickets £12.50 Teams of 8 max. Hot home-made supper + delicious puddings (vegetarian option available) Bring your own drinks. Tickets from: Cheryl Older 01753 885131 and Isobel Silman 01494 873562.



Music by Alan Menken

Book by Linda Woolverton
Ashman and Tim Rice

Lyrics by Howard

*with the St. Peter Players at Chalfont St. Peter Community Centre
Gravel Hill, Chalfont St. Peter SL9 0DX*

Based on the Academy Award winning animated feature film, this classic story is filled with unforgettable characters, music and laughter.

FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER at 7.30pm

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER at 2.30pm and 7.30pm

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER at 2.30pm

TICKETS £12 each or £8 for under 12's

BOX OFFICE: 07928 161419

OR SEND YOUR BOOKING TO: JOHN SHARP, BOX OFFICE
14 HILLFIELD ROAD, CHALFONT ST. PETER. SL9 0DX Send your cheque (payable to St. Peter Players) for the amount of tickets you need at each price, the date and time of performance, together with your contact details – Address, Telephone, and
E-mail: www.stpeterplayers.co.uk

VOPAG – Village Older Person's Acton Group (for the over 55s) meets in the Community Centre on Thursday December 15. Refreshments are available from 10 – 10.30, then proceedings of the meeting and speaker at 10.30am. This is an occasion that helps keep the community in the loop about village matters.

FROM Chalfont St Peter W.I.: It was with heavy hearts that we sat in silence to remember our late President, Barbara Lyme, who died on November 4th. Her bravery and the loving kindness of her daughters were an example to us all. As it was Barbara's wish that we carry on as normally as possible we made final arrangements for the Fashion show which was held on Nov.11th and which was enjoyed very much by the audience. Many thanks to M.and Co and Bucks.Leather, for all their cooperation, time and hard work.

The speaker, Mr. Dixon, spoke about "Nursing Heroines in the 1st world War." The conditions that trained and untrained nurses worked under were appalling - mud, rats, the lack of any amenities or privacy. We could only be horrified and admire them. A very good talk with interesting slides.

We then sorted out contributions of cakes for Barbara's funeral tea. The funeral on Nov. 15th was in the packed Parish Church. Standard bearers From The Royal British legion, Members of the Women's section of the Royal British Legion, Women's Institute members The Red Hat Club, friends, neighbours and all her loving family were there.

The last meeting of the year is the Christmas party - Wednesday, December 14, 2.15pm in the Church Hall.

GX Home Improvements has opened a new showroom in Church Lane. They have some superb doors and windows and it is worth a visit to see what they have on offer.

They are still also at their premises in Lower Road to deal with all the other aspects of their business, for those who want building work done or keys cut etc.



GERRARDS Cross Sailing Association meets at the Colston Hall of the Memorial Centre, East Common on Wednesdays and you can get the full details from <http://www.gxsa.org.uk/prog.htm>

The next meeting is December 7 – Traditional boatbuilding on the Thames – Colin Henwood

GERRARDS Cross Flower Club has its Christmas Luncheon and A.G.M. on Wednesday, December 14 in the Colston Hall of the Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre. There will be no competition on that occasion.

Beauty and the Beast is due to take place in The Community Centre, Chalfont St Peter in December and the St Peter Players are urgently looking for a sound technician for the production. They are in the Centre this Saturday afternoon and all day this Sunday for further information. If anyone can help, can they please call 07815157823.

Tech & Show Dates & Times Sunday 4th Afternoon, Monday 5th 7.00 pm, Tuesday 6th 7.00pm, Thursday 8th 7.00pm, Friday 9th 6.30pm, Saturday 1.30pm – 11pm, Sunday 1.30 pm – 8pm

CAREERS SPRINGBOARD is the Chilterns, South Bucks & High Wycombe Self Help Group for Managers seeking work. Meetings take place 7.15 for 7.30pm each Monday at St Andrew's United Reformed Church Hall, Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross, SL9 7QE.

December 5 is the 20th Anniversary Social & Awards Evening and members are invited to celebrate the presentations to their Anniversary Awards Competition winners. The last meeting of the year is:

A new programme will be published in December for meetings starting Monday 9th January 2012.

CHALFONT ST PETER Garden Club will have their Christmas Social on Wednesday 14 December at 8pm in the Church Hall and Ian Peale will entertain with his amazing squeeze box.

CHALFONT SAVERS in Market Place has had a run on sledges as people prepare for another snowy winter and fun on Gold Hill. We are lucky to have this area for children to enjoy this sport in relative safety and if you haven't yet bought your sledge, don't worry, they are due to have a delivery of more this week. There are lots of bargains in store ready for Christmas, so it's worth going in there to browse.

MISBOURNE ART SOCIETY's recent annual Art Exhibition was of a very high standard and many pictures were purchased as a result. The Society is looking for new members to join and share skills and knowledge or, even if they are not experienced, to join and develop fresh skills. The Society is a friendly group of local people with one thing in common- an interest in art. They meet at 2.15pm in THE TONY GRAHAM ROOM at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre on the FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH for demonstrations, illustrated lectures & drawing and painting sessions. Visitors are welcome at £5 but there are vacancies for new members at £25 per year. An interest in art is all you need. It is not necessary to be an artist! If you would like to know more, phone Jean Griffith - 01494 873722 - or simply turn up.

FREEDOM PROGRAMME - 12 week programme for women who feel intimidated by their partners and would like support and help. Contact Katrina Reading on 01753 887173 ext 2 or katrina.reading@goldhill.org for more details. Complete confidentiality will be maintained.

THE NEXT CONCERT by the South Bucks Choral Society is on Saturday December 17 at St Mary's Church, Old Amersham at 7.30pm. Christmas Music and Carols (ticket prices to be confirmed) and there will be a retiring collection in Aid of Marie Curie.

At 15.30 – 18.00 there will be a short FREE concert for younger children

A FESTIVE Zumba Ladies Night will be held on Monday December 19 from 7.30-9.30 pm at the Amersham Community Centre (Drake Hall) Chiltern Avenue. Amersham.

Go along and see what the Zumba craze is all about. The evening will include two Zumba taster sessions, plus some great treatments, drinks and nibbles and a wide range of stalls for some last minute Christmas shopping. Plus a free glass of fizz and a mince pie on arrival. All for just £8 per ticket or £12 for 2 tickets.

For tickets and information, please contact Natalie Davis on 07787 254680 or email ndavis@chiltern.gov.uk

THE local group for National Trust members meets on the 2nd Friday of each month. They meet one month in Gerrards and the next month in Chalfont St Peter. For further information, contact 01494 872204.

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

THE Colours of Spain was the title of the concert given by four experienced singers most capably accompanied on the piano by Joseph Middleton. They were Julia Sporsen, soprano; Clara Mouriz, mezzo-soprano; Joshua Ellicott, tenor, and Marcus Farnsworth, baritone. Each could be said to be at the top of their profession and we were lucky to hear them in Beaconsfield.

All the songs described romantic aspects of Spain, set to music written by 19th century German and French composers -- although the first group was by Joaquin Turina, a Spaniard. These were most dramatically sung by Clara Mouriz.

Joshua Ellicott had a strong, clear voice, shown so softly in the Brahms dream and double forte in Der Hildago, the defiant lover, by Schumann. Further highlights were Marcus Farnsworth's cameo of the life of a Toreador, and his impersonation of a jolly smuggler. Julia Sporsen's soprano was shown to advantage in Ravel's coloratura study without words.

Duets and quartets followed after the interval and we felt reassured us that the art of lieder singing, though rarely performed, is vitally alive.

Beaconsfield High School pupils started what we hope will be a new tradition. On arrival we were played in by Emily Croft, (18), on saxophone accompanied by Alan Lewis, music master. After the interval, we were treated to Bach and Chopin by the gifted pianist Hannah Bennett (17).

Frances Chidell

GERRARDS Cross Lawn Tennis Club will be holding its next Neighbourhood Meeting on the Monday 16th January, starting at 8pm in the Clubhouse, Bull Lane.

CHALFONTS CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Tuesday

Twintastic

10:00-11:30

Chalfont St Peter Youth
Centre

NCMA Support Group

10:00-12:00

25/01, 22/02, 29/03

Chalfont St Peter Youth
Centre

Dinky Dancers

1:45-2:45

Chalfont St Peter Youth
Centre

Wednesday

Stay & Play

10:30-12:00

Chalfont St Peter Youth
Centre

Baby Clinic

2:00-3:00

1st & 3rd of month

The Guide Hall, School Lane,
Chalfont St Giles. HP8 4JJ

Thursday

Stories & Crafts

-Mobile Bus

10:30-11:30

Every Second Week

Starts 20th January

Blizzards Yard Car Park

Baby Clinic

9:30-11:00

Every week at Chalfont St
Peter Community Centre

Story Time

2:30-3:00

Chalfont St Giles Library

Baby Clinic

2:00-3:30

Chalfont & Gerrards Cross

Health Clinic Hampden Rd,

Chalfont St Peter.

SL9 9SA

Friday

Stay & Play-Mobile Bus

1:30-3:00

Starts 14th January

CSP Community Centre

Bounce & Rhyme

2:15-2:45

Chalfont St Peter Library

Saturday

Dadtastic

10:00-12:00

At: Waterside Children's

Centre,

470 Waterside,

Chesham. HP5 1QF

8/01, 5/02, 5/03

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THE Road Safety Team at Transport for Buckinghamshire is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a Prince Michael International Road Safety Commendation for the "Be a Better Biker" motorcycle scheme.

Prince Michael International Road Safety Awards and Commendations are presented throughout the year to individuals, companies or organisations in recognition of their outstanding contribution to improving road safety.

The campaign's main message is about the importance of taking further training by attending an assessment day.

Peter Hardy, Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport said: "The overwhelming demand for places on these courses has enabled more motorcyclists to stay safe on the roads and the endorsement from Prince Michael can only pay testament to its success."

As part of the assessment day, riders are taken out on the roads where motorcycle casualties have previously occurred. The 'Be a Better Biker' campaign, has promoted the benefits of post-test training, to ensure that a biker's riding capabilities best match those of their machine.

Since the courses began in 2004 there has been a significant drop in biker crashes on the roads of Buckinghamshire.

Part of the criteria for receiving the commendation was to demonstrate that the scheme has a good track record with a proven sustainable outcome.

From 2011 the campaign has grown to be Thames Valley wide with support and endorsement from the Thames Valley Police, Bucks Fire and Rescue and neighbouring local authorities. This means there are now assessment days in Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Berkshire.

The initiative has in past years been runner up in two national awards, The National Transport Awards and the Highways Magazine Excellence Awards.

A DIAMOND opportunity' to celebrate in 2012 got the full endorsement of Buckinghamshire County Council members. It came in response to Leader Martin Tett's landmark notice of motion calling on the council to make the most of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games for Buckinghamshire, a host authority, and to support community involvement in Games-inspired activities.

Landmark because it is the first time, Martin believed, that a motion had been proposed and seconded by members of two different political parties. Seconding was Liberal Democrat member Niknam Hussain, who said the Games and the Queen's Jubilee provided a once-in-a-lifetime diamond opportunity to celebrate. Martin said that with Dorney Lake, in the south of the county, hosting rowing, sprint-canoeing and adaptive rowing, and Buckinghamshire's pivotal role in the birth and development of the Paralympic Games from its origins at Stoke Mandeville, the county had a year of opportunity in 2012 to 'turn the corner on the gloom of 2011'.

A new officer team is developing a programme of activity, including a community celebration toolkit. 'This will make it really simple for people in every town and village to celebrate,' said Martin. And he urged Members to work with their communities to ensure 2012 was a year of celebration for Buckinghamshire.

A call echoed by Niknam Hussain, who urged Members to use their leaders' funds to help communities take advantage of the opportunity to mark the events. 'This isn't just a sporting event, but a cultural event and I urge Members of this council to take seriously their community leadership role,' he said.

Buckinghamshire will feature as part of the Olympic Torch Relay tour in July 2012, and will host the important Paralympic Torch Festival at Stoke Mandeville on August 28. These events form the centrepiece of a programme of community celebrations embracing the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June, and the Games throughout the summer.

Members voted unanimously to support the motion that:

This Council fully supports the efforts of Members, officers and partners to deliver the host authority commitments and to maximise the economic, social and sporting benefits for our communities associated with hosting of the Olympic & Paralympic Games.

Cabinet Members have recently considered findings of the recent Scrutiny Review "Is Buckinghamshire Ready?" which looked at the requirements for delivering the host authority commitments and arising opportunities. This Council urges all Members to support community involvement in Games inspired events and activities within their divisions.

THIS is a Community Message from Thames Valley Police Having received a number of calls regarding the introduction of the new 101 non-emergency number, hopefully the following information will provide answers to the frequently asked questions:

101 is a national single non-emergency number that all police forces are going to be using by 2012 and will replace the Thames Valley Police 0845 8 505 505 (non-emergency) number.

When is Thames Valley Police going live?

Thames Valley Police went live with 101 on 14 November 2011, alongside South Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Kent, Sussex, Humberside, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire.

When to call 101?

You should call 101 to report less urgent crime and disorder or to speak to your local officers.

For example, you should call 101 if:

your car has been stolen

your property has been damaged

you suspect drug use or dealing in your neighbourhood

Or to:

report a minor traffic collision

give the police information about crime in your area

speak to the police about a general enquiry

101 is being introduced as part of the Government's wider work to improve access to the police, ease pressure on 999, and help to efficiently and effectively tackle crime and disorder.

What is the difference between 101 and 999?

You should continue to call 999 when it is an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

How much will it cost the caller?

Calls to 101 (from both landlines and mobile networks) cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day the call is made, or the duration of the call. Everyone calling the police for non-emergency matters will now know exactly how much a call will cost them, and can be assured of equal access whether they are on a pay-as-you-go mobile or a home landline.

How does the routing of the call work?

The routing will be based on the same system as 999 calls which links a caller's dialling code to the police force that covers that geographic area. Calls from a landline will be routed to the nearest police force that covers the area's dialling code. If the caller is using a mobile, the call will be routed using the location of the mast that the phone is transmitting from.

If a call is made to 101 within a police force area that has not yet 'gone live', the caller will hear a recorded message telling them to redial using the relevant non-emergency number.

Who will answer my 101 call?

Calls to 101 are answered by police call handlers in the control room of the local police force. This ensures that staff with local knowledge can answer and deal with the calls and respond appropriately.

You will not be put through to a large national call centre. When you call 101, the system will determine your location and connect you to the police force covering that area. You will hear a recorded message announcing the police force you are being connected to. If you are on a boundary between two or more forces, the recorded message will give you a choice of which force to be connected to.

I am deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, can I call 101?

Yes, you can text/phone 18001 101.

What if English is not my first language?

Your local police have access to professional interpreters so they can quickly translate your call if you have difficulty speaking English.

What about reporting general nuisance or environmental issues?

You should continue to call your local council for things like:

reporting graffiti
dog fouling
abandoned vehicles
dumping and fly tipping
vandalism.

What should I do if the 101 number is currently blocked on the phone at my workplace / college / business premises?

As 101 is a new number, some business phone systems and switchboards may not yet be programmed to recognise 101. Please contact the person who administers your phone system to request that access is opened to the 101 number.

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