

Chalfont St Peter

Players

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THE HS2 public meeting will be held on Friday 1st July at 7.30pm in the main hall at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre, Gravel Hill. There will be 2 excellent speakers who will be able to give people the real facts and also advise on the best way to stop HS2 happening before the consultation deadline of 29th July. The forms for you to fill in will be there and advice on best options in doing this will also be available. Please attend, hear the relevant information and fill in a form, because the stronger the NO to HS2 vote, the more we may be listened to. **Consultation** forms also obtained by phoning 03003211010 before July 29th.

ANOTHER chance to hear more about HS2 is on Tuesday, July 19 at the VOPAG meeting at 10am in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. This is an open meeting for people of all ages and there will be a variety of speakers. Do bear in mind that July 29th is the closing date for HS2 consultation, so it is important to get the forms in before then. There will be forms available at the VOPAG meeting also

PIRATES! Eskimos! pith helmets! Frenchwomen with big bushy beards? come and follow Sir Henry Nearly and his sidekick Mortimer on their intrepid, exciting and nonsensical adventures. Watch how his wife and daughter make fools of everyone — including themselves and a dog ... and a mongoose? no, no mongoose here...oh do come along! you'd be awfully silly not to! Tally ho! **St Peter Players** are delighted to present some summer silliness!

Two tall tales comprises: 'Nearly up the pole' and 'Nearly all at sea' – the adventures of Sir Henry Nearly, his family and companions. The audience are invited to bring snacks/supper — drinks are available from the bar. Bring your friends and family to a rollicking good evening of entertainment at very reasonable prices — just £10 (£8 concessions). tally ho! The photo above shows some of the cast - John Sharp as Henry, Cassie Sharp as Henrietta, Georgina KingKling as Aurora and Haydn Davis as Mortimer.....some names you may recognise are also in the cast.....John Draper....Wendy Graham....Brenda Snuggs....Tina Barclay...Sue Doman... Graham Caesar-Gordon....and there's even live accordion music from Ian People. This will be in the CSP Community Centre from **July 14-16 at 8pm**. Box Office 07928161419.

COUNCIL issues warning over council tax refund scam.

Over the last few days Chiltern District Council has been contacted by residents who have received telephone calls informing them that the Government has arranged refunds of council tax of £7,000 for a limited number of people. The caller reads out their name, bank account number, and address. They then ask for the person's debit card details so they can arrange payment.

There is no such Government scheme, this is a scam.

If you are contacted about a council tax refund please be careful about what information you give over the telephone. If you are unsure, hang up and call our revenues team on 01494 732074.

If you are entitled to a council tax refund, the council will send you a letter showing how much you are owed and will then send you a refund using information we already hold.

BUCKS Open Studios – **Simpatico** is a group of locally based artists who paint in a variety of mediums and styles. From Still life to Abstract, there is something to suit every taste. They paint together on a regular basis, whether in Amersham, or the serene beauty of Mull, or the warm, sun-drenched countryside of southern France and Italy. **Simpatico** - until 3rd July is at St Michael and All Angels Parish Church, Sycamore Road, Amersham HP6 5DR Viewing times: Monday – Saturday – 9am – 6pm - Sunday, 12noon – 6pm. You can view a selection of their paintings on www.cegalart.com

IF you are like quite a few drivers in Chalfont St Peter, who decide to use the bus to go to Gerrards Cross, Uxbridge or Beaconsfield, to name but a few destinations, it is important to note that there is likely to be a new timetable for the A30 and the 305 buses, but it is not yet published. Look out on the bus stop timetables to make sure you are not caught out by the change

THE BUCKS Community Foundation outreach officer, Beverly Trevitt, will be based at King George V House, King George V Road, Amersham on Thursday 7th July and then every first Thursday of each month from Thursday 8th September. Beverly will be available to give "One to One" funding advice about the range of grants available from the Foundation to community groups but **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** Please telephone Beverly to make an appointment on 01296 330134 or 07595 839 066 www.buckscf.org.uk

A NEW clinic has fortuitously opened in the village High Street, as we have lost Only Natural, which closed in the precinct recently. Owner of Bodyworks, Peter Clark, gives us a summary of what is on offer.

Bodyworks Clinic is a unique multi-therapy clinic where the focus is to make your mind and body work for you. We are excited to have recently relocated to Chalfont St Peter and are looking forward to meeting some new faces. We specialise in providing a personalised service for all your health and well-being requirements under one roof in a relaxed professional environment.

Osteopathy is provided by Principal Osteopath and owner **Peter Clark** and **Felicity Duke**. As Osteopaths we focus on the importance of body mechanics, and use soft and deep tissue manipulative and neuromuscular techniques to detect and correct, faulty structure and function. As well as treating many conditions like back, neck and limb pain, Peter also specialises in the treatment of Frozen shoulders and is also a Pilates and Core stability instructor.

Podiatry is provided by **Serena Naidoo** and **Matt Peirce** Our Podiatrists specialise in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and other disorders of the feet. Podiatry aims to improve the mobility, independence and quality of life for people by providing preventative care, diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of problems affecting the feet, ankles and lower limb.

Well being treatments We have a selection of indulgent and relaxing treatments available at Bodyworks.

Liz Hogan is our sports and remedial masseuse who also offers aromatherapy massage, Indian head massage and Payot Facials.

We also have another therapist, **Karen Reed**, who is able to provide Therapeutic massage, Hot stone massage, Reflexology, Indian head massage, Ayurvedic facials, Reiki and Pedicures.

Mental and Emotional strength and support We are fortunate to have a number of highly trained professionals at Bodyworks.

John Dyter is a Personal development Coach where the main aim is to focus on specific areas of your life in which you want to increase your satisfaction. John specialises in work life balance and stress management.

Author and **Clinical Psychologist Cheryl Rezek** provides insight into life experiences that may be interfering with the state of well-being. She is able to work together with an individual or groups to find a healthy resolution.

Counselling is being offered by **Sally Woosnam** and **Jackie Spooner** for Adults, Children, and Young People, Couples and Families. Counselling can help you see things from a different perspective and allow you to explore problems that are causing you difficulty.

Hypnotherapy will be provided by **Al Mayfield** whose speciality is helping people to stop smoking.

Cosmetic Treatments Harley street dentist **Victoria Jones** has recently joined the team at Bodyworks and will be providing Wrinkle reduction treatments, Dermal fillers and teeth whitening. For more information or to book an appointment Call **01753 893555** or visit www.bodyworks-clinic.co.uk There are more exciting therapies coming soon so keep checking the website.

CHALFONT St Peter W.I. meets next on July 13 with Hearing Dogs for the Deaf as the presentation at 2.15pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane.

THE meeting of the Chalfont St Peter Garden Club is July 20 at 8pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane, when John Paulding will talk about Preparing flowers and pot plants for show. Don't forget that the Garden Club's **Annual Show** will be on Saturday, 20th August in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre 2 – 4pm. Always a super occasion.

GERRARDS Cross Flower Club meets on Wednesday 20th July in the Colston Hall of the Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre at 2pm. Presentation is by Gill McGregor - "Summer Sensations".

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 AGM of the Village Appraisal Groups took place on Wednesday, 11th May in the Parish Council

Offices. Cllr. Linda Smith and Cllr. Isobel Darby were re-elected as Chairman and Treasurer respectively and Nick Stayt, the Deputy Parish Clerk, as Secretary for the coming year. Accounts for 2010/2011 were approved.

The Chairman reported that "The Big Society" has been part of Chalfont St. Peter for almost 9 years following a public meeting when volunteers came forward to form our various groups. She thanked Parish, District and County Council for their help, advice and financial assistance which has helped our groups to bring some of their ideas to fruition. Other grants have been awarded to our groups from outside sources. All groups will be looking to review their action plans.

Finally she thanked all our volunteer leaders and members of the groups for their continued enthusiastic support. She also thanked Tony Eves, the project manager for the Church Lane project, who has spent many hours liaising with all three Councils, applying for grants, meeting with the Church, School, Doctors, Adams chemist and residents and Bucks Highways to develop this exciting project which will enhance our village.

Reports from Groups:

Avtar Hunter Singh spoke for the Youth Centre which continues to make a positive contribution to community cohesion in Chalfont St. Peter. An average of 180 young people attend each week and over 400 making use of the centre over the past year. They have over 50 volunteers and 14 young people between 13 and 15 are now junior leaders. The centre has recently achieved the AQYP bronze award, a quality kite mark accredited by City & Guilds – the only youth centre in the country outside London to hold this award.

Sandy Warren spoke for the Heritage group which now has a number of new volunteer members looking at living history, research and archiving. New exhibits for the Parish offices and the website are almost complete. This year they organised St. George's Day celebrations for the village, supported by the Village Association (flags), Chamber (window dressing competition), guides (face painting), St. Peter's Church (stained glass window), Open Air Museum (knights). Dragon stories were read to children in the library and the Town Crier of Beaconsfield climbed the Church tower to announce the celebrations.

Bob Older spoke for the River Misbourne group. Over the past year they have held 10 weekend working parties with an average turnout of 16, together with several clearings by the weekday team.

The river is in good condition and we have had a reasonable flow since mid February despite low rainfall. The proposal for lining two selected sections upstream of Chalfont St. Giles is moving forward and the first lottery application is being finalised for submission early June.

Tony Eves reported for the Environment Group whose main project over the past year has been the improvements to Church Lane, landscaping the car park and new paths into Mill Meadow. An application for funding to Seeda has been successful, together with grants from Parish, District and County Council. One section has already been started as Bucks County Council had to spend their allocated grant by 31.03.2010.

Mike McDonald reported for Vopag who have been working to improve attendance and awareness amongst the local community. Meetings have been held with speakers on topics including health, waste disposal, law & the elderly and NHS reforms. On this last issue the group has offered their involvement in the GP consortia as this will have an impact on the local hospital. Other activities include a regular pub lunch, a session to encourage the elderly to use the internet and a theatre visit to Aylesbury.

Ian Corbett of the Traffic & Transport group reported on an active year. The Bucks County Council consultant had carried out a speeding review and changes to the bus service had resulted in a reduction in Saturday services. The bad winter weather had caused many potholes which they have reported to Bucks CC. An issue which had come to the fore was parking in Lower Road and the resultant congestion. The group is also involved in the opposition to the HS2 scheme.

Stephanie Summerell of Change4Chalfont reported that the group had been set up 18 months previously to raise awareness of climate change locally and to act to try to reverse it. To raise awareness they had arranged film nights and speakers on subjects such as "greening your home".

A community orchard had been planted at Cheena Meadow with plans for another. Future plans also included a campaign to forego plastic bags, a facebook site, a local campaign against HS2 and to apply for charitable status.

The Chairman then introduced Cllr. Martin Tett to report on HS2. He spoke about the background to the project, the cost, the 4 areas the government was pushing as the benefits (economy, environment, no alternative and the north/south divide) and the arguments being put forward against these 4 areas. He spoke about the 51M consortium (so called because 51 million will be the cost to every parliamentary constituency in the country) which has been formed from Councils in the country who have put money into a fighting fund. A Transport Select Committee investigation starts on May 16th and the group will present evidence. Martin urged all present to reply to the questionnaire by the 29th July, to write to our MP and to urge friends and family throughout the country to do the same.

CAREERS SPRINGBOARD 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**

New members are always welcome – Membership is FREE

July 4 Why did you not get the job ? Why is your CV not getting you the interviews.....from the employer's perspective. How can you turn things around ?

Speaker : Pat Hartwell (Consultant)

July 11 IT & LinkedIn to support your job search

Using job/websites and enhancing your Internet job search awareness.

Guest Speaker : Jon Davey / Mark White (www.socialmediadirectors.co.uk)
(www.businessinberkshire.co.uk)

July 18 Getting alongside the recruitment consultant

How they operate, preferred methods of approach, which consultants are appropriate for you, developing a network of search consultancies.

Guest Speaker : Neil Sampson (Company Director & Committee Member of Bucks Institute of Directors)

July 25 Question & Answer Forum + Action Planning for the summer break

ST JOSEPH'S Furniture Market in June Donated £500 to CSP Girl Guides, £400 to Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, and £300 each to Myeloma UK (bone cancer and SE Bucks Crossroads (Caring for Carers)s open every Saturday from 9am-12.30pm in the market store behind the church, entrance in Priory Way, off Austenwood Lane. Car parking in the Church car park. Contact: furnituremarket@hotmail.com to donate good quality used furniture to this charity.

DARREN HOWARD owns Shetland Ponies and is looking for grazing land in the local area. Any size plot, short or long rental, anything considered. Please contact, Darren Howard -07946 153276 -01753 889667

COUNTY to work with Citizens' Advice Bureau to deliver equalities service

Buckinghamshire County Council took a step towards achieving its goal of ensuring that any resident who is suffering disadvantage or discrimination because of their race, gender, disability, or other protected characteristic as set out in the Equality Act 2010, can get relevant and appropriate information, advice and guidance locally.

The Cabinet agreed to work in partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Consortium to provide these services.

This follows the decision by the Bucks Equality Consortium (BEC) not to accept a three year offer from Buckinghamshire County Council, Wycombe and Aylesbury Vale District Councils to deliver services. The liabilities and costs which arise from Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment (TUPE) Regulations 2006 have meant that attempts to provide these broader based advice services through tendering, partnership working and grant funding options have been unsuccessful. Therefore, the Cabinet agreed to:

1. From 1 September 2011 cease the funding to the Aylesbury Vale Equalities & Human Rights Council, Wycombe Race Equality Council and the Chiltern Race Equality Council.
2. Transfer staff agreed as protected under TUPE into the Council's employ with effect from 1 Sept. 2011.
3. Work in partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Consortium to provide services in the short term and develop a longer term proposal to meet the needs of residents.

Martin Phillips, Cabinet Member lead, said: "The Equalities agenda has changed substantially over recent years and this, combined with reducing budgets, requires new and innovative ways of working if we are to ensure that there is equitable provision across the county. Our focus has always been on securing the best possible services for all of the residents of Buckinghamshire."

GERRARDS Cross Lawn Tennis Club will be holding Neighbourhood Meetings on the following dates: Monday 18th July, and Monday 17th October Starting at 8pm in the Clubhouse, Bull Lane.

THE Chalfonts and Gerrards Cross Camera Club offer congratulations to the winner, Dominic Hughes, for his stunning cat portrait in an Open Subject Photo Competition, run by the Camera Club at the Community Centre Summer Fair on Saturday, 18 June 2011.

The Competition Judge, Mr Terry Coffey, commented on a good and varied selection of entries and offered his thanks to all who contributed. The field was eventually reduced to two pictures that were so very different in subject, style and format. In the end the final decision remained subjective being based upon personal appeal and what elicits the greatest emotional response. He particularly commended an excellent entry by the youngest entrant at 12 years. We are not at liberty to reveal the age of the oldest entrant but all are welcome at future Thursday evening camera club meetings.

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