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FEAST DAY is Saturday 25th June and, as usual, there will be a host of activities and entertainment of both music and action. Check out the list of stalls and presentations and decide on your programme for the day.

The main feature of the day's activities will be series of medieval re-enactments by Black Knight Historical including dance and music, archery (see above) and a fighting display.. During the day, some one hundred stalls will be operating and a full programme will be taking place on the stage and in the arena. Local schools will be presenting gymnastics and dancing displays and there will be performances by David Meacock, Trapdoor Drama, Urban Pulse, gerrards Cross Rock Choir and others. Vintage cars, Punch and Judy and a funfair will also be present.

Top Rolling Stones tribute band, the Rollin Stoned, will headline the evening concert. In addition, top Thin Lizzy tribute band Pheel Lizzy will be supporting.

Sponsorship and advertising packages are still available, as are stalls. Around 60% of pitches have currently been sold for what will undoubtedly be the local event of the year. Around 6,000 people attended in 2010 and, given similar good weather, the organisers are hoping for at least a similar number this time.

While the entire day's activities are free to attend, it is hoped that visitors will be generous in donating money and local charities will benefit from profits made. More information on Feast Day can be found at www.feastofstpeter.org.uk or by following on Twiotter@FeastOfStPeter

AN Invitation to come Foraging. Join a morning or evening walk to collect elderflower and learn how to make delicious organic elderflower cordial. Change 4Chalfont plans to gather elderflower from our local hedgerows on a short flat walk of about 40 minutes and then show you how to make them into cordial. This is on **Thursday 2nd June at 6pm or Tuesday 7th June at 10.30am.** Meet in St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church car park in Austenwood Lane. Bring a bag and some scissors or secateurs. Free of charge, but we ask for a donation of one of the bottles of cordial you make to serve at Feast Day on 25th June. Dogs and children welcome. Recipes will be provided. More information: Stephanie 01753 279855

CHANGE4CHALFONT Film Screening in Chalfont St Peter - 'The Economics of Happiness' (67 mins) Friday 3rd June at 8pm in the Parish Church Hall, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter

What makes us happy? Does material wealth = well-being? Economic globalisation has led to a massive expansion in the scale and power of big business and banking. It has also worsened nearly every problem we face: financial instability and unemployment; climate chaos and species extinction; fundamentalism and ethnic conflict. On a personal level it has led to life becoming increasingly stressful. The majority of us have less time for friends and family and face mounting pressures at work.

This newly released film prompts us to rethink our economic structure. Featuring interviews with thinkers and activists from every continent, it tells us that climate change and fossil fuel depletion give us little choice: we need to localise. The good news is that doing so will not only reduce our impact on the planet but also restore our own sense of well-being. So can going local solve global crises? Could creating more democratic, ecological and local economies actually make for a better future? Presented and funded by Change4Chalfont, a group of local residents who aim to work with their community by helping to reduce our impact on climate change and our dependence on fossil fuels. Wine, coffee, tea, savouries and home-made cake will be served. **Please consider donating what you can afford to help us cover our expenses.**

For more information, please contact robin_summerell@yahoo.co.uk or visit our website: www.change4chalfont.org.uk

TWO evening talks and small group discussions focused on the Ascension and Pentecost will be held at St

Joseph's Church, Austenwood Lane, SL9 8RY. On June 9th – He Ascended into Heaven- with a Guest speaker and on June 16th, The Church is Born – the World is Changed – Speaker – Charles Whitehead. The evenings are open to all. Contact St Joseph's Parish Office 01753 886581 for more info, or just go along.

THE Chiltern Shakespeare Company is performing The Winter's Tale in the beautiful grounds of Hall Barn, Beaconsfield on 8 - 11 June and 15 - 18 June in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Booking forms are available in Chalfont St Peter at the Library; Budgens; Only Natural; Crumbs Coffee Shop.

BUS timetables have changed. The 353 Amersham to Slough service changed on 15th May. The main change to this service is the frequency which is 2 hourly on Saturdays instead of hourly as before. The 335 Chalfont Common to Slough service has also some minor changes and the 305 Beaconsfield to Uxbridge may have changes from July. The A30 Heathrow to Chesham service is still unchanged thank goodness. It is such a useful service, though the advantage to Chalfont St Peter residents is that all the above buses go the Gerrards Cross and one only has to look on the timetable on each bus stop to plan the trip to GX and back. It is a great way of saving petrol and also saving pollution.

CHALFONT St Peter Garden Club's next meeting is on Wednesday, 15th June, in the Church Hall, Church Lane, starting 8pm. The speaker will be Brian Fisher on the subject of Bulbs, Corms, tubers. Visitors welcome

GERRARDS CROSS Flower Club meets next on Wednesday, 29th June, 2.00pm in the Colston Hall, The Memorial Centre, East Common, Gerrards Cross. Speaker is Pat Dibben on Deja Vu and the competition is Swirls and Curls.

CAREERS Springboard "2011 – this year is their anniversary celebrating 20 years of service to the community". This group is the Chilterns, South Bucks & Wycombe Self-Help Group for Managers & Professionals actively seeking work. Meets at 7.30pm on Mondays at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, 12 Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 7QE – Membership is free.
www.careersspringboard.info

June 6 Interview Preparation - Thorough preparation is the key to a successful interview. Speaker : John Pope

June 13 Networking + Tell Me About Yourself ! Making contacts – the essential ingredient to job search. Speaker: Stephen Ostercamp

June 20 Handling the Interview Itself - Focussing on what happens during the interview and how to handle tough interview questions. Speaker: Rosie Miller & Sarah Kirkpatrick

June 27 Networking in Action - Polishing your telephone networking skills in live practice sessions.

MAUREEN Marsh has been busy preparing fresh watercolours to have on her stand at Feast Day. Many of the paintings have a local flavour and these have been reproduced as greetings cards also. Several other pieces were painted on holidays around the country, so there should be lots to choose from.

LOCAL Art Competition combining climate change with creativity, Change4Chalfont is calling all artists, of all ages, who live, work or go to school in Chalfont St Peter!

A local community-led organisation that aims to reduce Chalfont St Peter's carbon emissions and plan for a future that is less dependent on fossil fuel energy, Change4Chalfont is organising an art competition for the entire Chalfont St Peter community. There are four categories for entries, from Early Years to adults – so this is truly open to everyone! If you want to know how to enter and what the fabulous prizes are, have a look on Change4Chalfont's website at www.change4chalfont.org.uk. The closing date for entries is 24 June 2011, and entries should be on one of the following themes,

- **My World – My Responsibility**
- **The Power of the Sun**
- **My Vision: Chalfont St Peter in 2030**

The entries of the Winners and those judged Highly Commended will be exhibited to the general public at Chalfont St Peter (C of E) Academy from 7 to 10 July, as part of a wider art exhibition that the school is hosting.

HS2 Railway reminder. Consultation forms can be obtained by phoning 03003211010. Closing date July 29th.

CELEBRATE Pentecost at Gerrards Cross Methodist Church, Oak End Way, on Sunday **12th June** at 10-30am. The preacher will be the Rev Nigel Coke-Woods and the singing and musical items will be lead by "Beaconsfield Brass Ensemble" under the direction of Phil Pickering of Gerrards Cross. Everyone will be made most welcome. Refreshments will be available at the end of the service.

MEN's Sunday at Gerrards Cross Methodist Church will be held on Sunday **19th June** at 10-30am. The guest preacher will be the Rev Tim Woolley of Northampton, who is the District Director of Mission. The service will also include musical items by the Gerrards Cross Methodist Church Men's

Choir. A warm welcome is assured for everyone."

ON Saturday 25th June Buckinghamshire will be showing its support to the Armed Forces based in the county and beyond. Armed Forces Day, a national day of celebration, gives the chance to express thanks to Veterans, Regulars, Reserves, Cadets, War Widows, and their families. Buckinghamshire County Council, along with partners, will be hosting a family fun day with an evening concert. The event takes place at Aylesbury Rugby Club, 11am until 11pm and the Armed Forces and the general public are invited to an entertainment packed day.

Buoyed by their Eurovision ovation, chart-topping band Blue left Dusseldorf with Buckinghamshire's Armed Forces Day celebrations firmly in their minds. Blue, who will top the bill in a 20-strong line-up of bands and performers at the event, are expected to perform "I Can", the Eurovision number that reaped them their respectable 100 points.

The band's Duncan James told Mix 96 radio presenter Danny Cox in an exclusive interview that Buckinghamshire's Armed Forces Day was high on their agenda. 'We can't wait!' said Duncan. 'We're going to be doing four or five tracks, and we just can't wait to come out there to see you guys, and we hope everyone will come and support the day. It's a great day.' And Blue are no exception. Singer Lee Ryan said: 'We want to support the lads out there. It's an amazing thing to be asked to do something like this and hopefully the crowd will enjoy being there to support them.'

The arena and day stage will feature acts such as...The Wycombe Male Orpheus Choir, Fiona Harrison 'A Voice in a Million' and The Melton Mowbray Toy Soldier band.

The evening stage will feature the headline act Blue, as well as up and coming bands Two Spot Gobi and GoGoBot will perform alongside Gemma Aguilar, finalist of Open Mic UK 2009 and locals bands LeCarla, The Outcast band will be on stage.

The live tent will feature...Live cookery demonstrations with a celebrity chef, BBC's Lynne Davies from Dog Borstal offering a Question & Answer session and a magician.

The afternoon will also feature an Air Display with flyovers from a Battle of Britain Spitfire and a Hurricane amongst others.

Broadcaster Sir Terry Wogan, a Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, who has given his support to Blue's appearance, said: 'It's an opportunity for all of us to show our appreciation of the immense contribution our soldiers, airmen and sailors have made to preserving the country's freedom, and our way of life.'

Local bands and performers so far lined up to perform during the day include:

Cooped Up jazz band, Wycombe Orpheus Choir, Wycombe Steel Orchestra, RAF Halton Pipes and Drums Band, Milton Keynes Pipe Band, Winslow Concert Band.

For more information call 0845 3708090 or email customerservices@buckscc.gov.uk

A family of four can enjoy Armed Forces Day for only a tenner: public admission is just £4 for adults and £1 for children. Tickets are available by calling 0844 871 7607, or online at www.ambassadortickets.com/armedforcesday or at Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury. Admission for armed forces personnel and their families is free.



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 - 18th June to 3rd July 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

Painting by Cecile Gallina

IN MAY St Joseph's Furniture Market donated to the following local charities: £350 to The Stroke Association, £350 to Macmillan Cancer Support and £400 to Helen and Douglas House.

The Furniture Market is 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.

VOPAG meets on Thursday, 16th June in the Community Centre – 10am for 10.30. This group is for the over 55s and offers both information and good companionship. Many interesting topics are introduced to keep people abreast of what is happening in the area. There are also opportunities for activities that might be worth taking up.

THIS is a Community Message from Amersham Watch Office on Tuesday, 31 May 2011. There are a couple of hoax emails doing the rounds at the moment to be aware of.

Outline

Email, purporting to be from the UK's HM Revenue & Customs, claims that the recipient has paid too much income tax and should follow a link to arrange a refund.

Brief Analysis

The email is not from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC). The message is a phishing scam designed to steal personal and financial information from recipients. The link in the email opens a bogus website designed to resemble the genuine HMRC website.

HMRC will never send tax refund notifications via email. Nor will it ask taxpayers to disclose personal or financial information by following a link or opening an attachment in an unsolicited email.

Outline

Email, purporting to be from Hotmail, claims that, due to several unsuccessful login attempts, the recipient's Hotmail account will be deactivated within 24 hours unless he or she logs in via an "activation link".

Brief Analysis

The message is not from Hotmail. The email is a phishing scam designed to steal login details from Hotmail account holders.

Those who fall for the ruse and follow the link in the message will be taken to a fraudulent website and asked to enter their username and password.

There are a couple of useful websites where you can check out if the emails are genuine or not.

<http://www.hoax-slayer.com>

<http://www.snopes.com>

If you have any doubts, delete the e-mail.

ADULT Learning are offering the chance to try something new or even take on a new challenge as part of Adult Learners Week. From 14 - 20 May free taster sessions ranging from yoga to Spanish and beauty care to DIY will be available at the main adult learning centres across the county, at Amersham, Winslow, Evreham and Beaconsfield.

This celebration of learning aims to showcase the diverse range of opportunities available to inspire people to give something new a try, whether for fun or leading to a formal qualification. Creative exhibitions of learners' outstanding art and craft work will be on display at the main adult learning centres for people to view throughout the week.

Patricia Birchley, Cabinet Member for Adults and Family Wellbeing, said: "These courses are about providing a stimulating hobby or new challenge, but they can also be powerful tools for change. One of our learners started a computer course, with the aim of keeping up with her son's IT ability, having had no prior experience with computers at all and feeling very nervous.

"Through the efforts of her tutor, the learner not only discovered a love of computers but found her newly-acquired skills enabled her to start a new career path as well giving her motivation to study further. She says attending the course has transformed her life.

"Try a taster session and see where it will take you."

For more information on free sessions and to book your place contact the Adult Learning Team on 0845 045 40 40, email studentenquiries@buckscc.gov.uk or go online to see the range of free taster sessions at www.adultlearningbcc.ac.uk.

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>

YOUTH clubs and other activities in Buckinghamshire are poised to join the Big Society, if recommendations going before the County's Cabinet are agreed.

Cabinet is being asked to endorse provision of universal youth services to the voluntary sector and local communities, and agree to providing 25-year leases at peppercorn rents to 15 youth projects operating

in council-owned premises.

If agreed, this move will provide the security of tenure community-led youth projects will need in the future to apply for external funding.

The County's Youth Service provides targeted and specialist youth services, while what is known as universal youth services - clubs and other activities open to all young people - will be run by volunteers and local communities, with support from Buckinghamshire County Council during a transition period while newly-formed committees find their feet.

Feedback from last autumn's Bucks Debate, a wide-reaching public consultation process, identified youth clubs and activities as among the five top things people felt local communities could help provide, and further consultation with existing voluntary management committees supported this. Given appropriate support and guidance with obtaining funding, training and advice, the management committees felt they would be able to maintain youth projects, at a time when council budgets are coming under increasing pressures.

Steven Adams, Buckinghamshire's Cabinet Member for Education, said: "This is an exciting time for youth services, which offer so much to our young people. Councils all over the country are having to find different ways to stretch their money, and it just goes to show where there's a will to maintain these projects, there's a way. I have every confidence youth clubs in this county will go from strength to strength with the central service offering specialist provision while volunteers, with our initial support, supply that wider demand." BCC's Youth Service will continue to work with young people through outdoor education and adventure activities, accredited schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh and Arts Award schemes, counselling, information and support, mentoring, youth councils, apprenticeships and youth work training.

THE latest NHS reform proposals provide a once in a generation opportunity to develop better, more integrated health outcomes for local residents. That's the view of Patricia Birchley, Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing.

The proposals, which are set out in the Government's Health and Social Care Bill, have been the subject of intense debate during the recent temporary pause in the passage of the Bill and the associated 'listening exercise'.

Cllr Birchley said: "We all know how important it is that this Bill is fit for purpose and I hope that this period of reflection has helped galvanise thinking around how the reforms can best address the need for a truly integrated approach to health and social care delivery, where the focus is firmly on improving health outcomes through locally made solutions.

"The reforms present us with the opportunity to more fully integrate the work and services provided by health, public health and social care, and this must be a good thing both in terms of improving services and delivering value for money. I am convinced that new legislation is vital to make sure this chance is not wasted, and that decades of council experience and expertise in public health and social care, which we can bring to the table, is not ignored.

Cllr Birchley continued: "Buckinghamshire County Council has supported the proposals contained in the Health and Social Care Bill, particularly those that increase local accountability and involvement including the establishment of Health and Wellbeing Boards. I acknowledge that GPs, the NHS and local councils have been doing a great job, but like any area, improvements can be made.

"Locally, we are already working in partnership and building important links with Health colleagues, particularly the three GP Collaboratives across Buckinghamshire. This work is important and we will be developing a new and locally devised model that is suitable for Buckinghamshire, and not a one-size-fits-all top-down approach. Our new Health and Wellbeing Board has recently held its inaugural meeting, and we are building knowledge and understanding around local commissioning arrangements so, in the future, we can co-ordinate public money in health and wellbeing to optimum effect.

"Whatever the final shape of the Bill, it is clear that in future all parts of the public sector will need to work together more closely across the whole spectrum of health and wellbeing. I also look forward to the power and strength of local accountability being firmly and fully acknowledged in the final legislation."

For more information

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