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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice – March 2015 elainequigley@sky.com

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BE CAREFUL. IN the last week there were 7 reported thefts from vehicles in the Chalfont St Peter area. All of these vehicles had been left unlocked. Items stolen included a wallet and smaller items including phone chargers. The Chalfont Neighbourhood Policing Team conducted crime prevention visits on 2 roads in the Chalfont St Peter area today and alarmingly discovered over 7 vehicles left unlocked with valuables inside. Please can we remind residents to ensure their vehicles are left secure and all valuables removed when the vehicle is left unoccupied. It takes seconds for a thief to remove items that you need!

MISBOURNE Art Society meets in Chalfont St Peter Community Centre at 2.15pm on the first Saturday of every month. On **7th March**, Susan Gray will deal with Seascapes and Headlands, Acrylics and Oils. www.susan-gray.co.uk
Visitors welcome for a small fee.

WELCOME to Change4Chalfont's Green Drinks!

Change4Chalfont's next meeting is on Monday **9 March at 8pm** at the Village Hall Pub, Gold Hill Common.

Come to get an update on our plans for this year - a nut grove, a village cycle ride and much more....

We look forward to seeing you there. Change4Chalfont www.change4chalfont.org.uk

Follow us on Facebook here <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Change4Chalfont/114470701916637> .

SHOC Annual Quiz Night (in aid of the homeless) takes place on **Saturday 7th March** at St Andrew's Hall, Stoke Pogges. Tickets £12 including a light supper. Tables of 8. To book a table, email alanmadgeslough@aol.com.

DUNCAN WELLS, who is the chairman of a local residents association, is also a keen sailor and a trainer for those who want to learn to handle a boat. His book on boats and sailing, "Stress Free Sailing - Single & Short Handed Techniques" will be launched at the Gerrards Cross Bookshop 12a Packhorse Road, SL9 7QE, with a book-signing, on **14th March from 11am to 1pm**. You can read a few pages here - <http://westviewsailing.co.uk/stress-free/> He has had an incredible escape from a potentially fatal accident and, as a result, has been very aware of medical difficulties and so has contributed generously to local causes.

Duncan Wells RYA Instructor - 01753 890555 Principal www.westviewsailing.co.uk <http://westviewsailing.co.uk/>

JENNI SHAFE, an RNLI **committee member**, and 2 friends, have decided to attempt the 'Tube Challenge' again having been beaten so cruelly to the last station 18 months ago! She says "this is no easy challenge, it is an extremely long day and very, very tiring, why we have decided to throw ourselves into this challenge I do wonder. All in the name of charity we will be telling ourselves as we set off at 5.15am on the first train out of Chesham.

The RNLI is a cause close to all our hearts as no one never knows when they may need their help, may it be in the River Thames or a swim whilst on holiday, the men and women do a sterling job keeping our waterways a much safer place, from a lifeguard on the beach to a full size lifeboat.

Newlyn, in Cornwall, has had the Penlee lifeboat for many years. Its Station House however is too small and too old. It is going to cost a fortune to replace, which is why it would be amazing if you could find a little something to sponsor us with, however small it all adds up!

Britain's 4th Emergency service relies on donations to function. We all may need their help at some point in our lives. Many thanks for taking the time to read this email .The link below takes you to our fundraising page.

www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/safeguardingtheTubes



CHAFONT ST PETER WI meets in the Church Hall, Church Lane at 2pm on Wednesday 11th March to hear 'Tales from the Kitchen from Dru Ellis.

ON 27 February 2015 a resident of Chalfont St Peter (off Stanley Avenue) was scammed by someone purporting to be working on behalf of Thames Water. They stated if the victim didn't pay a large sum of money they would be without water over the weekend and their house may be at risk of filling with sewerage. Further distraction was added due to the victim receiving a phone call from someone claiming to work on behalf of Thames Water. The victim paid the large sum of money. The money was collected by a white male, 5'8"-5'9", 18-20yrs, average build, very polite with English accent at approximately 1715hrs and someone may have been waiting close by in a white van.

If you saw or heard anything suspicious in the area please contact PC 3687 Iain Torbet, Taplow Local CID via the **Thames Valley Police non-emergency number, 101 and quote crime reference 43150057207.**

- If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it! Check the identity of the caller by calling the company they are purporting to be from ie. Gas, Electricity, Water or Police. Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider. ***Do not use*** any telephone numbers provided by the caller, they may be ***bogus***.
- Telephone a neighbour or friend nearby to come along and check out the caller before you open the door to them.
- Some areas in the country have Neighbourhood Watch or Nominated Neighbour Schemes you can sign up to. Check with your local police Safer Neighbourhood Team to find out if there is one in your area.
- Many utility service providers like Gas Electricity and Water, provide password schemes or hotline numbers for customers to call, to check the identity of callers before opening the door. Speak to your utility provider.
- Don't keep large quantities of cash at home; put it in the bank or post office where it is safe.
- Keep doors locked and windows secure at all times. Only put the door chain on to answer the door.
- If somebody asks for your help, needs to make a telephone call, has lost a ball in your garden, needs a drink or request a pen and paper for example, refer them to a younger neighbour or assist them through a closed door. Or call a friend or neighbour to come and assist.
- If you suspect a bogus caller has visited you, even if you didn't let them in, call the police straight away. We need to know!

VOPAG (Village Older Persons Action Group) meets next in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre on **Tuesday, March 17th** at 10am for coffee and the meeting starts at 10.30. The talk will be Consumer Protection and Trading Standards, given by David Pickering, from Bucks County Council. This group provides an authoritative voice to take up issues with people who can do something about them. It's also a great way to meet up with others to share news and views and to listen to interesting speakers.

ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET: At their last meeting the Committee donated: £500 each to Thames Hospice Care, McMillan Cancer Support, St John Ambulance South Bucks, Kidney Research UK. The Market is open each Saturday from 9am to 12.30pm in the market store behind the church and the hall. Entry off Priory Road and parking is in the church car park. If you have any furniture in good condition that you no longer need and would be happy to donate it to this charity, you can contact furnituremarket@hotmail.co.uk In order to carry on helping the charities they are always in need of volunteers on a rota basis for evening collection and Saturday trading.



Alzheimer's Bee-Friending Scheme

There are many people with dementia in Bucks who are living alone and feeling isolated. Some of them are housebound and spend most of the week not seeing anyone. Reliable, caring volunteers are needed, who would be interested in providing companionship to a person with dementia in their home or out and about. If you get on well with people and like a good chat you may really enjoy being a volunteer befriender. It is very rewarding and an hour of your time each week can make a real difference to someone's life. Volunteers throughout Bucks are being sought. Good communication skills and empathy are essential. All volunteers will be offered training and out of pocket expenses. Details from Joy Johns. 01895 837545, e mail joy@voluntaryaction.org.

CHALFONT ST PETER Garden Club has its next meeting on Wednesday 18th March, 7.45 for 8pm, the AGM. Followed by “Ever Dreamt About Being an Author” by Chris Behan. Chris Behan was born on the Wirral, educated at Wirral Grammar School and the University of Liverpool where he obtained a degree in Electrical Engineering. He is now retired after a very successful career in engineering and executive recruitment internationally. A Freeman of the city of London and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International, his hobbies include photography and producing an annual film for his rotary club, the Rotary Club of Haddenham and District. Visitors pay a small entrance fee

HEDGERLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, on **Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 8pm**, Keith Parry will present The Harry Kirby Memorial Lecture (in memory of the founder of Hedgerley Historical Society in 1976) on Victorian Millionaires and their riverside mansions.

The Thames from Temple to Taplow was home for many rich families. Industrial wealth and scandal at Temple, Banking and Finance at Taplow and landed wealth at Cliveden all play their part in this short part of the Thames, the home for some of the richest families in nineteenth century Britain.

Cliveden - After thirty years research experience in the agrochemical industry, Keith Parry ‘retired’ to develop his interest in history, gaining a M. Sc. in English Local History at Oxford University.

Mr Parry is a voluntary researcher for the Maidenhead Heritage Centre answering queries from the public. He also gives public lectures to various societies on the Centre’s behalf. He engages in academic study, giving lectures at Oxford University and to historical societies. His first history research publication appeared as part of The Historical Atlas of Oxfordshire. Bookings have now opened for two Spring events

Saturday 18th April (10am)- Visit to the John Lewis Heritage Centre for a Talk and Tour plus Lunch at The Ferry Inn Cookham .

The John Lewis Partnership Heritage Centre is home to the Partnership’s business archive and the textile archive of Stead McAlpin, a fabric printing factory in Carlisle that was once owned by the Partnership. Following an introductory talk by Archivist Assistant Owen Munday we will have the opportunity to see the textile viewing gallery which contains over 4000 of the archive’s designs in both paper and fabric format, with gems from famous designers such as Lucienne Day, Voysey and William Morris. After our visit we will have lunch at the Ferry Inn Cookham. Booking required £20 (including lunch). Places limited so priority will be given to members.

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

ST JOSEPH’S Church is celebrating its Centenary this year and, after the Ladies’ pamper evening in January, the second special occasion was on the 3rd March, when the RISE Theatre group paid a second visit with their brand new play, White Rabbit. It was excellent and a full audience was in the church hall to be moved by the power of the story and the quality of the acting.

Look out for further items during the year. If they are as successful as those enjoyed so far, it will be worth attending. The Village Voice will keep you informed.

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE IN A WEEKEND. THIS is a new and exciting venture by The Bridge School on 10th, 11th & 12th April, 2015 at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. Suitable for complete beginners who might prefer the intensive course, rather than a once-a-week class approach.

No prior knowledge of bridge required & you do not need to come with a partner.

Friday 10th 13:30 – 17:30 - Saturday 11th 09:30 – 16:30 - Sunday 12th 09:30 – 16:30

Cost: £150 – including all food, drinks and lesson notes. Discount is available for all full time students.

Please contact Tessa Templeton on 01753 885004 or tessa@bridgeschoolgx.co.uk

[<mailto:tessa@bridgeschoolgx.co.uk>](mailto:tessa@bridgeschoolgx.co.uk) for further details.

SURE START offers activities for parents and carers with children 0 – 5 years. All through the week the timetable provides a variety that keeps youngsters busy. For more information please ring 01753 893210

Blood tests (Phlebotomy) – easy parking

If you usually go to Amersham Hospital for a blood test, remember there is free and plentiful parking at **Chalfonts & Gerrards Cross Hospital**, which makes a visit for a blood test much easier and stress free.

The clinics there take place on Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning and Friday morning. To make an appointment, telephone on any weekday, 01494 555233, between 10am to 1pm. The telephone line can be busy but it is well worth persisting for easy, free parking on site.



KAREN DICKSON, Chalfont St Peter Parish Councillor, as well as being a volunteer at the Chalfont County Library, has expressed the dismay felt by readers of the **Bucks Advertiser**, with her letter to the editor of the paper. She writes:

BIG HOLE LEFT BY OUTGOING REPORTERS

It was with sadness that we heard the news of your newspaper losing the services of Mart Smith and Lorcan Lovett. Both reporters went out of their way to assist local volunteer groups in our village promote the good work they are doing and both gentlemen were patient, supportive and kind, no matter who they were interviewing.

Mort took the time to make contact with almost every village group when he started on the community pages and Lorcan is always spoken of as ‘that lovely young man from the local paper’.

We wish them both well in their future endeavours and hope that someone as amiable and encouraging will pick up the community work they did.

Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National)

This is a message sent via Thames Valley Alert. This information has been sent on behalf of Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)

Action Fraud, together with the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau and the City of London Police, are working in partnership with Rugby World Cup 2015 organisers to disrupt those entities seeking to sell Rugby World Cup 2015 tickets without permission from the official provider.

We would like rugby fans and the general public to be aware that they should only purchase tickets from official sources and avoid being scammed.

Purchase tickets from an official source and avoid losing your money.

a.. England Rugby 2015 Limited (ER2015) is the organising committee of Rugby World Cup 2015, due to take place in England and Cardiff from 18 September 2015 until 31 October 2015. Rugby World Cup Limited is the Tournament owner of Rugby World Cup 2015.

b.. RWCL/ER2015 wants to ensure that the public is not misled, by unauthorised ticket sellers, into believing they have purchased genuine Rugby World Cup 2015 tickets.

Where can you buy official match tickets?

a.. Tickets for the general public may only be purchased from ER2015 via official website at:

<https://tickets.rugbyworldcup.com>

Where can you buy Official ticket-inclusive hospitality packages?

a.. These can only be purchased through the official hospitality programme, operated by Rugby Travel & Hospitality Ltd at www.rugbyworldcup.com/hospitality.

Where can you buy Official ticket-inclusive Supporter Tours (i.e. travel packages)?

a.. RTH has appointed a number of Official Travel Agents from across the globe to provide official Rugby World Cup ticket-inclusive supporter tours and a list of such OTAs is available at:

http://supportertours.rugbyworldcup.com/travel_agents_list.aspx.

How do you ensure that you are buying Rugby World Cup 2015 match tickets, supporter tours or hospitality packages from an official channel?

a.. To check whether a company or a certain website is an official Rugby World Cup 2015 channel, use the Official Checker tool which is located at www.rugbyworldcup/buyofficial.

Can you buy official Rugby World Cup 2015 tickets, supporter tours or hospitality packages elsewhere, other than as outlined above?

a.. There is no guarantee that Rugby World Cup 2015 tickets (and/or ticket inclusive packages) purchased from any source other than RWCL, ER2015, RTH (or those listed above) are genuine tickets (and/or ticket-inclusive packages).

b.. Fans who purchase tickets and/or ticket-inclusive packages from unauthorised sellers run the risk of paying over the odds for a non-existent ticket, ending up disappointed by not getting to see the match they paid to see, and risk having their personal and credit card details stolen for use in other crimes.

Points to note about unauthorised activity:

a.. It has been shown from the 2012 Olympics and other major events in the UK that ticket touts are often linked with other forms of criminality.

b.. The unauthorised sale, or offer for sale, of Rugby World Cup 2015 tickets (and/or ticket-inclusive packages) may constitute an infringement of the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 or Fraud.

c.. All official Rugby World Cup 2015 tickets are subject to ER2015's ticket terms and conditions, located at: <http://www.rugbyworldcup.com/ticketing/t-c>

d.. Tickets are STRICTLY NON-TRANSFERABLE and MUST NOT BE SOLD OR OFFERED, EXPOSED OR MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE, OR TRANSFERRED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED. ER2015 reserves the right to cancel without refund any tickets which ER2015 reasonably believes have been or are intended to be resold, offered, exposed or made available for sale, or transferred or otherwise disposed in breach of the ticketing terms and conditions.

e.. Any person attempting to use Rugby World Cup 2015 tickets which have been resold in breach of the ticket terms and conditions risks being refused entry to or ejected from the relevant match venue.

How do I report unauthorised use of Rugby World Cup assets?

a.. To report the sale of unauthorised general public tickets, please contact ER2015 at legal@england2015.com.

b.. To report the sale of counterfeit Rugby World Cup 2015 tickets or the unauthorised sale of ticket-inclusive supporter tour/hospitality packages, please contact rwrightsprotection@img.com

TICKETS PURCHASED OR OBTAINED FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE SHALL BE VOID AND MAY BE SEIZED OR CANCELLED WITHOUT REFUND OR COMPENSATION.

Action Fraud will be replicating this alert on a regular basis, leading up to the 2015 Rugby World Cup to prevent members of the community being affected by this type/similar fraud. Please bear with us until September 2015.