

Chalfont St Peter Village Voice

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COMER HOMES GROUP, NEWLAND PARK DEVELOPMENT, CHALFONT ST GILES

Bucks New University which has recently received full University status (formerly Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College) has been redeveloping and extending its Queen Alexandra Campus in High Wycombe as part of a strategic development plan to consolidate and modernise University facilities. To achieve this it is using the sale of its existing estates of Wellesbourne, Chalfont and John North Halls to fund the development. Bucks New University is anticipated to decant from the Chalfont Campus at the end of the academic year 08-09 leaving the site redundant. Architects Design Partnership have been appointed by Comer Homes Group, the new owners of the site, to put together a proposal to convert the former campus into a unique mixed residential community with exemplar sustainability and low carbon credentials designed to maximise the redundant site while conserving and enhancing the historic buildings and enhancing the attractive parkland setting. A leaflet has been enclosed outlining some of the main design elements about the proposed development.

On behalf of Comer Homes Group you are invited to have the opportunity to find out further information about the Newland Park Development and provide comments at a public exhibition on 3rd April between 3 ó 7pm in the Manor House, Buckinghamshire New University, Chalfont Campus, Newland Park, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks, HP8 4AD. Where members of the project design team will be on hand to explain the project and answer questions. Facilities will be available to leave completed comment forms with the design team on the day, or alternatively they can be posted following the exhibition to be received by the 21st April 2008.

We look forwards to receiving your commentsArchitects Design Partnership LLP

THE R.N.L.I has a Flag Day in Chalfont St Peter on Saturday April 12 and there will be a house-to-house collection taking place until Saturday, 5th April.

THE Misbourne Art Society meeting on April 5th has an illustrated talk ó In search of the Tiger, by Chris Christoforou. On May 3rd - Mary Fedden, artist, Illustrated talk by Suzanne Carr. The Society aims to further the interest of artists in the locality by arranging programmes of regular meetings for discussion, lectures, outdoor sketching and painting and to promote exhibitions of members' work and visits to art centres. Meetings are held at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre at 2.15pm on the first Saturday of the month. Workshops and Tutorials start at 10am. **CHALFONT COMMON W I** report: March was a very busy month for us, firstly, our monthly meeting was a supper where we all brought something to eat be it savoury or sweet and had a lovely time trying all the different dishes. Secondly, we had our successful attic sale, which involved sorting and pricing goods for our bric a brac stall, baking cakes and sorting out dozens of books. Some of us even had some energy left to go on our monthly ramble around Jordans and St Giles. A number of us also attended the Spring group meeting, hosted by Denham Green WI, at the Chalfont St Peter community centre, with a very interesting speaker on Easter in the 16th century. We meet on the first Thursday of each month, in the Tony Graham room at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre 7.30 for 7.45pm.

CHALFONT ST PETER W.I meets on Wednesday, April 9, at 2.15pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane, when Mrs Eva Williams will present 'The Bonaccords'.

VOPAG has been set up as part of the Chalfont St Peter Village Appraisal to give the older people of Chalfont St Peter the opportunity to meet together as citizens and exchange views, news and information of interest and concern. It provides an authoritative voice to take up issues with people who can do something about them. The next meeting is Thursday, 17th April and members are reminded that meetings now start at 10am for coffee, with business at 10.30am, held in the Parish Council office and new members are always warmly welcomed age group involved is over 55's.

CHLTERN Fuchsia Society will be pleased to welcome Lydia Cobb as their speaker for Thursday 17th April. Lydia is a keen horticulturist, specialising in Orchids. This interest has taken her to a great number of jungles throughout the world. Her subject for the evening is entitled "**Orchids, from collecting to growing**" plus a demonstration on potting Orchids. If you have an Orchid that needs re-potting or is need of expert TLC please feel free to take it along. Meetings are held in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre, starting 8pm. Visitors always welcome. For further details please contact Sylvia or Peter Anderson on 01753 882873

GIRLS, if you haven't considered learning to play cricket why not go to Gerrards Cross Cricket Club, Dukes Lane where they have a girls and women's section. Girls from year 5 onwards are most welcome. Kwik cricket is offered to this group with hard ball cricket for the more experienced. They will be entering an ECB U11 competition this summer so they need a team! Women play in the North Bucks league on a Sunday morning and players of all abilities are very welcome. Coaching will start 30th April 7-8pm. For further information contact Eileen Powell 01753 884426

IN MARCH, St Joseph's Furniture Market donated the following to good causes:

The Chiltern Cheshire Home - £200, The Samaritans - £200, Slough Homeless Our Concern - £200, British Red Cross (Bucks) - £200, The Magdi Yacoub Institute (Harefield Heart Unit) - £200.

At the **February** meeting they donated to:- Society of St Vincent de Paul (local deserving cause) - £500, Rotary Club of Jordans /St Joseph's School re Aquaboxes for disaster relief - £350, Padstones (caring for young homeless adults) - £150. **The Market is open every Saturday morning from 9.30 to 12.30. It is situated in Priory Road, the first building past St Joseph's church car park. All proceeds are donated to charity**

JACKIE SMITH of Mayflower Way, Farnham Common has Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML). To beat the disease she needs a bone marrow transplant, but so far no suitable donor has been found. Other AML patients are also waiting for suitable donors. Jackie's husband Stewart, daughters Kathryn and Helena and 3 grandchildren are asking for your help and support.

To help **Jackie** (or someone else) you can do the following:

Visit the main UK bone marrow donor site: <http://www.anthonynolan.org.uk/> and follow the registration procedure.

Find 5 or more friends or relatives and strongly encourage them to register.

Ask those 5 friends to find 5 or more to register; this way we can reach out to a greater number of people.

In a short time a match could be found for **Jackie** and help her win her fight against AML. If you do not prove to be a match for **Jackie**, you could be a perfect match for someone else in the same life threatening situation.

Please let Stewart know how you get on via e-mail at donors4jackie@casanovanora.co.uk and he will be happy to update you on Jackie's situation. If you prefer to call him, his number is: **01753 642329**.

Now PLEASE get e-mailing to everyone you know, This is not restricted to Chalfont St Peter, and the UK, but is a worldwide search.

DO YOU have a little spare-time and skills to offer as a volunteer with a local charity or community group?

Voluntary Action has over 300 local groups registered with them to help them find volunteers. To find an opportunity to suit your needs, call Joy Johns on 0189 837545 or see www.voluntaryaction.org

THE Annual General Meeting of the Chalfont St Peter Neighbourhood Action Group will take place on Wednesday 7th May at 7 pm in the Goldhill Baptist Church.

It is intended, as last year, that the various village groups should, if they wish, have a table available in order that they may present details of their work in the village and if your group would like to take part in this please contact the Chairman, Martyn Groves at martyn.groves@goldhill.org so that this can be arranged.

The intention is to open the doors at 7 pm for residents to visit the tables and discuss matters of interest, the meeting will then take place and there will be time afterwards to visit the tables again. During the meeting you will hear of the work of NAG during the past year and have an opportunity to indicate which village problems you would like NAG to address during the coming year. Please pass this information to any residents who may be interested.



THE latest competition at Activity Chest, the toy shop in Market Place, was all about Mums!

Children were asked to make a card they thought their mother would love for Mother's Day and be as creative as they could. The closing date was well before Mother's Day, so the children could have their cards back and give them to their mums on Mothering Sunday.

Amazingly the winners of the 5 to 7 group and the 8 to 11 group were sisters!

Mum must have encouraged them to create lovely cards, but she said not! Mrs Spittle said the girls did the cards themselves and she hadn't even seen them before they handed them into the competition. Sisters Beth Spittle, age 9, and Nicole Spittle, age 6, from Fulmer are seen in the photo.

William Evans, age 4, with his little brother Matthew collected the prize for the youngest age group.

THROUGH the wardrobe at the Albert Hall. 68 local children have been invited to perform 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' from Mary Poppins at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday, May 3rd. If you wish to witness this spectacular event, tickets can be purchased from Lee Quelch on 01992 575888. Please quote Through The Wardrobe. Circle seats are available at £22.

CHILTERN Open Air Museum has Explore Home Life in the 18th Century on 5 & 6 April and an 18th Century Weekend (lace, wars, soldiers, civilians and highwaymen on 12/13 April. The Museum, in Gorelands Lane, is open from 10am until 5pm. (last admission 3.30pm)

THE Guide Hut in Lansdown Road on the 1st Wed. each month at 2pm is where the Trefoil Group welcomes visitors, whether a Guide or Brownie in the past or not. They have a varied programme for the coming year. Talks, a ploughman's lunch, a summer lunch, craft afternoons, an outing in the summer, a Christmas Party, you name it!

THE NATIONAL Council of Women has its Annual Luncheon at CSP Parish Church Hall on Thursday, April 24 and Peter Bayman will give a talk on 'Novelty Salt and Pepper sets'.

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. The Monday meetings take place 7.15 for 7.30pm at St Andrews United Reformed Church Hall, Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross. See their comprehensive website www.careersspringboard.info for more information.

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. This is a non-denominational group and all ladies are welcome to join the meetings. A warm welcome awaits mums with young children who can enjoy a coffee, home-made cake and chat, or simply chill out with a paper / magazine in the **Jugglers' Café**. For further information call GHBC on 01753 887173, or Joyce Gledhill on 01753 88026.

BRITISH Olympic hero Linford Christie OBE joined the Rotary Club of Misbourne Matins on Saturday morning (15 March) to present prizes at a specially-organised Junior Fun Run for local children at Thorpe House Sports Field in Chalfont St Peter.



The event was organised by Misbourne Matins ó the liveliest and fastest-growing local Rotary Club ó to take place during the widely-publicised Sport Relief Week. Linford, who has children in a local school, presented the prizes to the four winners and also signed programmes and encouraged the dozens of young athletes to keep up their training.

There were a boy and girl winner in each of the two age groups (8 & 9 years of age who ran 1.5 km, and 10 & 11 years of age who ran 2 km), and all finishers received a medal and goody bag. Schools that took part in the event were:

Thorpe House, Davenies, St Joseph's RC Combined, Robertswood Combined and St Mary's. The winners were:

8 & 9 (1.5 km) boy: Jordan Lowe from Davenies in 6 mins 57 secs

8 & 9 (1.5 km) girl: Holly Daniels from St Joseph's in 7 mins 54 secs

10 & 11 (2 km) boy: Joseph Cochrane from St Joseph's in 8 mins 35 secs

10 & 11 (2 km) girl: Lucia Finan from Robertswood in 11 mins 30 secs

Marathon runner and Misbourne Matins Rotarian Carin Eilerts de Haan, who organised the Fun Run, said: "We had a fantastic response from the schools, and the children ran really well. It is great that kids are so keen to improve their health and fitness through exercise ó and we were obviously absolutely thrilled that Linford Christie took the time to join us and present the prizes. We are deeply grateful to our sponsors whose support enabled us to make this a real community initiative during Sport Relief Week."

The Fun Run was sponsored by Apex Sports of Farnham Common, Budgen's of Chalfont St Peter, Fox's of Amersham, Chalfont Leisure Centre and Mars Refuel. Additional help was provided by the Middlesex County Automobile Club.

A SPECIAL performance of "Songs that won the Wars" featuring songs and poems of the war years, will take place at the Regent Hall, Oxford Circus, London on Saturday, April 5 at 7pm. Tickets only £10, under 18's and OAP's £7. Proceeds to Slough Homeless Our Concern. St Joseph's priory 01753 886581

CHALFONT ST PETER GARDEN CLUB OUTINGS

2 MAY - Wed. 21st - Penshurst Place - House & Gardens?toy museum/13 acre walled garden.

It's well worth joining this very friendly club. The Secretary is Susan Mills - Telephone 01753 885496 The Garden Club email is info@gardenclub.org

THE Misbourne Valley Group of W.I.s is holding a "Country Kitchen" in the Chalfont St. Peter Church Hall, Church Lane on Saturday May 3rd. 10-12am. Cakes and groceries, Crafts, Herbs and Plants. Raffle, teas and coffees. Everyone welcome to join in, browse and buy some tasty goodies. Chalfont St.Giles Aft. and Eve. Institutes. Chalfont Common W.I, Denham Green Aft.W.I and Chalfont St.Peter W.I. are joining together for the morning.

CHALFONT St Peter Library has activities for young children that mums will find worthwhile. **Bounce and Rhyme** is on the first Friday of every month from 2.15-2.45pm. It is free and there's no need to book. Just turn up. **Sign and Rhyme** is on every Monday from 10.30 - 11.30am, where children learn to sign and sing nursery rhymes. Free - Fun and All welcome. **THE** Probus Club is for retired men of all occupations and meets at Colston Hall, The Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, 10am for 10.30, finishing at noon. Enquiries to Guy on 01753 886514, or just turn up and say 'hello' to the host at the door.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH Run takes 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.

ALL SAINTS' Church Music Festival is in its fourth year and as ever, they have an exciting line-up of events which should appeal to everyone. They have two confirmed events for May and June, with two more planned during the autumn. Tickets are now on sale for the summer programmes, which are detailed below. For further information and tickets, please contact: Anne Hatton (01753) 882425 or Paddy Hague (01753) 883384. **DANIELLE PERRETT, HARP with, TIMOTHY KIPLING, FLUTE and ELISABETH CLARKE, SOPRANO on Saturday, May 31, 2008, at 8:00 pm. £12/person** This is an opportunity to hear world class musicians on your doorstep: this London based trio have performed regularly together, as well as being solo artists in their own right. Their preliminary programme for this year's Music Festival will embrace the music of Rogers and Hart, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Handel, Dvorak and others. These experienced musicians have performed all over the world, as well as giving many events at venues such as Kensington Palace, St. John's Smith Square, British Museum, amongst others. Their programme will lend itself to the intimate surroundings of All Saints' Church and its wonderful acoustics. We invite you to join us for a unique evening of chamber music with this talented trio.

The second summer performance is **THE BAND OF HM ROYAL MARINES PORTSMOUTH on Saturday, June 14, 2008, at 7:00 pm. £18/adult and £14/under 13 Includes BBQ supper In aid of an Armed Service charity (tbc)** This concert will round out the Music Festival tradition of inviting an Armed Services band to perform, having previously been entertained with lively concerts from the Central Band of the RAF and the Grenadier Guards from the Army. In addition to a concert of foot-tapping and classic band favourites, they are delighted to announce a thrilling surprise for you: the band will be giving a Beating Retreat ceremony on the lawn. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see one of the world's premier marching bands literally on our very own doorstep (weather permitting.) This event will be extremely popular, so get your tickets now.

TITHE BARN, on the other side of the bridge across the A413, has rooms to let, if you are looking for a venue for Parties, group meetings or one-off bookings for activities etc. It is very competitive price-wise, for example weekdays and weekends are £8 per hour or £10 per hour after 6pm. Telephone 01753 883712 to book or for more information.

THE ROAD SAFETY Team at Buckinghamshire County Council has implemented an innovative scheme of roadside posters promoting road safety messages, with a view to reducing the numbers of casualties on the county's roads and to remind everyone that they have a shared responsibility for road safety. Ninety sites across the county will have these posters targeting three specific areas of concern: Speed, non-seatbelt wearing and using a mobile phone whilst driving.

These new posters will replace the existing "Kill Your Speed" signs which have been in place and unchanged since the early nineties and their impact has been diluted or lost according to recent surveys, which revealed that many residents could not recall if there was a "Kill Your Speed" sign locally.

The initiative will continue in future years with a rolling programme to replace more signs in the future. The signs will be changed at regular intervals to keep the messages fresh in drivers' minds.

During the month of February, roadside checks were carried out in partnership with Thames Valley Police; these took place in various locations across the county. These checks caught 49 car occupants not wearing a seatbelt and 7 drivers using their mobile phones whilst driving.

CONTACT the elderly is a charity founded about 30 years ago. It aims to give frail, isolated, elderly people companionship. On the third Sunday of the month, volunteers collect one or two elderly people from their homes and drive them to the home of that month's hostess. About eight elderly folk and their drivers gather at the home of a volunteer host or hostess. A welcoming cup of tea at 3pm is followed by a quiz and chat, then an afternoon tea with savouries, cakes and a cuppa. At about 5pm the drivers take their guest home. The hope is that the elderly have enjoyed the companionship of people their own age and also of the younger drivers. For those who cannot get out much, or whose family lives too far away to visit often, or don't have family, it provides a chance for a relaxed chat in a homely setting. The charity is a national organisation. There are now seven groups in Bucks, but still lots of potential guests who would benefit from a group in their area. If you think you could host a tea party, drive or support, please contact the Buckinghamshire Development Officer, Terry Gibson, on 01276 502611 or email terry.gibson@contact-the-elderly.org.uk. If you think that you'd like to be a guest at such a tea party, contact your doctor in the first instance. All the guests are referred to contact the Elderly by their GP or Age Concern.

JUST TURNED 16? KEEN TO LEARN ABOUT DRIVING? Sign up to novice drivers' course.

The Road Safety Team at Buckinghamshire County Council is working in partnership with the Wycombe & District Driving Instructors Association to promote a pre driver course.

In the last 3 years 217, 17 - 24 year olds have been killed or seriously injured as drivers or passengers in Buckinghamshire. The association of Wycombe and District driving instructors will be holding a novice drivers training and road safety course on the **8th and 9th April**, this course introduces novice and young learner drivers to driving and road safety. The course costs £95 for the two days.

This 2-Day off road course held at Wycombe High School is for 16-18 year olds. It includes car handling in a safe non-highway location and is carried out by experienced local DSA approved driving instructors. The course includes procedures for obtaining a licence and preparation for the DSA Theory and Practical Driving Tests. There will also be presentations by representatives from official bodies including, The Driving Standards Agency and Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue.

If you are interested please contact Mick Lewis on 07939557542 or Julie Martin on 07956542584 or log onto www.awddi.co.uk <<http://www.awddi.co.uk>>. As part of the course all participants will :- * Be taught basic driving skills in a safe off road environment * Take part in classroom sessions to learn about the theory test and hazard awareness, * Basic car maintenance * Basic first aid