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THE STEAMIE

THOSE who are regular followers of St Peter Players' performances have come to expect high quality entertainment and the production of *The Steamie*, a classic by Tony Roper, did not disappoint. Set in Glasgow on Hogmanay Eve, on the last working day of the year, traditionally the washing is done to have everything clean, to start the new year afresh.

Having spent many years in the Glasgow area, I was impressed by the accuracy of the accents of the cast, none of whom is Scottish, as they maintained this difficult dialect consistently and in a way that enabled the humour of the dialogue to emerge.

As usual the Players rose to the occasion and turned in an excellent performance all round, which, under director Ruth Corner, had to be as perfect as possible, as she sets high standards which the five members of the cast met effectively.

Though at times it was difficult, even for me, to discern all the words, it wasn't due to their articulation,



more to the fact that it takes a while to get in tune with the dialect and for those unfamiliar with it, it must have been a bit puzzling to follow at times. However, as the play progressed it was easier to identify with the different characters and also their stories. It was a very human and recognisable tale to those of us who have lived through the times and who also particularly understand the ways of the Glasgow people. Tina Barclay, Liz Peskin, Louise Audoin, and Catherine Greenwood, all regulars with The Players, turned in their usual fluent and sensitive performances and the genuine kindness of local people as they 'looked out' for each other, was well portrayed and believable, especially to me who has seen similar, as part of everyday experience.

The performance of Thomas Telford, as the only male present, was well presented also. As a long standing Player, he was confronted with quite a challenge to learn the accent and also to hold up the male end of the activity, which he did extremely well. He handled his inebriated scene very skilfully.

Music was by David Anderson and it provided pleasant interludes and change of tempo, to contrast with the starkness of the lives of the characters.

The supper that was served (a course during each of the two intervals) had a suitable relevance to the area of the play, though they didn't go as far as serving 'Haggis', which is a New Year special much enjoyed up North.

The Players will be presenting their summer show - Old Time Music Hall on July, 12, 13, and 14 and if you would like to be part of it, they are running a workshop on Monday, March 26 and audition on Monday April 2, at the ChalfontSt Peter Community Centre at 8pm. If you would like to join them in this fun project, either on or backstage, please contact either Ruth Corner on 01494 874431 or Linda Harper on 01895 835392.



left to right: Catherine Greenwood, Louise Audoin, Thomas Telford, Tina Barclay, Liz Peskin

SHEILA Ross had an appalling car accident in her twenties, but is now, forty years later, finding a new lease of life. After the accident, she was in a coma for a month and was never expected to survive, but her determination and persistence once she came through, got her back to life, but with permanent pain and limited flexibility. She has been seeing Dr Yiping Fang, the Chinese herbalist at 17 High Street, CSP for some months and says: "since visiting Dr Yiping Fang, I have made amazing changes to my energy levels and feeling of well-being. I experienced many problems after a severe head injury all those years ago and suffered continuous pain, but after a few sessions of acupuncture treatment and herbal medicine, I had greater flexibility in my neck and a wider range of movement, much better than for many years. My right arm, previously very limited in sensation, has been returned to almost the same as my left arm. I can scarcely believe that I can now play the piano better than any other time in my life. I seem to have increased control and co-ordination. My previous gammy leg appears to be improving too. Perhaps the greatest effect on my life is my ability to deal more effectively with noise levels generally, especially in social situations. My temperature is also working better, having felt cold for years. In the past few years, I have caught one virus after another, felt very unwell and was without a voice sometimes for months on end. This year I have felt relieved and able to cope better with the winter's coughs and colds. Weekly acupuncture seems to have strengthened my resistance for the first time for many years." Sheila is happy for anyone who would like more information to call her on 01753 884123.

CHALFONT ST PETER FRIDAY MARKET

AS with everything, if you don't use it, you lose it. I have heard that people are not making use of the Friday Market as much as they could do from Kay Lockie, who has a great selection of underwear and lingerie on her stall, comes fortnightly and shares the pitch with Paul, who sells saucepans and other kitchenware. Another new addition to the market is Lynn, who sells lovely jewellery from £1. So, to summarize, every week there's Graham - household goods, Bob - greetings cards and wrapping paper - Keith - ladies' fashions, Lynn - fashion jewellery and EITHER Paul with kitchenware OR Kay with underwear and lingerie. If Kay doesn't have in stock items that people want, they only have to ask her and if she can get them she will.

CHALFONT ST PETER WOMEN'S IINSTITUTE

THE CSP WI meets on the second Wednesday in the month at the Church Hall, Church Lane at 2.15pm.
March 20 - Spring Group Meeting which will be held at 2pm in the CSP Community Centre - Hosted by Chalfont St Giles Evening WI
April 11 - Plants for a small Garden - Speaker: Edwin Pye. Display: Flower of the Month.

POP-IN for meeting and discussion

POP-IN meets every Thursday morning during term time from 10-11.30am in the Gold Hill Baptist Church and there is a creche for babies and activities for pre-school children's, to enable you to concentrate and enjoy the speaker and the company.

March 15 - Impact of the past on relationships - Speaker Lyn Thomas

March 22 - The Ultimate Relationship - Speaker: Corinne Jeffery

March 29 - Easter Celebration

This is a non-denominational group and all ladies are welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT HELPS VILLAGE YOUTH CENTRE



The regulars playing at the White Hart, Chalfont St. Peter Thursday quiz night have made a very generous contribution of £1167.32 to the village Youth Centre. A cheque was presented to Liam Eaglestone, Chairman of the Centre Management Committee and Allan Moffat, Facilities Director on 26th. January by Rachel Breeze, the Licence and all involved were sincerely thanked for their generosity.

Since reopening following a new management structure the Centre has become a very popular venue for many 7 – 11 year old young people on the two evenings a week it is presently open. Facilities available include an internet café, full size table tennis table, table football, pool table, video and TV screens, play station and tuck shop. On the large outside court there are facilities for 5 a-side-football, basketball and hockey. It is planned to open on further evenings in the future.

The activities are led by Youth Leader, Avtar Hunter-Singh, assisted by a team of 15 local volunteers, all with previous experience in youth work and who have undergone Criminal Records Bureau checks before working with the young people.

For further information regarding the Centre please telephone 01753 883712 leaving your details on the answer phone and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT STUDY

An Ecumenical Lenten study group will be held on Wednesdays, March 14, 21 and 28 in the Parish Church, Chalfont St Giles, starting 7.45 for 8pm and finishing at 9.30pm. All are welcome to participate.

POLICE SURGERY AT BUDGENS on Tuesday, April 17 from noon to 2 p.m. Go along and have a chat with PC Jim Clarke, our friendly village beat officer - perhaps you would like to discuss with him any policing issues which are concerning you and your neighbours, or would like to see a Neighbourhood Watch in your road, if you do not already have one? Do you know that around 75% of burglaries occur in roads without Neighbourhood Watch? You might also like to hear more about the new village policing policy and it's connection with the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG). He and his colleagues can help you in many ways and are keen to meet village residents.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP invites you to A Wine Appreciation Evening, on Thursday, March 22 at 7.30pm for 8pm. At the Fitzwilliam Centre, London End, Beaconsfield. Admission by ticket only - £12.30 per person (including all wines for tasting and nibbles). For tickets please contact Nan Perkins 01753 885124 or Anne Harris on 01753 885151.

CHILTERN Open Air Museum has a fund raising Quiz Supper on Saturday, March 17 in Chalfont St Peter Church Hall. 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets £8 to include a supper, or book a table of 8. Tickets from 01844 344461

AT the March meeting of **ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET**, it was agreed to donate £200 each to the following five charities: Chiltern Cheshire Home (Gerrards Cross); The Samaritans – Amersham; Slough Homeless Our Concern (SHOC); British Red Cross – Chalfont St Peter and The Magdi Yacoub Institute (Harefield Heart Foundation).

VACCINATIONS FOR BABIES

A new vaccine that protects babies from a potentially deadly infection has been added to the schedule of jabs that they receive. The injections against pneumococcal infection introduced in September 06, are part of a series of changes to the childhood immunisation programme, aimed at saving lives and preventing hundreds more babies falling ill. There are around 5000 cases of invasive pneumococcal disease – when infection enters the bloodstream – each year in England and Wales and it can cause pneumonia, septicaemia (blood poisoning) and meningitis. Babies are now being given the new vaccine at 2 months, 4 months and 13 months old. A catch up programme for the under 2's who haven't had the vaccine is also being run. Children over one will only need one dose while those under one will be offered two. Contact your Health Visitor or GP for further information.

MISBOURNE ART SOCIETY

The Misbourne Art Society meets on the first Saturday of every month at 2.15pm in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. On Saturday April 7, Sharon Hurst will give a demonstration under the title of Fantasy and visitors are welcome to go along.

THE LONDON AND SLOUGH RUN FOR THE HOMELESS is supported by many people in the village and organised by local churches. The 'run' relies upon donations of sandwiches, drinks, fruit, cakes, biscuits, hard boiled eggs, crisps and sweets, which can be taken to St Joseph's Priory, Austenwood, by 4pm on Mondays. Please wrap and label sandwiches into individual rounds. Even if you can only provide a small amount, it will be much appreciated.

CHALFONT ST PETER GARDEN CLUB meets on Wednesday, March 21 for their AGM, followed by A History of Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St Peter by Julian Hunt, author and historian. He's always worth hearing and visitors should be able to joint the meeting after the AGM. Anyway, why not join the Garden Club if you are not already a member. There are lots of perks in the Garden Hut, where you can get garden supplies at a discount and the amazing amount of gardening talent in the Club is worth having on hand whenever questions on the subject arise.

VOPAG – Village older person's action group – meets 10.30 for 11am in the Council offices in Gravel Hill on Tuesday March 20. Do go along and support it.

THE PARISH COUNCIL has just renewed the perimeter fence around the playground at Boundary Road and the haywardens have made an excellent job of it. They now will move on to tidying up and replacing a fence in St Peter's garden, off church Lane, beside the Misbourne Surgery. Another thankless task for the haywardens is clearing up rubbish around the recycle bins in the carpark and beside the Community Centre. And removing graffiti from street furniture around the village.

DO YOU realise that recycled waste deposited at the side of the bins is **NOT** recycled and it is just thrown away, so all your good work is wasted. If you don't find a space for it, there are other bins that may have more room, such as London Road, or the new large recycling centre on the A40 at Beaconsfield. **THANK YOU** to all you unknown stars around the village, who go out quietly and pick up litter that lazy people have just dropped.

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