

# Chalfont St Peter Village Voice

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Layers Green Pond

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### **CHURCH LANE CAR PARK IS NOW FREE FOR THE FIRST HOUR.**

**THE** Chalfont St Peter Community Association will hold a **book sale** on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in the Community Centre from 10am to 12 noon.

**A BARN** Dance will be held on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October from 7.30-11.30pm in St Peter's Parish Church Hall. This is held in conjunction with Harvest weekend. Tickets £10 - £5 for under 18s. From the Parish Office 01753 880067. They are limited, so get them a.s.a.p.

**CHALFONT** St Peter Youth Centre will have a Grand Auction in the Tythe Barn on the evening of Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

**ON** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October of '**Tell Me on a Sunday**', By Andrew Lloyd Webber and Lyrics by Don Black, is a major charity event, including the full version of the show at the Bull Hotel. There is a welcome drink on arrival, followed by a gala gourmet dinner which includes a Murder Mystery, specially written for the occasion. After the dinner there is an auction of donated prizes of good value conducted by Trevor Kent PPAE and the evening finishes with the show starring Katie Nightingale. Five and a half hours of fine dining and varied entertainment for £65 per person and all proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Research.

**THE** Misbourne Art Society's aim is 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.

**October 4th** - Round the world with a sketch book. Illustrated talk by Robina Hattersley.

November 1st - Landscape in the style of Turner. Illustrated talk, Peter Atkins

**NOVEMBER 20TH- 22ND ANNUAL EXHIBITION IN PARISH HALL, CHURCH LANE**

December 6th - Christmas Party, Competition "Christmas list". Quiz. Presentations by members.

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** has its Box Opening / Autumn Fayre on Saturday October 11th, 10am.-2pm. Cakes, plants, Xmas cards, soup, sausage, and crumble lunch in the Church Hall, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter. All welcome to go along and support this, as well as enjoying a good lunch and good company.

**ON THURSDAY** 16<sup>th</sup> October Chiltern Fuchsia Society are pleased to welcome Albert Braithwaite again. Albert will be presenting one of his excellent slides, with sound, shows. This evening's title is "Along the River Severn". This will show views of the River Severn and the surrounding areas, from the source to where it flows into the Bristol Channel. The Society meet at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre at the talk starts at 8pm.

Visitors are always welcome. [For further details please contact Peter or Sylvia Anderson on 01753 882873.](#)

**VOPAG** (Village Older Persons Action Group) is a great support for activities and useful facts for everyone over the age of 55. The next meeting is in the Parish Council Building in Gravel Hill on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, with Coffee at 10am and the meeting beginning at 10.30am. Your support for this excellent provision is very much welcomed.

**ALL SAINTS, Oval Way.** family service is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month from 10 am for about half an hour, with the children often helping with the service. It's popular with adults too, so do take your young ones along.

**AT** the September meeting of St Joseph's Furniture Market the following donations were arranged. £250 each to SENSE (for Deaf and Blind people) and to Friends of the Gables (Home for severely disabled adults) and £300 to Bucks Association for the Blind. The Market is open every Saturday morning from 9.30-12.30 in Priory Road, the first building past St Joseph's church car park. All proceeds are donated to charity.

**EXPERIENCED** Maths teacher, is offering a special GCSE Maths tutoring service, on Sunday afternoons with a reasonable price in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. She plans to take a group of young people, who are keen to become more comfortable with Maths, and make the subject more interesting, as she believes that by working together they will help each other and make the class more enjoyable. This is a great opportunity for



**WALKING** The Parish Boundary has been an enjoyable challenge to members of the Parish Church, St Pauls' and All Saints'. Walking from one church to another gives a sense of sharing and fellowship. The final walk takes place on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, under the leadership of Alan Batho. The start will be from the Parish Church from whence the walk is up to Horn Hill, following the boundary as far as possible. The walk ends with the Evenson service at St Paul's Church, Hornhill. Please register either through the Parish Office 01753 880067 or through the website [www.csp-parish.org.uk/walks](http://www.csp-parish.org.uk/walks).

**THE CSP WI** meets on the second Wednesday in the month at the Church Hall, Church Lane at 2.15pm.  
8th October - A.G.M. - Produce Cup - A Hazel in a Soup Tin  
14th October - Autumn Group Meeting - 2pm CSP Community Centre - Hostesses: Chalfont St Giles Afternoon  
12th November - Flower Crafts with Christmas in Mind - Kay Paterson and Lynne Catun  
10th December - Merry Christmas - Traditional Customs and Folklore - Janet Dineen, 2pm start.

**BRIDGE** is one of the most popular and enthralling games in the world and a great way to meet new friends. Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre has day and evening Beginners Bridge and Continuing Bridge classes starting in the autumn. To find out more about the classes and our bridge sessions contact Tess Templeton – 01753 885004 or email [tesstempleton@aol.com](mailto:tesstempleton@aol.com)

**PATRICIA HAWES** has in the past few years provided osteoporosis testing which was very much appreciated and resulted in her having a full list every time these testing sessions were on. She is now gives Tai Chi classes in Beaconsfield and Gerrards Cross. which will run every week. Tai Chi is a powerful exercise which will help with balance, core stability, stress, weight loss, arthritis, osteoporosis and type 2 diabetes. At the classes you can be weighed and given advice on your diet. The Tai Chi classes help with bone building and are particularly beneficial if you suffer from osteoporosis. Interested - phone Patricia Hawes on 01753 886500.

**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 01895 837 545 or see [www.voluntaryaction.org](http://www.voluntaryaction.org).

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**THE** Gerrards Cross Sailing Association meets on Wednesdays 8.15 prompt (bar opens at 7.30pm) in Colston Hall, Memorial Centre, East Common, Gerrards Cross.

**On 8<sup>th</sup>** October John Goode will present – A life on the Ocean Wave – Cruising past, present and future – a light-hearted talk putting across a few serious messages. John is the ex-editor of Sailing Today, Principal of the Southern Sailing School and has responsibility for the Special Features for National Boat Shows Limited.

**On 15<sup>th</sup>** October, Helen Doe will talk on Women who built warships. During the Napoleonic wars, two of the yards supplying urgently-needed ships to the Royal Navy were run by widows and one of these yards on the Thames was one of the largest businesses in the country. Hear how Mrs Barnard and Mrs Ross managed their complex businesses and dealt with the important officers of the Navy Board.

**On 22<sup>nd</sup>** October the subject is My Favourite Anchorage. Six club members will describe one of their favourite overnight stopping places which might even be an anchorage!. Please take your 'cockpit nibbles' to enhance the illusion of a relaxing evening spent swinging at anchor.

**On 29<sup>th</sup>** October the presentation is Pilotage – in the Port of London and elsewhere given by Captain Don Cockrill FNI. He will give an insight into the often little-known world of pilotage, explaining the contribution that port and offshore pilotage makes to all of our everyday lives in one of the major and certainly most prestigious ports of Europe if not the world – London..

**On 5<sup>th</sup>** November the topic is – A year at sea – Malta to the Caribbean – presented by John Dawson and Bernie Smallman. Club members John and Bernie tell how they took their charter-scheme boat, adapted it for living aboard and sailed through the Mediterranean Sea and across the Atlantic Ocean to explore the Caribbean.

**JUGGLERS** Cafe is open from 10am-11.30am every Thursday during autumn term at Gold Hill Baptist Church. Tel: 01753 887173. Everyone is invited to join in for coffee, cake and chat with free crèche available. There are inspirational talks and parenting tips and a chance to make new friends.

Special Events. November 20<sup>th</sup> is a Pampering morning and December 11 will have a Christmas Brunch at the Cafe.

An 8 Week Parenting Course for 0-6s will be:

Wednesdays 8-10pm. Already started but you can join in.

Thursdays from 10am-11.30, starting 9<sup>th</sup> October and with a free crèche)

**POP-IN TALKS at Gold Hill Baptist Church are non-denominational and everyone is welcome.**

October 2nd	Now we are 3(+)! (Being parent and partner)	Liz Hughes
October 9th	I'm the only one! (real/imaginary isolation)	Katrina Reading
October 16th	Free from the past?! (finding forgiveness)	Jim Graham
October 23rd	Tears in the toilets! (Work worries)	Fiona Irving
October 30th	Half-term	
November 6th	It's all my fault! (Women and guilt)	Sally Parkin
November 13th	What is good for health?! (Finding a balance)	Sarah Newbery
November 27th	Frustration or fulfilment?! (Enjoying parenthood)	Jean O'Regan
December 4th	Christmas calm?! (Contentment during the countdown)	Maria Bond

**There is always a crèche for babies and pre-schoolers at these meetings.**

**AUTUMN 2008** – Courses at Gold Hill Baptist Church

These course are suitable for those of all faiths or no faith.

**MARRIAGE COURSES**

Mondays – 10.00am to 12.00 noon - 15<sup>th</sup> Sept to 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

If your partner is reluctant or unable to attend a marriage course, this one is for you!

Mondays - 8.00pm to 10.00pm –For couples. 15<sup>th</sup> Sep to 17<sup>th</sup> Nov (fortnightly)

**RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE OR SEPARATION**

Mondays - 7.30pm to 10.00pm – 6<sup>th</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> Nov

**SPRINGBOARD** is The Chilterns, South Bucks and High Wycombe self help group for managers and professionals seeking work. It meets at St Andrews United Reformed Church Hall, Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross (above the shops) - 7.15 for 7.30pm each Monday. New members are always welcome and membership is free. Helpline: 01753 890990 [careers.springboard@virgin.net](mailto:careers.springboard@virgin.net) [www.careersspringboard.info](http://www.careersspringboard.info)

- October 6 - Success is Only a Positive Thought Away
- October 13 - How to hone your responses at interview
- October 20 - Interviews - Preparation is the key
- October 27 - Interviews - focusing on what happens during the interview
- November 3 - Networking
- November 10 - Telephone Networking Practise

**SOME** 80,000 children, parents, carers, teachers and support staff are back onto the county's roads after a long relaxing summer break. Also returning to work will be the county's 61 School Crossing Patroler's, a small army of unsung heroes who play a vital community role, helping children and young people safely across busy roads on their way to and from school.

There are currently 46 sites across Buckinghamshire where School Crossing Patrolers operate, a further 17 sites could benefit from a patroler's presence if the right community spirited people would come forward to help. From little ones starting school for the first time to older siblings being allowed to walk on their own, School Crossing Patrolers are there, rain or shine, to help them on their journeys to and from school. However, increased traffic in some areas means more and more senior school children and adults are taking advantage of the school crossing service. As Martha Corlett, Crossing Patroler at Turnfurlong Infant and Junior School, said: "I am crossing people of all ages. They know we are there to help and that we have the authority to stop the traffic. So they feel safer crossing the road with a 'lollipop lady' rather than risk dodging between the traffic alone". Val Letheren, Cabinet Member for Transportation, said: "School Crossing Patrolers do a tremendous job getting our children to school, and home again, safely. This in turn helps with wider issues such as encouraging both parents and children to walk to school, reducing traffic congestion around schools and helping to improve everyone's health".

For more information about school crossing patrols and how you can get involved visit [www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/content](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/content)

**EVENTS at Chiltern Open Air Museum, Gorelands Lane Tel: [01494 871117](tel:01494871117)**

- October 4 and 5 Traditional Harvest Festival.
- October 11 and 12 The Big Draw
- October 18 and 19 Traditional Knitting Weekend
- October 25 and 26 Basket Making
- October 31 Halloween Spectacular (6-9pm)

**TURNING** the pages of a book often opens the door to a world of adventure, mystery or romance. The book may be set in the here and now, in some exotic land or past age – or even in the future. It can be fact or fiction but whether it is an hour on the beach, or a few minutes between bus stops there is an opportunity to escape!

**2008 is the National Year of Reading (NYR)**, a nationwide campaign to build a greater passion for reading for adults and children alike, and to promote the power of reading to change lives. In Buckinghamshire there will be many ways to take part: choose Buckinghamshire's favourite library book, attend one of the many reading-related events OR join a library – it's free to join!

400 of the county's adult learners have already voted for their favourite book and author. Khaled Hosseini was the most popular for his two best-sellers *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. J.K Rowling proved she is as popular with adults as with children coming second in the poll, and the classics were not forgotten with Jane Austen, Charles Dickens and Charlotte Bronte all high on the list. (Full results can be found on the Adult Learning website [www.adultlearningbcc.ac.uk](http://www.adultlearningbcc.ac.uk)).

So whether you escape into an epic, enjoy a bite-size novel or just want to thumb through a magazine for the latest fashion tips, or catch up with today's politics or sports results in the newspaper there will be something for you at your local library. Just pop in to find out more about the many activities planned for the National Year of Reading, the services and courses on offer, or take part in the NYR monthly themed quizzes with the opportunity to win a prize.

If you would like to vote for your favourite library book you can either call into your library, or vote on-line at [www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries).

**OVER** the coming months, work will take place to ensure that Brill Windmill, a rare Grade II\* listed mill, is secured for the benefit of future generations, and a grand opening for the newly-restored windmill is already being planned. Proposals for the landmark, with timbers dating back as far as 1680, will see the structure's appearance restored to that of the early 1900s when, in the capable hands of the mill's last miller Albert Nixey, it was coming to the end of its long working life.

As well as ensuring the mill's structural integrity, it is hoped that the programme of works will allow sails to be repaired, back doors and rear access steps to be re-instated, and weather boards to be replaced. It is anticipated that the inside of the mill will also get its fair share of attention when nationally renowned specialists carefully remove, record and finally re-instate the mill's ancient working mechanism.

Thanks to funding provided by Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN), Buckinghamshire County Council and Aylesbury Vale District Council, future visitors should be able to see the mill preserved to how it looked when last in operation. Next year, visitors will get a much better understanding of how these wonderful machines operated and give them a taste of the hard working conditions of millers like Albert Nixey. The official Brill Windmill Restoration website will be available shortly through the Buckinghamshire County Council website: [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk)

**PLAY** your part in county's budget plans. The time for setting budgets has once again come around - and, as in previous years, Buckinghamshire County Council is asking YOU to help. The annual Budget Consultation runs until Wednesday 29 October. For the first time, an on-line young people's budget consultation is also running.

Residents can make their views known in four ways: Fill in the questionnaire which appears in the Autumn edition of Buckinghamshire times (hitting doormats from 15 September)

On-line at [www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay) At four road-shows - two to be held in High Wycombe and two in Aylesbury Completing questionnaires at selected libraries

Last year, feedback and views the County received from residents through the Budget Consultation and residents' survey, helped shape its spending – and, as just one example, £3.25m is now being spent on improving roads and pavements because this was identified as the top concern among the public.

This year's budget setting is likely to be tougher than ever - the County will be feeling the credit crunch pinch just like every householder and resident it serves. The Council's aim is to spend every pound as wisely as possible, so the public's views are vital in helping identify priority concerns.

Government requires councils to achieve minimum savings of 3% every year, and that council tax increases have to be below 5%, which puts even further constraints on authorities.

Bill Chapple, deputy leader of Buckinghamshire County Council, said: "Like all residents, I pay council tax none of us enjoys those bills dropping through the letterbox, especially when so much of it should be paid for by the Government." "The stark truth is, Buckinghamshire receives one of the lowest Government grants, but because we are vigilant and strive to manage our 'housekeeping' efficiently and effectively, our council tax compares very favourably with other authorities. "I cannot emphasise enough the importance of this public consultation and the value that we place on people's views when it comes to making budgetary decisions, and would encourage

everyone to take part in this process."

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