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CHALFONT ST PETER wins Best Kept Village

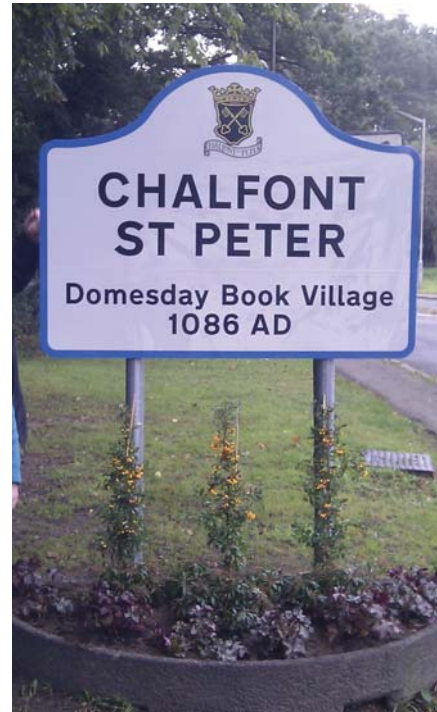
Chalfont St Peter has won the Pushman Cup as the Best Kept Village with a population over 3000 in Buckinghamshire. In addition the village has won the Community Award for the most active and vibrant community.

Clerk to the Parish Council, Teri McAvo, said she wished to thank Haywardens Mike Stevens and Chris Barham and Councillor Giles Heath for the hard work they had put in to maintenance of the commons, Garden of Rest and throughout the village and in keeping the litter down.

The trophies will be presented on Saturday 10th September by the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher.

WHEN Village shops are vacated, it is always satisfying to have new occupants take over promptly. We are doing well in Chalfont St Peter with a bit of a swap around that livens up shopping facilities.

GENESIS Menswear shop, in the Precinct, is the dream come true for Roy Burnham (right), who comes from a Chalfont St Peter family that goes back 5 generations. He joined Lemmings Menswear as a teenager and became a very popular face in village retail. Now, after 50 years he has created Genesis in partnership with his son James and his expertise in the business ensures that local people are keen to support him.



Believing in a friendly and customer-orientated, service approach they are proud to deliver a unique and personal 'tailored' experience ensuring clients benefit from their expertise and commitment. With a simple ethos: 'satisfy the needs of a customer in a friendly and cost effective way'.

Retail and hire. from wedding attire to dinner jackets, shirts to shoes, handkerchiefs to cufflinks. Based in Chalfont St. Peter, Genesis supports Buckinghamshire including all the Chalfonts, Gerrards Cross, Beaconsfield, Amersham, Uxbridge, Slough, High Wycombe and the outer London regions.



enjoyholidays has moved further up Market Place, where the Tile Shop used to be and has taken advantage of the extra space outside to set off it's bright frontage with two beautifully planted pots. It can still deliver its usual quality service with a bigger interior to make it more spacious to accommodate both displays and customers.



Beauty Boutique has taken over the premises at 41 High Street vacated by enjoyholidays and manageress Sonia has a lovely light and airy salon to welcome those who

want to be pampered and able to relax while having nail enhancements, facials, eye treatments, manicures, pedicures and massage,



CONGRATULATIONS are due to St Peter Players for an excellent production of Two Tall Tales, which was very well acted as well as produced. Lots of humour and first class performances especially by the 4 principals, Cassie Sharp, John Sharp, Georgina King and Haydn Davis, who tackled what could have been quite difficult parts with both fluency and credibility. The Players are an experienced group and they also manage to transfer this skill to the young members who join their ranks. This ensures that it's well worth making a note to attend their productions and put the date in the diary. The next will be Beauty and the Beast at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre on Friday 9, Saturday 10 (two performances) and Sunday 11 December.

Anyone interested in joining the Players, either on stage or backstage, is invited to: An introduction to Disney's Beauty & the Beast on Monday, 8 August. Auditions: Monday, 15 August and Monday 22 August. Rehearsals start on Tuesday 30 August. All at 8pm at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. Everyone welcome – why not go along and find out more. If you want someone to contact, that would be Ruth Corner, the director on 01494 874431 or 07815157823,

AFTER 70 years, the A305 bus has been re-numbered as the 580. The end of an era as the bus first ran on 3rd October 1934 and the last on 23rd July 2011.

The bus runs from Uxbridge to Beaconsfield via Gerrards Cross, Chalfont St Peter, Chalfont St Giles and Seer Green. Please note that the timetable has changed a little and the final bus journey on the old timetable has been withdrawn. The final bus of the day on this service leaves from Chalfont St Peter at 5.30 and goes through Beaconsfield to High Wycombe bus station.

Please note that the **A30** bus timetable has also **changed slightly**, so please check out the times on the information panels at the bus stops. **New travel guides are now available in the Library.**

NEW Jordans Programme Events Retreat Day: 'Simplicity' with Jennifer Kavanagh Friday 12th August: 10am – 4pm What is a simple life, and why should we want to lead one? Explore what simplicity means to us and what some of the steps might be, with Jennifer Kavanagh, the Quaker author of 'The World is our Cloister', 'The O of Home' and 'Simplicity Made Easy'.

All are welcome. Advanced booking is required.

To reserve your place please send a cheque for £35 or what you can afford to New Jordans Programme Office, Jordans Quaker Meeting House, Welders Lane, Jordans, HP9 2SN.

For more information please call 01494 876594 or email: office@newjordans.org

AT the July meeting of St Joseph's Furniture Market the following donations were made of £500 to CAFOD – East Africa Crisis Appeal ~ £300 to Alzheimer's Society ~ £300 to St Vincent de Paul Society and £200 to British Legion Poppy Appeal. The Furniture Market is open every Saturday from 9am to 12.30pm in the Market Store, entrance off Priors Road. Park in the car park beside St Joseph's Church in Austenwood.

furnituremarket@hotmail.com

CHALFONT St Peter hairdresser and barber, Alan Moody is a skilled professional, who offers the service of home hairdressing. For those who would like to have their hair cut and styled at home, it is worth contacting him on 07957 661920 or by email: alanmhair@yahoo.co.uk

Silhouette academy of dance offers Pre-school Ballet, Ballet, Tap and Theatre Craft at The Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. For more information please contact the Principal: Angela Simon, B.A. Hons (dance and movement), a.i.d.t.a. ~ 01494 870510 ~ www.silhouettedance.co.uk.

CHALFONT St Peter Garden Club's **Annual Show** is always worth visiting. So make sure it is in your diary. Saturday, August 20 in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre from 2-4pm. Not only great things to admire, but afternoon tea is available also.

NEIGHBOURHOOD Police report. The following priorities have been identified by the community and the police:

1. Speeding Motorists ignore speed limits on Whielden Lane, Whinchmore Hill; School Lane, Seer Green; Church Road, Penn; Deanway and Narcot Lane Chalfont St. Giles.
2. Parking - Seer Green School and Curzon School. Inconsiderate parking at drop-off and pick-up times outside the schools and in surrounding roads cause obstruction and danger to road users.

These are being dealt with by your neighbourhood policing team in partnership with residents and other agencies. Progress will be reported in the Neighbourhood updates.

Meet your local neighbourhood officers and have your say on policing priorities and concerns in your local area.

'Have your Say' meetings are first Wednesday of every other month from 11 – 1.30 in Budgens in CSP and on the second Tuesday of each month in the CSP Library between 10am and noon. Also on Wednesday 3rd August from 10am – 1.00pm in Budgens and on Tuesday 9th August from 10 – Noon in the Library.

MAKING DAYS ~ Keeping your children busy and actively engaged with a wide range of high quality, original art and craft activities. Activities are designed to be suitable for all ages and adaptable so your child can be as creative as their imagination.

Making Days is based at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre and is open on selected dates during school holidays from 9.00am to 4.00pm for 4 to 11 year olds (morning sessions are also available). Children are supervised with a high ratio of adults to children and all staff are experienced and qualified with enhanced CRB checks. Individual support can be arranged as required. Booking is essential. Summer **2011 Dates 4th and 5th August, 11th and 12th August**
www.makingdays.co.uk 07768 544264

HOW do you Travel Bucks? Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) is launching 'A day in the life' study using travel diaries to understand how different groups of people are able/unable to travel in and around the county.

Results from the study will help inform the Council's approach on the future provision of public and community transport services in the 'Travel Bucks' Transport Strategy.

Peter Hardy, Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Transport said, "Travel Bucks is about understanding how we can help residents and visitors of the county to travel round in the most efficient way. We will use the travel diaries to discover why different groups of people either choose to or not to use our transport services and then we can shape a strategy to suit."

In order to gain support from county residents, a number will be sent travel diaries to complete over a two week period to see how and when people generally travel around the county and the forms of transport they use. The diary is designed to be simple to complete and representatives from a number of profiles will be asked to participate including those without access to a car, young people and the elderly.

The Travel Bucks Transport Strategy will detail how accessible transport options will be provided for residents living in Buckinghamshire with reduced budgets, smarter partnership working and development of an innovative combination of core bus services and community led transport solutions.

A MOBILE library service that visits rural and urban areas in Buckinghamshire, has won two top awards at a national mobile meet competition.

Bucks Mobile Library 2 (BM2) was voted best mobile library and hailed state of the art by judges and attending delegates at the annual Mobile meet awards in Matlock Derbyshire. The awards bring together the best mobile libraries throughout the UK.

The new 11-metre long mobile library is environmentally as well as customer friendly. Fifteen solar panels in its roof generate the power to run the on-board electric equipment for most of the year. Eco-friendly materials have been used in the construction of the vehicle, which is fully insulated and uses low-energy fluorescent lights. The vehicle also features a retractable canopy along with an outside sound system and lighting

The vehicle also scored well on staff facilities with its own toilet, hot and cold water, microwave and cool box. In addition, a recently installed tracking system allows customers and the County's contact centre to check if the vehicle is operating and running on time on any route.

The vehicle was designed by Buckinghamshire County Council's Mobile Operations Manager Steve Skidmore, in conjunction with the counties fleet management department and Leicester Carriage Coach builders. Steve said: "I'm delighted we won the two top awards and I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to all involved with the design of the vehicle at Fleet Management and Leicester Carriage Coach builders."

MELAINEE is volunteer for a wonderful local charity called School Aid based in Hedgerley, Bucks (SL2 3XY) and has asked me to pass on this call for volunteers.

The Charity recycles school books and other educational aids from the UK, which they send directly to under-privileged schools in Africa.

This message is sent out to help raise overall awareness about this good work and the need is particularly for volunteers, transport, books and supplies.

Unfortunately since they are a non-profit organisation, they don't have a budget for advertising, so this is a call to anyone who can spare some time to support this charity to contact her on melaineew@yahoo.co.uk or visit their site <http://www.school-aid.org> for more information.

GOLFERS – St Joseph's Golf Day – Friday August 5 is being held at Oakland Park Golf Club, Chalfont St Giles. First tee-off time 1pm – 3pm. Teams of 4 @ £50 per head. Sponsors and prizes very welcome. Dinner of Roast Beef and Veg followed by sweet and coffee. Prizes plus Raffle and Auction. Please contact Fr Martin on 01753 886581 or Liam Foy on 01923 770023.

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>

CHALFONT St Peter W.I. meets next on Wednesday, September 14 at 2.15 in the Church Hall for Chiltern Curiosities Part 1, speaker Mr Copeland. Produce Cup – Jar of Preserves.

GERRARDS Cross Flower Club meets next on September, on the 14th, when Alison Gillott will present 'Tales of the Riverbank' Demonstration starts at 2.15 in The Colston Hall, in the Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre. The competition is 'In the Basket'.

MRS DANUTA ALEKSANDER is retiring after 26 years teaching at St Joseph's School. She has guided hundreds of children through their First Communion preparations and also served as the RE Co-ordinator for the Diocese. The School and Parish wish her a very long and happy retirement.

A FIVE week Life drawing Class will be held in Chalfont St Peter Community Centre at 7-9pm from 21st September. Paper and charcoal on sale. Mixture of poses and a different model each week. No formal tutoring but basic help if you need it. Limited space. Please call Ana on 07855 397620. £10 per session for block bookings or £12 drop-in (but please call in advance to check spaces).

CHILTERN Open Air Museum has great things on in August. 6-7 August- Storytelling Weekend, 13-14 August-Meet the Tudors, 20-21 August- The Roman Army and 27-19 August-Hands on Spectacular Bank Holiday. The museum is open from 10am to 5pm every day including bank holidays. Website: www.coam.org.uk for full details of events and family fun activities every weekend. The season ends in November.

GETTING on the first rung of the career ladder is often the toughest step - which is why Buckinghamshire County Council is doing its bit to help youngsters gain meaningful work experience to help them on their way.

BCC is currently looking for three apprentices to join the communications team to work on projects promoting London 2012 and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The closing date for these roles is Monday 8 August. A further position is available in the legal services team, closing date for this is 23 August. If you are interested please visit the BCC website or contact: apprentices@buckscc.gov.uk or telephone 01296 382665.

The Council has run a successful apprenticeship scheme for two years, providing work opportunities for about 40 young people in areas including ICT, youth work and legal services. Candidates work full-time while studying for a nationally-recognised qualification.

Apprenticeships are open to anyone who is over the age of 16 and who has not obtained a degree or level 4 qualification

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE charity The Horse Trust is appealing for donations to help pay for thousands of pounds of veterinary treatment required by two working horses it took in earlier this year.

Gwain, an 18hh grey gelding, arrived from the Metropolitan Police in January 2011. He was initially taken in on respite, but The Horse Trust and Met Police recently agreed that Gwain should be fully retired as his navicular syndrome is not improving. Gwain gave eight years service to the Met Police and was described by Mounted Sergeant Jon Taylor as a reliable, fearless horse.

Gwain has recently undergone radical surgery at the Royal Veterinary College due to an infection in his pedal bone. His treatment has already cost the charity £3,000 and his aftercare is likely to be long and intensive. At present he is wearing a "bionic shoe" to protect his healing foot. The Horse Trust's veterinary nurse Angela Andrews is regularly removing this shoe to check how his foot is healing and to ensure there is no infection in the tissue.

Jon Taylor, a Mounted Sergeant with the Metropolitan Police, said he has seen first-hand the positive impact the surgery has had on Gwain, and praised the charity for its dedication to equine welfare.

"I have visited Gwain on several occasions following his move to The Horse Trust and saw how uncomfortable he was with his pedal bone infection. Most recently I visited him following his operation and was thrilled to see him happy and enjoying his retirement again with his bionic hoof," said Jon.

"The Horse Trust allows the opportunity for retired working horses to live as nature intended them to live and to have some reward for their selfless service to us. If a horse with these special needs was retired to a private owner, I feel sure that for most people such cost implications would end in a bad result for the horse. The fabulous work The Horse Trust does with retired police and army horses ensures that the lucky few can live out a good quality of life after work," added Jon.

Sevastapol, a 16.2hh grey gelding, also arrived at The Horse Trust in January 2011. He worked for the Household Cavalry for many years as a Trumpeter and was involved in numerous ceremonial and state occasions in London. Sevastapol was recently found to be suffering from melanoma tumours on his lower body. Melanomas, which are the most common skin tumours in horses, occur most often in grey or white horses and this risk increases as the horse ages.

Sevastapol's life would have been substantially shortened due to the impact of his tumours, so the charity paid for Sevastapol to have major surgery to remove the melanoma tumours. The likely cost of his treatment is expected to exceed £3,000.

The charity has now launched a "Veterinary Appeal" to raise money to pay for Gwain and Sevastapol's treatment.

"Gwain and Sevastapol spent their working lives serving mankind and deserve to have a wonderful retirement. We hope the public will help us by contributing to the costs of their veterinary treatment," said Jeanette Allen, Chief Executive Officer of The Horse Trust. To donate to the Veterinary Appeal, please contact 01494 488464 or info@horsetrust.org.uk.

ALTHOUGH this isn't Chalfont St Peter, it may be useful for those who have to travel around Chesham. Transport for Buckinghamshire will be undertaking highway maintenance works along the A416 Nashleigh Hill, Chesham. This work is being undertaken to prolong the life of the road and to improve the skid resistance for road safety purposes.

The work consists of removing the tarmac surfacing that covers the concrete road beneath, repairing the concrete and relaying the tarmac surfacing.

In order to do this the road will be closed from Vale Road to Lycrome Road from July 25 until August 21. Access will be maintained to properties at all times, however some minor delays may be experienced while the works are carried out.

A signed diversion route on A-roads is in place to maintain an appropriate route for all traffic.

Further information about this work can be found on Transport for Buckinghamshire's website at <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport> or alternatively you can call 0845 230 2882.

TEMPORARY closure of Blizzards Yard car park for refurbishment

Blizzards Road car park in **Chalfont St Giles** will be closed from 5pm, Friday 5 August until 5pm, Tuesday 16 August. This is so the car park can be resurfaced and the lines repainted. At the same time the entry and exit routes to the car park will be changed. When the car park opens again on Tuesday 16 August the entry will be via the library and the new exit will be via the Co-Op store.

For further information please call the parking team on 01494 586528.

THE leader of Buckinghamshire County Council and chair of the 51m alliance, heads 15 local authorities opposed to HS2, and has voiced outrage that the procurement process for contracts on the controversial scheme has been initiated before the end of the public consultation.

Martin Tett, BCC's leader, said: "Philip Hammond, in a letter dated 27 July, two days before the end of the public consultation, states he intends to get the procurement process for HS2 contracts under way in the summer. This flies in the face of the democratic rights of those responding to the consultation and smacks of a 'done deal'. Before the consultation has closed, before a fair and proper evaluation of responses has been carried out, before a decision has been made, Mr Hammond is committing more public money to a procurement process. It is outrageous."

The County and the other 14 local authorities within 51m have submitted powerful and evidence-backed arguments against the HS2 rail proposals in response to the public consultation, which ended today (Friday 29 July).

Mr Tett, who also chairs the 51m group, said: "Let there be no mistake - the consultation may be over, but the fight will not end here. We have put up strong and well-reasoned arguments against HS2 in our consultation responses. We have presented our case at the Transport Select Committee, and our arguments have won the backing of highly regarded, credible experts.

"I urge people to get friends and family involved, write to their MPs, look at the evidence both for and against HS2 and ask yourselves: 'Is it really right to be spending £32 billion on HS2 during a time of austerity, when there are far better and cheaper alternatives such as investing in the transport infrastructure across the whole country? This is money that could - and must - be put to far better use."

Buckinghamshire and 51m's arguments against HS2, in essence, are:

- There is no evidence that the current proposals are really in the national interest
- The business case is seriously flawed and not value for money
- The claimed economic benefits are overstated and not credible
- Cheaper and viable alternative rail schemes have not been properly assessed
- The environmental impacts will be damaging and far reaching, and have not been adequately assessed

To read the submissions in full, visit Buckinghamshire County Council's website www.buckscc.gov.uk or the 51m site, www.51m.co.uk. The 51m site also has a Write to Your MP facility, which enables you to type in your postcode and find details of your MP.