

Welcome to the latest Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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Social Event & Chamber SGM

The Chamber of Commerce social events are growing in popularity and give members, prospective members and key people from the Village and beyond the opportunity to meet, share and network. In July, around 40 people, including County, District and Parish Councillors, representatives from Chiltern DC, the Police, and local businesses gathered at The Village Hall and enjoyed each other's company over a drink, listening to various speakers and contributing to the benefit of everyone connected with this terrific Village.

The Chamber's next Social event will include a short SGM and will be held on 16th October, at the White Hart, between 6-8pm. You are all welcome and do not need to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce to join us. Please bring your colleagues, family and friends along as this is a great opportunity to network and meet other like-minded Villagers, Shopkeepers & Business Owners. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Fun Night set to be the best ever!

Following on from the great success of 2012 this year's Xmas Fun Night looks set to be even better. It's a real treat for all who come and a night that I have found to really get my family and I in the festive spirit. The event will be organised again this year by the 'Feast of St. Peter' with help from the Chamber and many other volunteers.

Market Place will once again be closed to traffic and floodlit for the evening. The road closes at 4:30pm with the event officially starting at 6:00pm and finishing at around 8:45pm.

The children's fair will be held in the precinct and traditional Christmas carol singing and other entertainment will take place in the centre of the village.

There are only 9 pitches left so if you are interested in having your own stall or if you would like to volunteer as a Steward on the night please contact Michael Day – Feast of St Peter - on 07717 295369. Pitches are 3m x 3m and cost just £33 for businesses and £27.50 for charities.

If you are a shopkeeper who has not participated before may I recommend that you take advantage of the fantastic opportunity that Fun Night affords you? Why not stay open late and greet our visitors with a little food and drink. At what other time of the year will you have up to 5000 people looking through your shop window or walking in? May I also politely request your help with the cleaning up? If each shopkeeper could please sweep the front of their own shop, collect the rubbish and then bin it with the rest of their day to day rubbish (i.e. please don't just sweep the litter into the road) that would be a great help to the organisers and volunteers.

If you are a resident bring your family out for a really fun night and also visit and get to know your local shopkeepers. Are you aware of how diverse and vibrant our village really is? If not then Xmas Fun Night is a great place to start. Let's **Keep it Local** and support one another.

Village Xmas Decorations

I'm sure you will agree that our decorations enhance the look and appeal of our wonderful Village throughout the year. With various flags flying and our Christmas Lights illuminated we are indebted to our regular volunteers. The Chamber would like to thank Andy Gresham and his team of selfless individuals who, several times a year, give up their time on a Sunday to keep our Village looking great. Anyone can lend a hand and we could really do with more volunteers. This year we need your help on 24th November and 1st December. If you like to get involved please contact me on jon-paul.hardy@sjpp.co.uk

Membership

Since our last Newsletter we have had quite a few new members join the Chamber of Commerce. Membership is just £30 per annum so can you afford not to be a member? We have also welcomed two new members to our committee. We meet monthly and are looking for people that would like to make a difference and contribute to the wellbeing and success of our village. If you are interested in adding value to the continued growth and prosperity of Chalfont St. Peter please contact Chamber President, Andrew Welch, andrew.welch@sundialmarketing.co.uk

Advertising on the Precinct Board

We have a fantastic opportunity for you to feature your business on the Chamber Of Commerce Precinct board.

The advert created is 4''x 6'' and is customised to suit your business information. Pictures and logo's can be included. Any local business can have their advert made and placed on the board. For members of the Chamber it is free of charge. For non-members it is only £25 per annum or £7.50 per quarter. If you would like to find out more please contact Evie at evie@hushboutique.eu

New shops open in St. Peter

It's good to see that three new shops have opened in the Village in recent months:

Chalfont Stores – Newsagent in Lovell Road, Raj
Queen Bee – Florist in Market Place, Gemma
Full Spectrum – Hairdressers in High Street, Tammy

The Chamber of Commerce would like to offer each of you a very warm welcome and wish you every success in your new venture.

Your Contribution

If any of you have an interesting story, news or just an idea that will help Chalfont St. Peter continue to be a great place to live and to work in then please let me know by emailing me at the address given earlier in this newsletter.

Committee Member Profile:

PELLS OF ST. PETER - Electricians

Est. 1989 by Vincent Pells BSc MIEE

Did you know.....

- LED lights can use a fifth of the energy that conventional halogen bulbs use and there is no heat produced- a lot safer.
- A 30mA RCD fitted to your fuse board or an installed mains smoke detector could save your life.
- New build sockets and switches should be between 450mm and 1200mm from finished floor level to allow accessibility.
- Cables buried in walls should be run in prescribed zones?

Pells of St. Peter can help you with these issues and more as qualified electricians. We have been based in Chalfont St Peter for over 20 years and during this period have seen many changes in the electrical industry. Electricians now have to work to BS 7671 2008 (IET Wiring Regulations 17th Edition).

In 2006 the government introduced Part P of the building regulations and formed a government approved registration scheme for electrical installers. Vincent Pells is an ELECSA government approved electrician.

Certain kinds of electrical work have to be notified to building control. These include:

Indoors:

- A complete new installation or rewire
- Changing a fuse box
- Installing a new circuit
- Underfloor heating
- Adding a socket/lighting point in a kitchen/ bathroom

Outdoors:

- Installing lights or power e.g. a supply to a garden shed, detached garage, outbuilding, electric gate or pond pump

As registered electricians, we can do all of these for you. Some of the contracts we have completed include the rewire of St. Joseph's Church Hall and the installation of a complete wiring system for Hibiscus Beauty Clinic in Stoke Poges from ground level to working building. We have carried out work at St. Joseph's School, Seer Green School and Thorpe House School. We have also carried out work at St Peter's Church, Chalfont St Peter Community Centre and Bucks County Council. One of the larger contracts we had was to relocate a manufacturing company Case Design from Chalfont St. Peter to a new factory in High Wycombe along with all their three phase machinery.

We carry out all domestic work and this includes the latest technology with energy saving devices and LED lighting. If you need an outdoor socket for your Christmas lights or LED lighting, why not contact us?

We are happy to visit you at your home or office to advise on how the current electrical installations should be updated to comply with modern requirements. We are also happy to advise on lighting requirements and new power installations. We have many satisfied clients who return again and again for further contracts.

To find out more please visit our website at www.pellsofstpeter.co.uk or contact us by e-mail at vincent@vincentpells.plus.com or by telephone on 01753 889705.

Thank you all for taking time to read this newsletter.

Jon-Paul Hardy