

# Chalfont St Peter Village Voice

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**CHALFONT ST PETER RESIDENTS, THIS IS A RALLYING CALL FOR US TO HAVE OUR SAY TO ENSURE THAT WE STAY ALIVE AS A VILLAGE!**

We can only do so if we band together to make our point about supporting our County Council representative, Cllr Bruce Allen, who is fighting against a proposal by the District Council to instal Pay and Display meters in Market Place. Cllr. Allen has written to Mr Peter Woodburn, Head of Engineering and Contract Management at Chiltern District Council Offices, King George V Road, Amersham, HP6 5AW, to put the serious point to him that we do not need such meters and in fact that we will 'die' as a village, if our free parking facility is any further curtailed, when Tesco, being built in Gerrards Cross, will be offering free car parking. It is human nature to take advantage of such a provision and the result of this will be that our Budgens (the largest store in the company's portfolio and **our village anchor**), will be put out of business and the small traders who make the village individual and attractive, will be cut off from the shoppers who would normally be in Chalfont St Peter. Do we want to be a suburb of Gerrards Cross, with no proper shopping and nothing easily accessible to those who cannot drive? We need to do something now and it behoves us to individually contact Mr Peter Woodburn, either by writing to the address above or by emailing him [pwoodburn@chiltern.gov.uk](mailto:pwoodburn@chiltern.gov.uk) to put our view on record. Your support may save our village, so do take this problem seriously and have your say.



CONGRATULATIONS to Georgina Cane of Chalfont St Peter, whose painting, "All That Jazz" won the Elaine Butler salver (donated by her husband in her memory) as this was judged the favourite by visitors to the annual exhibition of The Misbourne Art Society in November. As a new venture, she has painted on canvas in watercolour, rather than the usual oils generally painted on this surface and it has made a pleasant, soft definition, with the addition of collage music to add something a bit different. Georgina has lived in the area for 20 years and has been a member of the Great Missenden Art Society as well as our local Misbourne Art Society. Her work is popular and she undertakes commissions, so if you'd like to see more, or to have a special painting done for you, she can be contacted on 07910371504

**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.

*Georgina Cane with her painting*

**THE CELFUNDE INHERITANCE EXHIBITION** will be open for viewing in the parish council offices at Mill Meadow on Wednesday, 30th January from 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon. View the specially commissioned ancient map and the commemoration to two Victoria Cross holders buried in our village.

**THE Annual** General Meeting of the Village Appraisal group will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 12th. February in the Parish Council Office and the Youth Centre will be giving a short presentation of some of their work during the evening. It is hoped that many residents will attend so that they can hear of the work carried out by the Steering Committee during the past year and to offer ideas for future projects.

**THE** next Police Surgery at Budgens will take place on Tuesday 15th. January, 12 noon to 2 p.m. and as the visit last month of the police Crime Reduction Officer with his advice for personal safety and home security was so popular, it has been decided to make this a regular theme. He will therefore be present with PC Clarke, a PCSO and a member of the CSP Community Safety Group in the front of the shop at the Market Place entrance on the 15th. January.

**MEET** Georgina Sergio of **Montage**, who comes from a hairdressing family and who absolutely loves what she does, running the shop which she started 4 years ago in Chalfont St Peter's Market Place. Her mother and father, have always been in the hairdressing business and Georgina and her sister and brother all have hairdressing businesses themselves, as it was natural that they would follow the same path. The family hails from Harrow, but Georgina, her husband, son and daughter came out to Chalfont St Peter some years ago and really enjoy living here not far from Market Place, so it is easy to feel at home in the village. She comes, as you can gather, from a close and supportive family and that is the atmosphere that pervades the salon, with staff who are friendly and relaxed.



*Georgina Sergio*



*Montage salon*

The fully air-conditioned salon is bright and airy and, as well as the obvious skills that would be expected, there are many therapies and also a stand up sun bed, which is just £1 per minute. If you don't fancy a sun bed, they have spray tanning and St Tropez tanning system, which might give you a lift in this cold weather. There are all sorts of beauty treatments: facials, aromatherapy, Indian head massage, body massage, eye lash tinting etc. Of course one expects to have a wide array of services in a salon, but it is useful to be reminded that such a selection is available right on our doorstep.



Montage offers special rates to school children, students, parents and grandparents. They offer 20% discount for students from Monday to Friday, senior citizen days are Tuesday and Wednesday. For January and February they are offering with a pedicure a half price manicure and with a cut and blow dry, a free eyebrow shape.. On purchase of Tigi shampoo and conditioner there is a free file and polish. Earpiercing at £12.50 with all earrings kept in individual sterile packs.

**Telephone 01753 885520**

**Stylists: Charlotte Comper, Kayleigh Killick and Lydia Buist**

**THE** Chiltern Society's popular calendar is now on sale at their office at the White Hill Centre, Chesham. Proceeds will go towards the Society's work caring for Chiltern villages and the countryside.

The calendar features photographs of wild flowers found in the Chilterns, with details of 12 local walks where the different flowers can be found and 12 detachable postcards.

John Taylor, Chairman of the Chiltern Society said: "there are over 150 different windflowers in the Chilterns, including the Chiltern Gentian, which loves our chalky soil. Despite added pressures on the Chilterns, this is still a marvellously diverse area to live and work in."

The calendar costs £4.25 plus 75p postage and packing. Please telephone 01494 771250 to order a copy, or order on-line at [www.chilternsociety.org.uk](http://www.chilternsociety.org.uk)

**ST JOSEPH'S Furniture 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. If you have furniture in good condition that you would like to donate to the Market, please phone 01494 872207.

**CHALFONT St Peter Garden Club** holds its meetings on the third Wednesday evening of the month, in the Church Hall, Church Lane, CSP at 8pm.

**THE** corner of the High Street by the roundabout in the middle of the village, is a colourful point with the new sweet shop that Harinder Bains of Hillingdon Communications Ltd (11 High Street) has opened. Mr Bains has made a



simple idea into a fairy tale shop for the sweet toothed. Not a complicated project, but one that is like an Aladdin's cave of temptation. As you can see, the walls are lined with jars of delights that would take you ages to sample if you wanted to try out the entire range! Certainly this makes a great display for those who want to buy an attractive gift that is more varied than the usual box of chocolates and no doubt it is an adventure to sample even a small number.

**HELPFUL COURSES STARTING IN JANUARY.** AN 8 week Parenting Courses begin week commencing 21/1/08 for 0 – 6's (Thursday mornings) and 7 – 13's (Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings) at Gold Hill Baptist Church, Chalfont St Peter. All are welcome but numbers are limited and booking is essential. Contact Katrina Reading on 01753 887173 for more information. **Recovery from Divorce and Separation Course** runs from Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Feb to 17<sup>th</sup> March (7.30pm to 10.00pm) at Gold Hill Baptist Church, CSP. Suitable for all – whatever stage you are at. Contact Katrina Reading on 01753 887173 to book or for more information.

**THE** 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.

**MIKE** and Wendy Reid are holding their Bridge Extravaganza once again in aid of the Children's Society on Saturday, January 19th, in the memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross at 7pm.

The timing is the same as last year and are having supper first in order that people can sit with their friends and it is not so late for the kitchen helpers. Supper will be served from 7.15pm and then hopefully they will start the bridge at about 8.30pm.

The bridge format will, once again, be progressive Chicago, keeping the same partner all evening, but anyone preferring to stay on one table with friends is welcome, they just have to say.

All standards of bridge are welcome, from beginners to more experienced players, so no one need feel intimidated. The emphasis is on a fun evening.

The cost will be £20 per person, which includes supper and drinks. (beer, wine and soft drinks). If anyone is vegetarian or has any special dietary requirements please let them know when you book.

Your booking needs to be as soon as possible, so that they can plan numbers and they would appreciate the money before the 19th of January sent to (note change of address): Danby, 7 Copthall Lane, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks, SL9 0BX. Telephone number remains the same 01753 888864.

**CHALFONT COMMON W I** has sent information on their end of year meeting and write: "The festive season being upon us we kept the business part of our meeting very short and sweet, and after a glass of wine and mince pies we enjoyed the our drama group entertain us with a series of very funny monologues, followed by Frances Goodman's version of how not to make a Christmas pudding. We are holding our annual Attic sale on Saturday 8th March 2008 .at 9.30am at the Community Centre in Chalfont St Peter. Tables are available for £10, please apply to Mrs Brenda Aldworth 01753 885293. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Tony Graham room in the community centre at 7.30 for 7.45pm."

**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 and appointments should be booked through the administrator Chris White on careers.springboard@virgin.net The Monday meetings take place 7.15 for 7.30pm at St Andrews United Reformed Church Hall, Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross. On November 4 the topic is Interviews 2.

**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.

**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 Thursday meetings.

**FRIENDS OF CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM** programme: Wednesday 23 January – “John Milton’s Time in Buckinghamshire” by Colin Oakes. Yet another welcome return of a very accomplished speaker, whose great knowledge is combined with a spellbinding style of delivery. Wednesday 27 February – The Ffestiniog Railway; Richard Ogden relates the amazing story of the birth, growth, decline, death and rebirth of “The Little Railway the Whole World Talks About”. Meetings take place in the Mary Smithells Room, Chalfont St Peter Community Centre, commencing at 8 pm and lasting no more than two hours. All are welcome to attend – a small charge of £2.50 per person is made - £2.00 for Friends of COAM. Light refreshments are available. No pre-booking required – just turn up on the evening. However, any enquiries may be made to Jenny Ogden on 01494 793017.

**TITHE Barn** Youth Club opens Monday 14th. January. The times, evenings and age groups are the same and they would welcome any new members.

**ENHANCE** your computer skills by attending a series of talks on Computers and Computing. The objective will be to give people a better understanding of computers and the maintenance they need. As the course progresses, there might well be some detailed discussion about programs where they contribute to your understanding and development, but the first two talks will be more practical on a day-to-day knowledge level.

John Puttergill may be known to many as the knowledge behind Chalfont Computers and he's rescued many a puzzled computer owner from their despair. His association with computers and computing goes back to the mid 1970's although it only took off from about 1990 when he sold his business and found enough time to devote to the cursed machines! Initially he did a little consulting for friends, specialising in writing or customising accounting software. The consulting projects became bigger and bigger often dealing with cutting-edge systems.

Simon Johnson was technical Manager of Chalfont Computer Centre and before that the head technician for PC Organic. He is currently the head of technical support at a major school that specialises in ICT. His knowledge covers most areas of IT, with things like Video Editing and Web Design as specialities.

They would like to start towards the end of January or beginning of February, so look out for the dates which will be in the relevant newsletter and also on the website [www.chalfontstpeter.com/villagevoice](http://www.chalfontstpeter.com/villagevoice) To register your interest in taking part in this great opportunity, you can contact [john@itsjustit.co.uk](mailto:john@itsjustit.co.uk) Tel: 01753 886400.

**THE LONDON & SLOUGH** take 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.

**THE** Gerrards Cross Sailing Association's programme until the end of the year is given below. The group meets on Wednesdays 8:15pm prompt - Bar opens 7.30 pm in Colston Hall, Memorial Centre, GX. Dates: 16<sup>th</sup> January, The Rise and Fall of Westerly Boat building Association member Hazel Powell, editor of 'The Westerly Story', discusses the company's growth and financial failure. What made it so successful? And why did it collapse? These and other questions will be discussed along with the designers and - of course - the boats. 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Medical Emergencies at Sea. Martin Thomas M.S., F.R.C.S. Commodore of the Ocean Cruising Club and Atlantic Yachtsman extraordinaire, outlines handling medical emergencies at sea – a timely reminder that it may not go to plan. 30<sup>th</sup> January, Further adventures of 'Cresswell Jenny' in Turkey and Greece. Mergers Karin Wilkinson and Andrew Walker tell of their trip from Marmaris to Kos, zig zagging between Turkey and the Greek islands taking in Finike, Rhodes, Knidos, Kusadasi and Samos. 6<sup>th</sup> February, JourneyMaker 5. Tilman Trophy Winner – 3 Peaks Race. Chris Jones and Louise Makinshre their adventures in the 2007 race, one of the toughest on record with gale force winds in the Irish Sea, sailing 400 miles along the west coast of Great Britain with ascents of the highest peaks in Wales, England and Scotland.

**CHALFONT** Leisure Centre has a comprehensive range of facilities on your doorstep and invites you all to use them: To find out more please call: 01753 887812 or visit [www.wll.co.uk](http://www.wll.co.uk) Sessions have been created to encourage men and women in the 50+ age group to take up sport and recreational activities in a sociable environment. If you are in the 50+ category or know of people who are and would like to attend the aerobic sessions, it is advisable to book in advance by contacting the Leisure Centre reception (details above). Other activities offered for the 50+ age group are Table Tennis, Badminton, Short Tennis, Stretches, Conditioning and Swimming, so there's plenty to give you healthy exercise and enjoyment.

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