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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice

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'This Summer. Is Your Home Secure?' is the focus of Buckinghamshire's Community Safety Partnership bus campaign, launched this week as part of the local public service agreements. The campaign runs for 2 months and aims to provide residents with key tips for reducing the risk of being a victim of burglary, especially during the summer.

The 3 prominent messages for the burglary campaign are:

Keep valuables out of sight - don't tempt the thief

Lock doors and windows

.Postcode your Property

A quarter of all burglars gain access through open doors and windows, and many burglars are opportunist - where they see something they want and have an easy way to obtain it. Simply remembering to close and lock doors and windows even when at home but just going upstairs or out into the garden, can help to reduce these opportunities. Also taking simple steps like using timer switches, cancelling milk or newspapers before going away, and mowing the lawn can ensure homes look occupied whilst away on holiday. Postcoding property is another cheap, easy, yet effective way to make property more secure.

BUCKS Visual Arts Exhibition The Buckinghamshire County Museum will be hosting an exhibition of paintings, ceramics, sculpture and jewellery as part of Bucks Visual Arts. The exhibition Fanfare, which runs from 16 June until 14 July, will give a vibrant foretaste, in one location, of the work of more than sixty artists and craftspeople who will be taking part in Open Studio events across the county. Bucks Visual Arts is an annual event organised by the Visual Images Group, an alliance of over 400 artists and craftspeople living and working in Buckinghamshire, which this year will run from 16 June and 1 July. It combines open studios, exhibitions and events giving people an opportunity to visit the artists' studios, see and talk about their work, and even to participate. The Directory, which accompanies Bucks Visual Arts fortnight, will be available from the museum

Local Resident celebrates her 102nd Birthday. Lucy Bagley was born in Lancashire on 28th May 1905. She came to live in Chalfont St Peter in 1954 when her husband Mr S.H.Bagley became headmaster of the Church of England Primary School. The Chalfont St Peter Women's Institute made her a Life member fifty years after she joined. For 20 years she was resident at Austenmead, School Lane and moved to Clare House Uxbridge just before her 100th birthday. Lucy still enjoys playing Scrabble. Bingo and Triominoes and visits from her friends and relatives. She has 5 grand children and 7 great grand children..

THE Coronation Clock on Gold Hill has been removed for renovation work. It will be good to have it working again.

CHALFONT ST PETER Parish Church will be **open** from noon until 2pm every Thursday lunchtime, as a quiet place where everyone is welcome to sit to eat their packed lunch and to listen to the background music. Details from the Parish Office 01753 880067. **DON'T FORGET that June is the month of our Feast Day and celebrations abound in the village. There is a full programme. Friday evening has 8pm service of Compline and Sunday 1st July has Festival emphasis in the church services. The feast day celebrations on Saturday June 30 are 10am-3pm and have something for everyone.**

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, to enable you to concentrate and enjoy the speaker and the company. This is a non-denominational group and all ladies are welcome to join the Thursday meetings.

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.

THE A G M of the Youth Centre is on Tuesday, June 19 from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. at Tithe Barn. It is planned that there will be some kind of activity, probably by some of the club members, following the business part of the meeting.

The Youth Club committee is looking for a new voluntary Secretary, conversant with IT to take and publish Minutes etc. In order for any successful applicant to be voted in at the AGM they will have to be nominated by 4th. June. Anyone interested should contact the Youth Centre ahead of that date either by 'phoning 01753 883712 or Email: office@cspyouthcentre.org.uk

VOPAG (Village Older Person's Action Group) meetings are held once a month on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays. The next meeting is on Thursday 21st June, further meetings are: Tuesday 17th. July, Thursday 16th. August, Tuesday 18th. September, Thursday 18th. October, Tuesday 20th. November and Thursday 13th. December. All start at 10.30 am for coffee/chat with the meeting proper starting at 11am. Do go along, as it's your chance for your voice to be heard.

IF you have or had, in any way, anything to do with the Guide and Brownie movement, you will be very welcome to join the **Trefoil Guild** in the Guide Hut in Lansdown Road, CSP at 2pm on the first Wednesday of the month. There is a good programme arranged for the coming months and you will be able to enjoy making new friends as well. For more information, please contact 01753 886809.

THE CSP WI meets on the second Wednesday in the month at the Church Hall, Church Lane at 2.15pm. June 13, is a social afternoon. July 11 - London Oddities - talk by Sally Botwright.

GREAT news for commuters who want to help reduce congestion and pollution on their daily struggle to work. The roads will soon be clearer and cleaner as workers around the county support Green Transport week, which runs from 16th-24th June. The annual event, organised by the Environmental Transport Association (ETA), is a chance for everyone to get involved. Its aims are to:

- * Raise awareness of transport impact on the environment.
- * Highlight transport alternatives.
- * Make people stop and think before they go somewhere.
- * Send a message to the government on green transport and environmental issues

FOR workers that have to travel to work by car, there is an opportunity to get involved by car-sharing. National lift share Day is being held on 14th June (a week earlier than Green Transport week) and the Travelchoice team are challenging each workplace to record the highest percentage of car-sharers on National lift share Day. For the workplace that records the highest percentage of car-sharers, the Travelchoice Team will arrange a presentation at their workplace, complete with a complimentary lunch, and the workplace will be awarded the title of Buckinghamshire's lift share Business 2007.

The Travelchoice team are also working with Chiltern Railways throughout Green Transport week, offering commuters who park at the stations across the county, free car park spaces to those car-sharing with 3 or more people. For more information on the National Bike Week and Bike2Work week please contact Mark Oldfield, Team Leader Travelchoice on 01296 383449 or e-mail travelchoice@buckscc.gov.uk <mailto:travelchoice@buckscc.gov.uk>

CHALFONT St Peter Garden Club, Meets Wednesday, June 20 in the Church Hall at 8pm, when Nigel Timpson explains how to achieve a Lush, Weed-Free Lawn.

GERRARDS CROSS Flower Club meets in The Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross and details can be obtained from Clare Collens on 01753 882471. June 20 will have Sharon Badger presenting 'Roses and Castles' and July 18 will have Edward Asquith presenting 'Summer Extravaganza'.

TUESDAY 26th. June 12 noon -2 pm is the time Police Community Surgery at Budgens when you can go along and pose any questions that they may be able to answer.

AGE CONCERN has provision that is not being fully utilised and all you need to qualify is that you are above pension age and live locally, so why not take advantage of it. On Tuesdays in the Church Hall, Church Lane the doors open at 12.15 for you to enjoy a two-course lunch and good chat and company. The food is cooked by a team who enjoy being hosts to their guests and make the occasion one of friendly sharing. The cost of the lunch is £2 and the number to phone is 01753 882858.

Another benefit of being a pensioner is that you are entitled to use the Chiropodist service that is run by Age Concern. I am told that both of the ladies who work for this are excellent. Cost is also attractive, as it is only about half the usual cost for chiropody locally. The service covers Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross. To book, please phone 01753 885646.

THE Day Centre, run by Age Concern, with the assistance of Gold Hill Baptist Church that provides the building and its resources, is for elderly and infirm pensioners and mostly for people who are housebound. It runs on Wednesdays from 10am-3.30pm and provides coffee, lunch and afternoon tea for those who would benefit from the company and caring that make it a treat to look forward to. It also provides a respite day for families who have an elderly member at home, who needs to be cared for.. Please phone 01753 882858 to learn more about what is on offer. It is certainly a valuable community contribution.

FRIDAY market in the Church Hall, Church Lane is worth a visit. Kay Lockie, who has a great selection of underwear and lingerie on her stall, comes fortnightly and shares the pitch with Paul who comes on the alternate week to sell saucepans and other kitchenware. There is Lynn who sells lovely jewellery from £1, Graham selling household goods, Bob with greetings cards and wrapping paper and Keith selling ladies' fashions. Often there are new stalls also, so it's worth popping in to see.

MISBOURNE Art Society dates:

July 7 Michael Robinson will give a demonstration - Portrait Artist.

July 9 Sketching day on Gold Hill Common, CSP, with lunch at the Village Hall

August 4 Self Portrait (take a mirror) 'Rogues Gallery

August 6 Sketching Day on GX Common, lunch at The Packhorse

THE Community Centre has a carousel with a huge number of leaflets about Village activities and provisions for learning. You just have to browse through and you'll never 'have nothing to do' again.

FRIDAY night is Bingo night at the CSP Community Centre. It is on from 8-9.30pm for some light entertainment and perhaps an exciting win.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN has its AGM in the CSP Community Centre at 2.15pm on Thursday June 28.

ALL SAINTS' Church Hall is the venue for Chalfont Grand Squares every Tuesday at 8pm. Have fun and keep fit doing American squares. Contact number for more information is 01895 259510.

BADMINTON players are needed by a friendly club that plays Wednesday evenings in Chalfont St Peter Middle School. Contact John on 01494 873527 or Linda on 01494 875486.

SHORT Mat Bowls now has a full Monday complement, but they would like a few extra people on Friday afternoons at the community centre. Instruction will be given and bowls will be available to for new members to use. Time is 2-5.30pm and you can either turn up or contact Audrey on 01494 873401.

THE Little Drum music group offers an action packed music and movement group for children aged 4 months to 4 years. Modern and traditional music and rhymes, percussion instruments, puppets and visual termly themes. Chalfont St Peter on Tuesday mornings. Phone Julie on 01494 792619.

GERRARDS Cross Flower Club meets on Wednesday, May 16 in the Memorial Centre, East Common, Gerrards Cross when National demonstrator, Pam Lewis, will enhance the 50th Anniversary Lunch with 'Forging Ahead', to delight those present.

THE CSP Garden Club Summer Show is always worth seeing and this year it is Saturday, August 18, 2-4.45pm in the Community Centre. This is an open show and non-members are welcome to enter, so get your plants in and time them to be at their best by August 18. Show secretary is Grace Hunter – 01753 884006 and the assistant show secretary is Bryan Nicholson on 01753 884007, so ask for an entrance form and get planting. There are lots of categories, so there should be one that you can enter and be successful in winning a position.

ALL SAINTS', Oval Way, runs a Holiday Club, July 23-27 this year. It is a very popular event for local children and, as in previous years, you need to book even if it is just for one morning. Time is 9.15-12.30 each day and to find out more, please phone 01753 883571.

ACTIVITIES around our area this month.

Saturday 16th June, Chesham Craft Fayre, Traditional craft stalls and refreshments available. At: Chesham Town Hall Baines Walk, Chesham Tel: 07952 4233378 E-mail: prtclsolutions@aol.com Time: 11am to 4pm
Cost: Adult £1, OAP/Under 16s 50p

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th June, Basket Making. Visitors will have a wonderful opportunity to watch and try out the traditional craft of basket making. At: Chiltern Open Air Museum, Newland Park, Chalfont St Giles Tel: 01494 872163
Web: www.coam.org.uk Time: 10am to 5pm Cost: Adult £7.50, Conc. £6.50, Child £4.50, Family £21.50, Under 5s FREE

Saturday 16th June to Sunday 1st July, Bucks Visual Arts Open studios, exhibitions and events. Over 272 participating artists and craftspeople at 156 venues. Contact the Visual Images Group for a free printed directory. At: Various locations across the county Tel: 01296 614283 E-mail: vi-group@btconnect.com Web: www.bucks-open-studios.org.uk

Sunday 17th June Amersham Town Council Civic Service. Please arrive at 10.20am At: The Methodist Church, High Street, Amersham Old Town Tel: 01494 586892 E-mail: admin@amersham-tc.gov.uk Time: 10.30am Cost: FREE
Web: www.nationaltrust.org.uk Time: 7pm Cost: Adult £4, Child £2 (booking required)

Saturday 23rd June, Gipsy House Family Fun Afternoon An afternoon's entertainment in Roald Dahl's garden, with music, Morris Men, a magician, storytelling, stalls and games, home-made cakes and a chance to peek into the famous Writing Hut. At: Gypsy House, Great Missenden Tel: 01494 890465 (Roald Dahl Foundation) Web: www.roalddahlmuseum.org Time: 2pm to 5pm Cost: Adult £5, Child £2.50 (not pre-bookable)

Saturday 23rd June, Lace Making Lace making activities at the museum for all visitors. At: Chiltern Open Air Museum Newland Park, Chalfont St Giles Tel: 01494 872163 Web: www.coam.org.uk Time: 10am to 5pm Cost: Adult £7.50, Conc. £6.50, Child £4.50, Family £21.50, Under 5s FREE

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th June, Tommy's Splashathon 2007, Have fun splashing a width or length of your pool and raise money for Tommy's life-saving work! At: The Chiltern Pools Tel: 01494 723969 E-mail: mark.leslie@chilternleisure.co.uk Web: www.littleswimmers.co.uk Time: 9am to 10am both days Cost: Normal entry fees apply

Sunday 24th June, Annual Summer Fete Pony rides, soak the teacher, car rides, X-Factor final, sweets and cakes, inflatables, BBQ and much, much more. At: Dr. Challoner's High School, Little Chalfont. Time: Noon to 4pm Cost: £1

Sunday 24th June. Make your own revolting recipe For 6yrs+. Join Tiffany Crouch, head chef of Café Twit, to whip up some of Willy Wonka's Whipple Fudgemallow Delight. At: Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre 81-83 High Street, Great Missenden Tel: 01494 892192 Web: www.roalddahlmuseum.org Time: 2pm to 3pm Cost: £4.50 per person (please pre-book)

Sunday 24th June, Heavy Horse Show. The Hertfordshire Heavy Horse Association return to the museum with a wonderful array of heavy horse breeds. See the spectacular sights of these wonderful animals parading in the arena, pulling traditional vehicles and farming equipment At: Chiltern Open Air Museum Newland Park, Chalfont St Giles Tel: 01494 872163 Web: www.coam.org.uk Time: 10am to 5pm (arena events at Noon & 3pm) Cost: Adult £7.50, Conc. £6.50, Child £4.50, Family £21.50, Under 5s FREE

Saturday 30th June & **Sunday** 1st July. Medieval Cooking & Weapons. The museum welcomes the medieval re-enactment group Pelican in Her Piety and their living history encampment with demonstrations of medieval cooking and opportunities to try on armour. At: Chiltern Open Air Museum Newland Park, Chalfont St Giles Tel: 01494 872163 Web: www.coam.org.uk Time: 10am to 5pm Cost: Adult £7.50, Conc. £6.50, Child £4.50, Family £21.50, Under 5s FREE

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Leisure Centres in Chiltern District For details of Events, Courses and Activities contact: Wycombe Leisure Limited Website: www.wll.co.uk Tel: 01494 688123 E-mail: info@wll.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch has heard reports of a fly tipper in the Wycombe area offering to clear junk from people's homes for cash and then dumping it illegally. He calls himself Ashley and has been reported driving a light cream coloured van part registration N766. Under the Environmental Protection Act all home-owners have a duty of care to get rid of their rubbish properly and to use registered people to do the job otherwise you could be liable to a hefty fine of £5,000. If you have any information relating to this please call your local District Council.

THE Police have passed on a message to beware of any cold callers after an incident last week when a man called at a house in the Amersham area enquiring about antiques. He was invited into the house but the occupants became suspicious and asked him to leave. Whilst no crime was committed on this occasion, there are a number of so called dealers who travel around the country calling at peoples houses offering to purchase antiques, gold, silver, furniture and paintings for cash. By offering a fair price for one item, people trust them, but once inside your property they may try to distract you and then steal other items from your home or purchase something else for far less than its worth. **Please follow crime reduction advice: DO NOT BUY OR SELL AT THE DOOR. Do NOT invite strangers into your home.**

Notify the police on 0845 8 505 505 or Trading Standards on 0845 040 506 if people are cold calling in your area.

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