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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice,

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“HOW NOW BROWN COW!” The cattle will definitely be lowing at Chiltern Open Air Museum this year, as the Christmas carol goes, because Christmas has come early for Farm Manager, Conway Rowland. The Museum welcomed two, one year old heifers (young female cows) from Collings Hanger Farm in Prestwood last Friday. Both heifers are traditional Beef Short Horn crosses and the Museum has been working with local farmer, Virginia Deradour, to find a suitable traditional breed for the Buckinghamshire area for the Museum. The two heifers are now settling in the cattle shelter of Hill Farm Barn in the Victorian Farmyard. Site and Farm Manager Conway Rowland said “We are delighted with our new arrivals. They help us to tell the story of our farm buildings and show visitors what a working traditional farm in Bucks would have been like in the past.” Says Conway “Visitors can enter the competition this weekend at our Christmas event to help us name our new arrivals. Monies raised will go towards paying for their care over the coming months”.

Visitors are invited to see these lovely new arrivals over this weekend on 30 November and 1 December from 11 – 4 for the Museum’s last event of the year - Chilterns Traditional Christmas. Father Christmas will be at the event in a special traditional Grotto (small additional charge) and there are lots of Christmas gift stalls, Christmas crafts and musical entertainment over the two days. But clearly the most popular attraction will be the new heifers stealing the show!

For further details and on line ticket booking for the Traditional Christmas event, visit the Museum web site on www.coam.org.uk. Further information about the new arrivals from Sue Shave, Museum Director on director@coam.org.uk.

HEDGERLEY Historical Society’s final meeting of 2013 is on **Wednesday 4th December** when **Bobbie Latter** will present *Marlow Town*

This light-hearted talk accompanied by photos will take the form of an imaginary walk through Marlow, where the audience will hear about the history of the town and learn about the buildings passed along the way, such as churches, the suspension bridge, cottages, mansion houses and pubs. Tales of the park and the river will also be woven into the mix, along some concerning famous inhabitants.

Photo: Bobbie Latter

Bobbie Latter is a member of the Guild of Guide Lecturers and has been a tour guide for just under 30 years. Co-writer of recently re-published “Windsor, A History & Celebration”, she has also performed for 6 years running in the Windsor Festival in her own comedy costumed historical walks. In her spare time she is a perpetual student, especially with languages, of which she is constantly trying to improve the 7 she has acquired over the years, including British Sign Language. The meeting will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

Monthly Meetings of Hedgerley Historical Society take place at Hedgerley Memorial Hall, Kiln Lane Hedgerley at 8pm and visitors are most welcome.

Further details from John Lovelock 01753-647187 / jdlovelock@btinternet.com



CHRISTMAS FUN NIGHT will provide a great evening for village people on Friday 6th December. It is organised by Feast of St Peter Ltd and has been a longstanding tradition in the village.



With support from the Parish Council, Feast of St Peter have, once again, arranged for Market Place to be closed to traffic and floodlit for the evening. It will be closed top and bottom from around 4.30pm to 9.00pm as will The Vale where it joins Market Place. This means that vehicle access to The Vale, Laurel Road, Fieldway etc will be via Lansdown Rd, Lovel Rd/Pennington Rd and Hampden Road. Churchfield Road will be accessible from Church Lane.

Road closed and diversion signs etc will be in operation and all road closure points will be manned. The traditional schools carol singing and other entertainment will take place from a stage outside Maloney's Budgens.

The Gold Hill Vocal Band will be singing and the Chalfont Wind Band will be playing Christmas Carols and other Festive Favourites.

A kiddies fun fair will be located in the St Peter's Court precinct which will be closed for parking from midday. Our RNLI team will have a stall along Market Place, so please stop and say hello. There will be loads of things throughout the village, with Christmas fare to enjoy.

St Nicholas Christmas Fayre Christmas Fayre

Parish Church Hall, Church Lane, **Friday, 6th, December 6.00pm - 8.30pm**

Christmas decorations, children's pocket money stalls, home-made produce, games, tombolas and refreshments and **Saturday 7th December from 10.00am – 5.00pm** - Parish Church Parish Church. Come and view our Christmas Trees, decorated by various church and community groups. You've a chance to support your favourite tree, enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the church and, on Saturday afternoon, listen to a variety of light-hearted Christmas music and enjoy tea and cakes. Free to enter

FRIDAY 6th December: 8pm at St James' Church Gerrards Cross Mozart & Haydn - The Amersham Festival Chamber Orchestra with Jennifer Stinton (flute) & Iain Ledingham (conductor/piano).

Mozart: Piano Concerto No.17 in G major

Haydn Symphony No. 36

Mozart Flute Concerto in G major

Mozart Symphony No. 29 Box Office: 01494 87 6465 www.amershamfestival.org Tickets on the door

MISBOURNE ART SOCIETY Monthly Meeting- Saturday December 7th in Ch. St Peter Community Centre in the Tony Graham Room 2.15pm for the Christmas Party. (Competition subject is "New Year's Day") Under 18 guests 50p & Adult guests £5 (including tea & biscuits).

WHITE CHRISTMAS on Sunday 8 December at 3pm, at Gold Hill Baptist Church, Gold Hill East, is a gentle service of remembrance in the build-up to Christmas – a time of year which can be so difficult for anyone who has been bereaved. Quiet reflection – service also now includes Rev Jim Graham. Refreshments served afterwards. All welcome – please pass on the details to anyone for whom this may be helpful.

GERRARDS CROSS FLOWER CLUB meets at the Colston Hall, Memorial Centre East Common, GX, at 2.15pm on Wednesday, **December 11**, for the AGM and presentation of the Moul Cup.

CHALFONT ST PETER GARDEN Club meets next on Wednesday, **December 11** in the Church Hall, Church Lane at 8pm, for the Christmas Social.

White Christmas
Sunday 8 December, 3pm
Led by Fiona Castle & Rev. Keith King
Join with others who have experienced the loss of bereavement in recent times, and let us all receive strength from the one who is the Prince of Peace.
Refreshments served afterwards

Gold Hill Baptist Church, Gold Hill East,
Chalfont St Peter, SL9 9DG
www.goldhill.org Tel: 01753 887173

Gold Hill
Seeking to be an authentic
Christ-like community.

V.O.P.A.G. (Village Older Persons Action Group) meets next on **Thursday, December 12**, 10am for coffee and 10.30, in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. It is an ideal opportunity for over 55's to socialise and find out useful local information.

CHALFONT View is a new eMagazine with news and opinions on national and local issues which affect all of us who live in the Chalfonts community. Whether it is development, roads, potholes, clubs, people or business, Chalfont View provides an interesting slant on what makes our community tick. The first issue has articles on Bucks County Council's proposed council tax increase and why councils need more teeth to ensure 'planning localism' works. Please go to

<http://chalfontview.blogspot.co.uk/p/home.html> to read the first issue and register for further issues.



Is a registered charity which recycles books and other educational materials to send to schools in Africa.

They are looking for volunteers to help sort and pack books at their very friendly warehouse in Hedgerley.

Opening hours are Tuesday – Thursday 9.30 am – 3.30 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact us on Tel. 01753 883853. Website: www.school-aid.org

School Aid

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'Carols by Lantern-light' Please join the CSP Parish Council and the Chalfont Wind Band for carol singing! Chalfont St Peter Churchyard - Thursday, 19th December, at 7.30pm. Wrap up warm, bring your whole family, your lantern (or torch), and your best singing voice! (Join us afterwards in the church hall for a steaming hot cup of soup) All proceeds to the Maria Taylor Christmas Charity

CHALFONT St Peter WI reports that two members of the Group attended the

Remembrance Service at the Parish Church and laid a wreath at the memorial on Sunday November 10. At the last meeting, Jean Hall brought her projector and gave a talk and slide show on various places of interest that she had visited, Sissinghurst, Kent the home of Vita Sackville West and Chiltern Open Air Museum and there were also interesting slides of various animals and plants.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party on December 11, to which everyone will bring a contribution and after they have eaten the Chiltern Choir will be there to add to the festive occasion and later in the month, on December 17th, Angela has kindly offered to host a coffee morning for members.

THE Chalfonts Friendship Club, which was set up some 5 years ago, aims to provide the opportunity for people who are retired or of retirement age to meet to share company. It is focussed on people in our community whether living on their own or couples and aims to promote companionship and sharing amongst its members. Regular monthly lunches are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, and these are currently held at St Joseph's parish centre, Chalfont St Peter and there are other varied activities each month. For further info, contact: Pat Kelly: 01753 885534 / Mary Cross: 01494 875264 / Charles Watters: 07966 349945

BUCKS Healthcare NHS Trust invites you to join a public conversation about our hospital and community healthcare services. Hear how we are improving the quality of care and share your views on what else we could do to improve the patient experience. Your nearest meeting is Beaconsfield on 23rd January in the evening. To book please call 01494 734953 or email dee.irvin@buckshealthcare.nhs.uk

LEADING Aylesbury-based charity and care provider, The Fremantle Trust, opened a new luxurious specialist dementia care home, Mulberry Court, in Chalfont St Peter in October.

Formally known as Hibbert Lodge, the site, which was the first to be acquired by the Trust earlier this year, is being given a complete overhaul and major upgrade and is intended to become one of the most sought after care homes in the area.

With just 24 bedrooms, it will be home for up to 28 private residents including four couples, depending on demand, who require long term as well as shorter term respite stays. Residents will each receive tailored, personal care by specially trained staff, experienced in caring for people living with dementia.

The Trust's ongoing partnership with well-known local landmark and tourist attraction, Waddesdon Manor has, with the support of head chef, Shaun Blythe, been used to inspire the catering at Mulberry Court.

With beautifully appointed interiors throughout, generously sized en-suite rooms as standard and secure, peaceful landscaped gardens outside, including a vegetable plot for green-fingered residents, the Trust is confident it will meet the care needs of people living with dementia from right across the region.

Hazel Greenway, currently manager at the Trust's Meadowside home in north London, who will become manager at Mulberry Court, in her hometown of Chalfont St Peter, commented: "I'm really looking forward to working much closer to home and being part of this new service and its exciting future.

"It's a wonderful place set in a beautiful environment, with superbly experienced and caring staff. We are confident that Mulberry Court will have all the attributes to make it the area's care home of choice for people living with dementia." For more information or to arrange a visit contact 01296 737366 or visit www.fremantletrust.org

FLYTIP reporting on-the-go wins County Council IT team national accolade. A handy smartphone app that allows residents to report illegal flytipping from the scene has won Buckinghamshire County Council's IT team national acclaim.

They picked up the Highly Commended accolade in the BCS & Computing UK IT Industry Awards' Best Business Project Dependent on Mobile Technology category.

The app, part of a County Council website revamp earlier this year, makes it easy for residents to report flytipping on their smartphones or tablets and iPads. They can also take a photograph of the eyesore waste and upload it to the County Council website.

Residents are vital in the fight against flytipping, and a third of convictions result from eye-witness reports. The week after the launch on May 23 saw the number of reports double.

The app supports enforcement officers' zero-tolerance Illegal Dumping Costs campaign, launched 10 years ago, and the photographic evidence helps support their prosecutions.

As a result of the campaign, Buckinghamshire leads the way nationally, convicting 10 times more offenders than the national average.

Since 2003 the County Council has brought 394 successful prosecutions, representing a clean-up of nearly 25,000 tonnes of waste, saving taxpayers more than £1 million and resulting in about £500,000 in fines and awarded prosecution costs.

The app also makes the County Council's website more accessible on the go by making it easier to look up information, find local services and do business with the council on mobile equipment.

Martin Phillips, Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, said: 'We're a modern council, and this is great example of how smartphone technology makes it easier for our residents to do business with us on the go. The more people can do online, the more we can save the council taxpayer.'

Peter Hardy, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, whose portfolio includes IT, warmly congratulated the team. 'We're fortunate to have excellent people who can keep us at the leading edge in technology for the benefit of our residents.' The website flytipping report page: www.buckscc.gov.uk/fly

Get the jab and stay safe from flu this winter

Flu is not just a bad cold and does not just affect older people- it is a highly contagious infection that anyone can catch, and it can be a serious illness which leaves some people in hospital and causes deaths every year. Those at greatest risk from flu include people aged 65 or over, pregnant women, and those with chronic health conditions.

The flu jab is available now. It is completely safe and cannot give you flu. It's safe for pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy and not only protects the woman, but protection is also passed on to the baby in the first few months of life, when it is particularly vulnerable.

Flu vaccinations are offered free of charge to the following 'at risk' groups:

- All people aged 65 years or over
- All pregnant women
- People with a chronic respiratory condition such as asthma, bronchitis, or emphysema
- People with chronic heart, kidney, liver or neurological disease
- People with diabetes
- People with a weakened immune system
- Main carers of older or disabled people
- People living in residential care or nursing homes

Even if you are not in an at-risk group yourself, if you know anyone who may be at risk from flu do tell them how important it is that they get protected. People who are carers and frontline health and social care staff are also encouraged to get a free jab to protect themselves and those around them.

This year, for the first time, all healthy children aged two and three years on the first of September 2013 will also be offered the flu vaccine as part of the seasonal flu programme. Most children will receive the vaccine via a quick and painless nose spray, used because it has been shown to provide greater protection for children than the flu injection.

Immunising children not only protects them against unpleasant and potentially serious flu infection, but means parents will not have to take time off work to look after their children while ill. It also reduces the risk of passing flu on to other children or family members, some of whom might be at increased risk of being seriously ill from having the disease.

Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing Patricia Birchley said: "I would encourage everyone who thinks they are eligible for a free flu vaccine to make an appointment with their GP as soon as possible to keep them safe from flu this winter. It really is worth taking this small step to avoid an unpleasant illness which can be dangerous to those that are vulnerable."

Cabinet Member for Children's Services Angela MacPherson added: "It's a tremendous support for families that free flu vaccination is now available for 2 and 3 year olds using the simple nasal spray. It means that toddlers can avoid this horrible illness and parents and carers won't have the stress and anxiety that children's illness brings."

"Even if you've had a flu jab before", points out Doctor Lucy Jessop, Consultant in Public Health at the Council, "it's important that you have one every year, as the flu vaccine is changed each year to protect against the virus that is expected to be around this season- previous years' vaccines may not protect you this time round".

Further information on the flu jab is available on NHS Choices:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/flu-influenza-vaccine.aspx>

AMERSHAM-based husband and wife team Bob and Ann Marshall, are the new joint chairs of the Visual Images Group, the organisation responsible for the Bucks Open Studios. 2014 will see the 29th year of Bucks Open Studios, which is the largest visual arts event in Buckinghamshire and one of the largest in the country. It will take place from **Saturday 7 to Sunday 22 June 2014**.

More than 500 artists and makers from the county including painters, glass workers, basket weavers, metal workers, wood turners, jewellery makers, book makers, print makers and silk makers (sic) will be opening their studios to the public for free and showcasing their talent through demonstrations, exhibitions and workshops.

Residents of Amersham for over 25 years and retired from teaching, Bob and Ann have spent much of their retirement pursuing their own creative talents. Bob is a fine art printer/ photographer and most of his recent work uses alternative processes which have their roots in the Victorian era. Ann makes jewellery and decorative items using *offloom beadweaving*, a technique similar to embroidery that uses small glass beads. Bob and Ann have been exhibiting their work as part of Bucks Open Studios for the past 5 years.

'We look forward to our new role of Joint Chairs of the Visual Images Group which is responsible for the organisation of Bucks Open Studios. Bucks Open Studios has grown in every way year on year – more participants, more venues, and more visitors – and we want to make sure that it continues to gain in popularity with the public,' they said. *'Artists and makers in Buckinghamshire are very grateful for the support that they receive from the public and we are sure that Bucks Open Studios will continue to prosper. There is an amazing wealth of talent within Buckinghamshire and it is a great feeling to be part of it. Artists and makers who would like to participate in next year's event can now do so.'*

HARVEY WEINER is still trying to identify the men behind the names on the War Memorials, and the following are still unknown from WW1:-

Charles Clayton, Harold Fleming, William George Francis, George Warren.

From WW2:- James Collins and James Powell.

From the St.Joseph's Memorial of WW1:- Alfred Jackson Ox & Bucks L.I., A.Smith Royal Irish Rifles, H.I.Wild, B.Gresham Brown.

From Gerrards Cross Memorial for WW1:- L.J.Sanderson.

Any information known about these men to be sent to Harvey Weiner at < harjo@harvey2w2.plus.com >

The good news is that 4 identified names on the Chalfont St.Peter Memorials have now been positively linked with the area as follows:-

1.Three men through "Danecourt", North Park,Gerrards Cross, which is in the 1915 Kelly's Directory, as occupied by Major

-General Shakespear, father of 3 daughters, one married to Major-General Thuillier, the father of Capt.George Fleetwood Thuillier,MC, another married to Capt. Egerton Lowndes Wright,MC, and the third married to Lt.-Col. Samuel Arthur Cooke. All 3 soldiers were killed or died from wounds in 1918 and are on the Parish War Memorials of Chalfont St Peter. (See < "Buckinghamshire Remembers" >)

2.A fourth soldier, Private Alban Reginald Strickland, also on the C.St.P. memorials,(died in 1917), lived in the house that is named from 1933 as "Greenacres" in Latchmoor Avenue, but was originally "Fairstead" from before the Great War, owned by his father, Robert Strickland,a banker (who died on 15th Nov.1925, leaving the house to Mary Katherine Strickland, according to the record of Probate).

"Buckinghamshire Remembers" (for WW1 only) are aware, and will eventually amend their published of these men, and I have copied in Colonel Jolliffe, President of the Royal British Legion, for Chalfont St.Peter & Chalfont St.Giles.I have also notified the Parish Church who hold all the details of the men who have been identified from both Wars. Harvey Weiner (RBL & WFA)