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Gold Hill

THE FARNDALE AVENUE HOUSING ESTATE TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD DRAMATIC SOCIETY MURDER MYSTERY" a comedy by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jnr.

Every drama group has experienced the horrors of what can go wrong on the night and the ladies of the F.A.H.E.T.G. Dramatic Society are no different, with the possible exception that almost everything that could happen, does. The scenery collapses, cues are missed, lines forgotten and the sound effects take on a strange note at times, as the ladies present their ambitious evening's entertainment with the cunning whodunit "Murder At Checkmate Manor". And just in case the audience should get bored there's a film and fashion show and a murder mystery quiz complete with prize. **The production dates are Thursday 10th, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th July starting at 7.30 at the Community Centre, Gravel Hill, Chalfont St Peter. Ticket price is £15 and this includes a two course supper with tea or coffee. Box Office number is 01494 874431 or 07815157823 after 6.30**

FRIDAY Flowers has moved into 37 St Peter's Court and it is a flower shop with a difference. Tegan Cornish from Chalfont St Peter is a Master Florist and has been operating from home until she decided to take over the florist shop in the Precinct and to make it into a special mini craft centre.



The layout of the shop is enticing, with a central display and the chance to wander round it to see the amazing range of locally sourced items that Tegan has gathered, on behalf of crafts people from Chalfont St Peter and Chalfont St Giles and Gerrards Cross.

There are embroidered aprons and cushions, as well as little tooth-fairy cushions, Jane Hogben's pottery, Elizabeth David's hand made chocolates, Gary Boyce's sculpture, Jules Rumsey's lino cut framed prints, Sophie's hand knitted blankets, Karen Bushell's quilts, Nigel Worbouys' antiques, hand made greeting cards, small items of furniture, all the candles and creams that can be used for pampering and so much more. It is absolutely worth a browse.

Not only will Tegan be able to provide flowers locally, but offers a delivery service that has flowers sent anywhere, the next day.

The website is www.fridayflowers.co.uk and the telephone number is 01753 88248

THE All Saints' Holiday Club (theme this year: GOING FOR GOLD) is a very popular event for local children, as it runs for one week during the summer holidays. Help to run it is really needed and is always appreciated, so even if you can help for just one morning between 9.15am and 12.30pm, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Anne Philpot on 01753 883571 for further details or offers of help.

ALL SAINTS family service is on the 4th Sunday of the month from 10 am for about half an hour, with the children often helping with the service. It's popular with adults too, so do take your young ones along.

THE LONDON & SLOUGH Run takes 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.

VOPAG is having a special event - "**Looking Ahead, Planning for the Future**" on 15th July. This will be held in the hall of the COMMUNITY CENTRE from 10 am to about 1 pm. We have a speaker on Inheritance Tax and Making a Will, and also the BCC Community Development Officer will talk on Adult Social Care. Various of the Care and Residential Homes in Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross will have information stands. There will also be stands from Dial -a-Ride, and other organisations who help us stay in our own homes for as long as possible. VOPAG is a great support for activities and useful facts for everyone over the age of 55.

THERE are two Graphology Summer Schools this year, tutored by Elaine Quigley B.A. Hons., a past chairman of the British Institute of Graphologists and specialises in counselling and lecturing, as well as analysing handwriting for job selection.

The first is Hand Writing Analysis - Making The Most Of Your Talents & Social Skills and is at Missenden Abbey on 5 afternoons from 28 July to 1 August. Course No. **XBHU10AA8**

Would you like to know what makes people tick and why? Enhance your understanding of family and friends through the fascinating science of Graphology. There will also be some simple psychological concepts offered, that can clarify reasons of behaviours and personality styles and many interesting samples will be on offer to explore the handwritings of famous people, so that you can understand them better. Students can also take along samples of writing that they find fascinating and learn more about the writers, as well as looking into their own writing. As the course extends over 5 half days, it gives participants time to take in the many aspects of this fascinating subject and make a start on looking at people in a more objective and understanding way, as well as opening up areas about human nature that give greater insight.

To Book, you can phone 01296 383582 or go to www.arca.uk.net/missendenabbey The cost for this course is £117 and includes afternoon refreshments. The text book (optional) that goes with the course costs £5.

The second summer school is at The Memorial Centre, East Common, it is a one day course on Friday 8th August and the title is **WHAT MAKES YOU TICK - HANDWRITING IS THE CLUE**

How well do you know yourself and your friends? You can find out much more about your own personality and that of others from handwriting analysis techniques that are taught on this course.

Graphology has nothing to do with fortune telling or other esoteric arts, but is a serious subject presented in a relaxed and entertaining way. The basic principles will be covered in this introductory course and opportunities for further study offered for those who are hooked on this fascinating subject, once they see how accurate it can be. there will also be an opportunity to delve into some interesting criminal minds and look at the psychology behind their actions. A course textbook costing £5 will be available if required.

To book: The course number is **D56** and the cost is £36, which includes refreshments and a super lunch.

Applications need to be made by post to Summer School, Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross, SL9 7AD. Please be sure to include a stamped addressed envelope.

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 meetings. A warm welcome awaits mums with young children who can enjoy a coffee, home-made cake and chat, or simply chill out with a paper / magazine in the Jugglers' Café. For further information call GHBC on 01753 887173, or Joyce Gledhill on 01753 88026.

LEARN to play Bridge. It is one of the most popular and enthralling games in the world and a great way to meet new friends. Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre has day and evening Beginners Bridge and Continuing Bridge classes starting in the autumn. To find out more about the classes and our bridge sessions contact Tess Templeton – 01753 885004 or email tesstempleton@aol.com

THE SUMMER SHOW of the Chalfont St Peter Garden Club is on Saturday, 16th August in the CSP Community Centre from 2 - 4.45pm. This is an open show and non-members are therefore welcome to enter.

The Show Secretary, Grace Hunter, can be contacted on 01753 884006.

The Garden Club's Annual Show is a yearly reminder of the skills of our local gardeners and gives visitors a marvellous afternoon's enjoyment.

There are 124 classes to enter including those for novices and for children, so everyone is encouraged to have a go. Tea and cakes are available there are and lots of people around to discuss the exhibits or just pass the time of day. A great meeting place. Do put the date in your diary. **Garden Club outings:** 23rd July – Nyman's Garden (NT), Haywards Heath – garden/lakes/arboretum. 3rd Sept – Losely House/Park, Guildford – lake/walled garden/gift shop. 1st October, Dyrham Park (NT) Nr Bath – William and Mary country house/life below stairs – exhibitions/lakes gardens. It's well worth joining this very friendly club. The Secretary is Susan Mills - Telephone 01753 885496 The Garden Club email is info@gardenclub.org

DO YOU have a little spare-time and skills to offer as a volunteer with a local charity or community group? Voluntary Action has over 300 local groups registered with them to help them find volunteers. To find an opportunity to suit your needs, call Joy Johns on 01895 837545 or see www.voluntaryaction.org

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.

THE ROAD SAFETY Team at Buckinghamshire County Council is again working in partnership with the Wycombe & District Driving Instructors Association to promote a pre driver course.

The Association of Wycombe and District driving instructors will be running a novice drivers training and road safety course on the 29th and 30th July. This course introduces novice and young learner drivers to driving and road safety. It costs £95 for the two days.

This 2-Day off road course held at Wycombe High School is for 16-18 year olds. It includes car handling in a safe non-highway location and is carried out by experienced local DSA approved driving instructors. The course includes procedures for obtaining a licence and preparation for the DSA Theory and Practical Driving Tests.

If you are interested please contact Mick Lewis on 07939557542 or Julie Martin on 07956542584 or log onto www.awddi.co.uk

CHALFONTS Children's Centre is open to families with babies and children up to the age of 5, we are offering a varied timetable of activities in various locations in the Chalfont's. Activities in Chalfont St Peter include a sign and rhyme. Other activities held locally: in Chalfont St Giles "Fish and Skips" musical fun every Wednesday, and pop in and play on Thursday afternoon. Chalfont's children's centre is part of a growing network of centre's across the country providing a range of services tailored to meet local needs. Parents/carers have the opportunity to enjoy affordable, fun activities together with their children under 5, and to access information and support from a wider range of services, including health. Please pick up your timetable now! They are available from all libraries in the Chalfont's, and Chalfont St Peter community centre, Gravel Hill. Alternatively please contact Caroline - Children's Centre's Co-ordinator on 07867 674024 or Bethany on 07826 892196 for further details. We look forward to seeing you and your under 5 year old soon!

THE CSP WI meets on the second Wednesday in the month at the Church Hall, Church Lane at 2.15pm.

CHALFONT COMMON WI meets on the first Thursday of each month in the Tony Graham room in the CSP community centre. 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. The Monday meetings take place 7.15 for 7.30pm at St Andrews United Reformed Church Hall, Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross. To know more, see their comprehensive website www.careersspringboard.info. Forthcoming meeting information: Interviews Part 2, July 7th - Break out Groups, July 14th - It's a job to find a job, July 21st - Action Planning for the summer break. The autumn programme out in August for meetings starting on Monday 1st Sept 2008.

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.

July 5th - Palette knife painting demonstration with Geoff Thorpe.

August 2nd - Line & Wash Half Day Workshop

Sept 6th - Portraits in Pastel - Demonstration by Roger Dellar

October 4th - Round the world with a sketch book. Illustrated talk by Robina Hattersley.

November 1st - Landscape in the style of Turner. Illustrated talk, Peter Atkins

NOVEMBER 20TH- 22ND ANNUAL EXHIBITION IN PARISH HALL, CHURCH LANE

CHILTERN Open Air Museum in Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles will be open daily until Friday 31st October.

For details of the Museum's special events during 2008, click on <http://www.coam.org.uk/Events/events.htm>

5 & 6 July [Explore the World of Textiles](#)

12 & 13 July [Sheep Dog Demonstrations](#)

19 & 20 July [Hoop Races](#)

26 & 27 July [Saxons versus Vikings](#)

[2 & 3 August Meet Soldiers from the English Civil War \(The Siege Group\)](#)

9 & 10 August [Classic Vehicles Show](#)

16 & 17 August [The Great War \(The Great War Society\)](#)

23 - 25 August (Bank Holiday) [Meet the Roman Army \(Roman Military Research Society\)](#)

30 & 31 August [Meet Sovereign the Shire Horse](#)

For more general details about the Museum visit www.coam.org.uk or e- mail coamuseum@netscape.net

GAYHURST Preparatory School in Bull Lane is celebrating its centenary this summer. From small beginnings in 1908, two years after the railway arrived in Gerrards Cross, the buildings were enlarged in 2000. Girls will join the nursery from September.

To mark its 100 years of progress, including surviving landmine damage in the early forties, the school held a lunch and a fete in May, when boys dressed Edwardian style. In June a Centenary Ball was held and also an afternoon goring of old boys .. Among former pupils coming from far and wide were the three grandsons of Austin Reed, founder of the men's outfitters chain, who used to live in Gerrards Cross. They are coming from Beaconsfield, North Yorkshire and New Zealand. Reporter: Frances Chidell

CHALFONT ST PETER now has its own historical display and this exciting new heritage project is to be known as the Celfunde Inheritance, which refers back to the early existence of its ancient history, with traces of Iron-Age and Roman habitation. The earliest known reference is a Saxon Charter of 949 AD which calls it Ceadeles Funtan. In the Domesday Book of 1086 it is referred to as Celfunde. The museum, which is housed in the Parish Council offices in Mill Meadow, will only be open for viewing between 10.00 - 12.00 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month. An illustrated map of the Parish in the style of an illuminated manuscript of the Middle Ages is the centrepiece of the exhibition and images on the map reveal how the village has evolved over many centuries. A facsimile of the Domesday Book open at the Celfunde entry will be on display and there will be a special themed exhibit to introduce some of the more fascinating aspects of the history of the village and this exhibit will be changed periodically.

For further information please contact either Sandy Warren on 01753 885529, Linda Smith on 01494 874065, Pam Bacon on 01494 873550 or Tony Shinner on 01753 880100.

Plans for affordable homes revealed By [Andy Carswell](#)

TWO public exhibitions about an affordable housing development in Chalfont St Giles are to be held next month. Planning permission was recently granted for the construction of 28 new houses and maisonettes at a site which will be known as Garden Field. The project is being run by the Rural Housing Trust, Britain's leading developer of affordable housing. All of the homes will be available to residents of the immediate area. At both events, people will have a chance to look at plans and prices, find out how the different tenures work, and talk to staff from the Rural Housing Trust about the application process. The exhibitions will take place at The Reading Room between 3pm and 8pm on Monday July 7 and from 1pm until 5pm on Saturday July 12. Anyone unable to attend the Reading Room events but who wants to find out more or register their interest in a home should contact Alison Read on 01235 861552 or email: alison.read@ruralhousing.org.uk.

CONTACT the elderly is a charity founded about 30 years ago. It aims to give frail, isolated, elderly people companionship. On the third Sunday of the month, volunteers collect one or two elderly people from their homes and drive them to the home of that month's hostess. About eight elderly folk and their drivers gather at the home of a volunteer host or hostess. A welcoming cup of tea at 3pm is followed by a quiz and chat, then an afternoon tea with savouries, cakes and a cuppa. At about 5pm the drivers take their guest home. The hope is that the elderly have enjoyed the companionship of people their own age and also of the younger drivers. For those who cannot get out much, or whose family lives too far away to visit often, or don't have family, it provides a chance for a relaxed chat in a homely setting. The charity is a national organisation. There are now seven groups in Bucks, but still lots of potential guests who would benefit from a group in their area. If you think you could host a tea party, drive or support, please contact the Buckinghamshire Development Officer, Terry Gibson, on 01276 502611 or email terry.gibson@contact-the-elderly.org.uk. If you think that you'd like to be a guest at such a tea party, contact your doctor in the first instance. All the guests are referred to contact the Elderly by their GP or Age Concern.

AN APPLE A DAY GETS THROWN AWAY A staggering 4.4 million whole apples are being thrown away untouched every day in the UK, according to the latest figures from Love Food Hate Waste, WRAP's (Waste & Resources Action Programme) campaign to tackle food being wasted in homes in Buckinghamshire. The figures show that in total we bin nearly £3 billion worth of perfectly good fruit and vegetables each year.

This sad fact illustrates Love Food Hate Waste campaign's figures that a third of the food we buy, or 6.7 million tonnes, gets thrown out from UK homes annually, most of which could have been eaten. Fruit and vegetables make up a huge 40% of this. The top five fruit & vegetables which get binned without even being touched are apples, potatoes, bananas, tomatoes and oranges. In response to these findings, WRAP has been leading a team including Sainsbury's, to find out why we are wasting so much fresh produce, and what can be done about it. The study ** shows the main reason why we throw so much out is because we simply do not eat it before it goes off, and we could be making the problem worse, by not storing fruit and vegetables in the best place once we bring it home from the shops.

For example, more than half of us choose to leave fruit out at room temperature, rather than keeping it cool, but WRAP's new research shows that by simply storing most fresh fruit and vegetables inside the fridge, these foods stay fresh for much longer – sometimes by as much as a fortnight. In support of the Love Food Hate Waste Campaign, and as part of the research Sainsbury's is trialling new storage guidance to customers both in store and on its website. Findings from the research will be shared with all retailers.

Love Food Hate Waste is providing detailed tips on storing different types of fruit and vegetables, to keep them at their freshest for longer, at www.lovefoodhatewaste.com, along with a new range quick and easy recipes so we can enjoy these foods, not waste them.

THE Guide Hut in Lansdown Road on the 1st Wed. each month at 2pm is where the Trefoil Group welcomes visitors, whether a Guide or Brownie in the past or not. They have a varied programme for the coming year. Talks, a ploughman,s lunch, a summer lunch, craft afternoons, an outing in the summer, a Christmas Party, you name it.