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MISBOURNE ART SOCIETY has its next meeting on Saturday
4th July Sketching at COAM

THE Gerrards Cross Summer Fair is next Wednesday, 1st July and all the shops will have late night opening.

'BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SPIES AND SUBVERSIVES' is the latest book by local author DJ Kelly and is available in paperback online or from all good book shops, including Gerrards Cross Book Shop and Office Direct in Chalfont St Peter.

Buckinghamshire has a 600 year history of subversion, sedition and espionage. The county has been home to radical plotters, heretic hunters, agents provocateurs and informers. Two World Wars brought spies, secret agents and saboteurs to our county. Many of our stately homes housed wartime code-breakers, eavesdroppers, boffins, intelligence chiefs and even Nazis.

A surprising number of women spies were held here, and the first use of covert surveillance photography was directed against local women. From religious martyrs and gunpowder plotters to Cold War traitors and the domestic terrorists of modern times – this county has seen it all.

The author will be signing copies of her latest book at Gerrards Cross Book Shop from 6-9 pm next Weds 1st July during their late opening for the Gerrards Cross Summer Fair.

ON Wednesday 1st July 2015 at 8pm Ron Saunders will present Penn and Tylers Green in WW1. This talk (illustrated by contemporary photographs) will focus on the effect the war had on the families in the villages particularly some of the more evocative stories and will also talk about the research sources he used. After retiring and moving to Penn in 2000 Ron Saunders looked for a project that had not been attempted by other village based historians and identified the men named on the two local war memorials as worthy of more respect and attention. After over two years work Ron Saunders had enough data for a book and was delighted that the Village Residents Society saw fit to publish it. Penn War Memorial-----On Wednesday 8th July 2015 at 7.30pm Sue Smithson will present The Friends Ambulance Unit Training at Jordans. Meet Friends Meeting House Jordans HP9 2SN. Sue Smithson's talk is a short history of the Friends' Ambulance Unit during the First World War, and its connection with Old Jordans Farm as a training centre. Sue Smithson was not born a Quaker, but her American father was. She became a Quaker about 25 years ago and is a founder member of the Quaker Family History Society, which helps people who find they have Quaker ancestry to use Quaker records. It was the QFHS who asked Sue Smithson to research her talk about the FAU, which personally she has found very useful in coming to terms with the first world war. An ambulance in France donated by the Durham Miners Association.

The FAU was associated with the British Red Cross.

Picture copyright The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Monthly Meetings of Hedgerley Historical Society take place at Hedgerley Memorial Hall, Kiln Lane Hedgerley SL2 3UZ at 8pm and visitors are most welcome. Further details from John Lovelock 01753 647187 / jdlovelock@btinternet.com.

DON'T forget the Friday Craft Market in the Church Hall, Church Lane. Browse through lovely items.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS at All Saints Church

The Minerva String Quartet



Mozart and much more

with afternoon tea

on

**5th July
3pm**

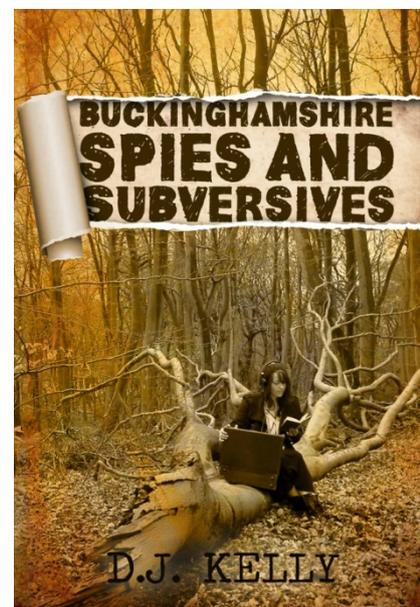
The Minerva String Quartet and
Fiona Brockhurst on French horn
play Mozart's Quintet for horn
and strings plus musical
"lollipops"

Tickets £10 adults (children free, one per adult)

Call Paddy Hague 01753 883384

or Robert Cunningham 01753 883997

Concerts at All Saints Church, Oval Way, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 8PZ
Organised by the Friends of All Saints and the All Saints Music Festival Committee
For more information, visit www.csp-parish.org.uk/afternoonconcerts



THE next meeting of **VOPAG** (village older persons action group) will be on **Tuesday 21st July** in the CSP community Centre, 10am coffee, 10.30am - speaker. The main content will be a talk by Bernie Knill on **Hughenden Manor and Disraeli** . This is a great opportunity for those over 55 to meet and enjoy an interesting morning. There is no meeting in August.

CHALFONT St Peter Garden Club's next meeting is on **Wednesday 15th July** at 8pm in Chalfont St Peter Church Hall. Edwin Rye presents— "David Austin Roses".- Plants for Sale. Don't forget the Annual Summer show - **Saturday, 22nd August** at the Community Centre. Doors open 1.30pm. Presentation of prizes is at 4pm. It is well worth attending.

FRAUDSTERS are targeting classified advertisement websites like AutoTrader to advertise vehicles for sale. Buyers are then contacting these 'sellers' to find out more about the vehicles and are being told to pay for them via 'Apple Pay'.

In this case the fraudsters are not using the genuine Apple Pay service and potential victims pay money directly to bank accounts in control of the fraudsters. Individuals receive emails claiming to be from Apple Pay with a web link to a cloned website with false terms and conditions of the 'escrow' service. Any money remitted to the fraudsters is then unrecoverable and the vehicles are not delivered.

Protect yourself:

- * Meet the seller 'face to face' and view the vehicle before parting with any money.
- * Be cautious of web links in an email. They may not direct you to the genuine website.
- * Report scam advertisements to the classified advertisement websites.
- * If the vehicle is below market value, consider whether this is an opportunity too good to be true!

BOB OLDER on the subject of the Misbourne River Association.

Our efforts for June last Sunday morning and the previous Saturday afternoon definitely didn't qualify for "Jamboree" status attracting only 4 and 5 workers respectively - still it was raining for one and Father's Day on the other. Nevertheless, good work was done - both sessions at Chalfont St Peter: one aimed at The Best Kept Village judges and the other in a much neglected area behind the precinct.

Jamboree 1. Your efforts over the years have obviously impressed somebody as Cheryl and I find ourselves invited to "a bit of a do" at Stoke Park next week. We/MRA are shortlisted for a Pride of Bucks award and dressed in our smart togs and supping champagne will be thinking of all those who have been wet, filthy, scratched and stung alongside us along the way.

Jamborees 2 and 3. We didn't have a stand at Chalfont St Peter Feast Day but there was MRA display in the Parish Council tent. We do hope to have our usual stand at Chalfont St Giles show on Saturday 5th September. This is normally a nice day with pleasant visits to the stand from you and other well-wishers plus the opportunity to recruit some very welcome additional volunteers. Will you be able to pop by? - do a half hour or so on the stand?

Jamboree 4. A little while ago, I mooted the idea of combining the ***July work party with a picnic and maybe some games*** beside the river and some have come with enthusiasm. So, ***our next weekend work party will be on Sunday 19th July*** at a river venue to be decided - (should I throw in a "treasure hunt" style set of clues to find us as well?) - *commencing at 10.00. *We will continue until we've had enough, or there are more people thinking "I came for a picnic" than those wishing to harvest sedge and fools-cress. Please let me know if you can join us for any part of the day at all - _no worries at all if it can only be for picnic and relaxation_. I will try to identify a worthwhile job and a pleasant location. (Obviously, I trust, the idea is bring your own food, drink, etc.).

And so, to the river Well someone sent me a picture this morning of the lake just below Missenden Abbey looking very sad indeed, and that's an indication of things likely to come all the way down to Little Missenden this year. However, things are still reasonably good through the Chalfonts at the moment. Of course, nettles have taken over the banks in many areas but it is great to note that the river is now a good shape with a narrow centre channel and stony bottom most of the way from Amersham to Denham. To follow trends in more detail, just check in to the "Quick View" or "Data" pages of our website.

Finally, we will have a ***"Not-a-meeting"** at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday 14th July at The White Hart, Chalfont St Peter. * Hope to see you there for a good natter.

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WE all know that transport has been and remains an important issue. Here is what Healthwatch have to say. This is a Government Watchdog so we hope to see some results. Mike McDonald

Healthwatch Bucks report uncovers major problems with transport to hospitals.

Healthwatch Bucks Transport report identifies that people in Bucks are still finding it difficult to access hospital services due to gaps in transport services and a lack of awareness of options. For many residents in Bucks the stress, anxiety and cost associated with getting to their appointments has become a major issue. Communication about transport options needs improving to enhance patient experience. Healthwatch Bucks recommends there should be

- a.. A clearly advertised central point where patients can find out about all transport options.
- b.. Greater co-ordination between health, transport providers and Buckinghamshire County Council.
- c.. A review of car parking and Community car schemes.

Healthwatch

Bucks acknowledges recent developments to improve transport services. Including Buckinghamshire County Council's - Public Transport Inquiry and the development / planned development of car parking facilities at Stoke Mandeville and Wexham Park hospitals. However there remains much to be done to ensure that transport is no longer a blockage to accessing health services.

U3A Membeship Secretary, Valery Darbyshire, is reminding members to collect membership cards at the next general meeting on Wednesday 8 July. She also suggests that you check out the new website. <http://u3asites.org.uk/code/u3asite.php?site=752&page=1>

ANOTHER SCAM

Royal Mail Email Scam

A scam email is currently being sent to victims fraudulently claiming to be from the Royal Mail. Attached to the email is the CryptoLocker virus.

The victim receives an email purporting to be from the Royal Mail stating that they are holding a parcel/letter for the victim. The victim is then required to contact the Royal Mail to arrange for the item to be resent/collected.

By following the instructions within the email the CryptoLocker virus is subsequently downloaded to the victim's computer. This virus encrypts files on the victim's system and requests a ransom be paid in order for the files to be decrypted.

Additional incentive is added for early repayment as the ransomware states that the cost of decrypting the files will increase the longer the fine is outstanding.

Protect yourself:

- * Look at who the email is addressed to. Is it generic or specifically addressed?
- * Look at the quality of the images included on the email. Are they of sufficient high quality that they could come from Royal Mail?
- * Do not open attachments from unsolicited emails regardless of who they are from.
- * Do not click on the link supplied. Instead, go to the relevant website and log in from there.
- * Check the address of any email received to see if it appears legitimate.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraudor by telephone 0300 123 2040.

YET ANLOTHER SCAM

People looking for cheap flight tickets are being targeted by fraudsters. New websites are continuously being created with slight changes to the company names with the intention to deceive the public. They offer tickets at bargain prices and usually request for payment via bank transfer. These tickets do not materialize and the funds are retained by the fraudsters.

Protect yourself:

* Where possible, buy from well-known company names. If you've never heard of a company, conduct some due diligence.

* Use the internet. Type the name of the company/site you are buying from and look for reviews of what others customers are saying about the company. Bad customer service feedback usually finds their way online quite quickly.

* Use companies that are ATOL or ABTA Registered. You can check this here:

<http://abta.com/go-travel/before-you-travel/find-a-member> or

<http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=490&pagetype=65&appid=2>

* Check the authenticity of flight booking websites before making any reservations. A “whois” search on the website will identify when the website has been created, so be wary of newly formed domains. This search can be conducted using <http://who.is> <<http://who.is/>>

* Never send money to bank accounts. If possible pay using a credit card – that way you have some protection and avenue for recompense.

* Sign up to Action Fraud Alert <https://www.actionfraudalert.co.uk/> to keep you updated with what’s going on.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online

http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

CHALFONT St Peter Parish Council Plant 100 Trees Campaign

Trees are a huge asset and benefit all of us, hugely reducing the effects of pollution and the incidence of respiratory conditions such as asthma. Trees also greatly add to the quality of our village life and the general environment.

Chalfont St Peter Parish Council have announced a campaign to plant 100 new trees in the village and are asking local businesses, community groups and villagers for their help and support.

The scheme was launched at this year’s Feast Day with a short video on show in the Parish Council marquee. The winning entries in a drawing/painting competition will be used as the imagery for the campaign. All local schools have participated.

It costs £250 to plant a new tree and all donations, sponsorships, legacies etc. (however small) will be gratefully received and recorded in a special book which will be on display at the Parish Council offices in Gravel Hill.

All donations of £250 or more will be recorded as having provided a tree or trees for the village.

Councillors Michael Day, Kate Southworth and Peter Dale are leading this exciting project and a special page on the Parish Council website (chalfontstpeter-pc.gov.uk) will provide further information in due course.

The Council intends to keep the local community updated by social media and regular press updates.

‘The Priests’ in Concert. Friday 10th July at 8pm. **St Joseph’s Church, in Austenwood** is delighted to welcome Fr Eugene O’Hagen, Fr Martin O’Hagan and Fr David Delargy, otherwise known as The Priests. See their website www.thepriests.org to find out more about this classical musical trio. Tickets will be on sale from the Parish Office 01753 886581 - £35 and senior citizens £30.

THAMES Valley Police is appealing for witnesses after a distraction burglary in Chalfont-St-Peter, Buckinghamshire. At 5.25pm on Friday (22/5), a man knocked at the door of a property in Eleanor Road and as the door was answered started to walk around the outside of the property. The resident, an elderly man, followed him. While this was happening another man entered the property through a back door and walked around the house.

He was challenged by the other occupant of the house and he ran away without taking anything.

The first offender is about 40-years-old, white, 5ft 6ins and stocky and the second offender is also about 40-years-old, white, 5ft 8ins, slim with dark medium length hair and stubble. He was wearing a pale grey t-shirt and dark coloured trousers.

Investigating officer, Det Sgt Lucy Seabright, of Taplow Local CID, said: “This was a frightening experience for the home owners and I would ask anyone who may have information about these men to contact the police on 101.” If you don’t want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity crimstoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

THE BRIDGE SCHOOL AT GERRARDS CROSS

The Bridge School with its full range of bridge courses caters for absolute beginners to the more advanced player. Over many years we have helped members of the local community to learn to play bridge and develop a social skill that not only gives tremendous enjoyment but also helps to build new, long lasting friendships. Our new courses start at the end of September.

We also have a number of bridge playing sessions, held at the Memorial Centre in Gerrards Cross for you to enjoy. You are welcome to come along and play or give one of our bridge teachers a call if you want to learn to play bridge or develop your existing skills. Please call Rob Wilkinson on 01494 563423 or visit our website:

www.bridgeschoolgx.co.uk

BUT for those who already play....here's a little teaser to test your bridge knowledge.

What would you play when partner leads the ♥ K against a 3NT contract?

<p>Partner</p> <p>♥ K</p>	<p>Dummy</p> <p>♥ 8 7 3</p>	<p>You</p> <p>♥ A 9 4</p>	<p>Answer:</p> <p>When partner leads a King against a NT contract they are promising a four card or longer suit with a holding of KQJx or KQ10x and they asking that you to 'unblock' should you have the Ace!</p> <p>Here you must play the ♥ A! Otherwise you could end up blocking the suit and stopping partner making their long suit winners to defeat the contract.</p> <p>You also must return the ♥ 9, the higher of your two remaining cards which will help partner understand that you probably started with a three card heart suit. With a four card suit you would return the lowest card available.</p>
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