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## Chalfont St Peter Village Voice June 2015

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**MAUREEN MARSH** has produced a superb card with her excellent illustrations that can be used for any occasion and could even be framed to enjoy, as having time to look at the detail will enable people to do so at leisure.

She has given permission for a piece from the card to be used in this newsletter, but you must see the whole card which provides an opportunity to show people what a lovely village we live in.

The card is available in Chalfont Office Direct, cost £2.50. A bargain for such an original and useful card.

Maureen will be at the Feast Day festivities when she will have several new paintings on show.

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**ALL DAY SALE ON SAT JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> 9.00 TILL 4.00 - ST JOSEPH'S FURNITURE MARKET BEHIND ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, AUSTENWOOD LANE CHALFONT ST PETER COME AND PICK UP A BARGAIN**

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**THE FRIDAY** Craft Market in the Church Hall, Church Lane, is well worth a visit, as it is always a surprise what people have created and it gives inspiration for others to find their own creativity.

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**\*COUNTDOWN TO ST JOSEPH'S PARISH DAY - SATURDAY 6 JUNE - A DOUBLE CELEBRATION\***

Parish Day takes place from 12 noon to 4pm in the Priory grounds, Austenwood, on Saturday, 6 June. Please pray for good weather. This is our major fund raising event of the year and we look forward to your support.

There are lots of fun activities for the kids including Win the Derby Races, Bouncy Castle, Xbox Games, Punch the Inflatables, Hole in One, Beat the Goalie and many more.

Entertainment will be provided by Nan's Choir which went down a storm last year, Jon Kendall and his band, Through the Wardrobe and Mr Marvel.

Delicious food will be available with Afternoon Teas from Tea in the Pot, Smoked Salmon and Prosecco and the BBQ will be sizzling with burgers and sausages. The bar will be serving alcohol and soft drinks.

Come and browse around the stalls and don't forget to pre order your hanging baskets. Complete the attached form and return to the Parish Office.

Win a Lulu Guinness Bag on the Accessories Stall - tickets can only be bought on the day!!

Finally, don't forget the big raffle at 4pm with lots of great prizes including a top prize of £500, an iPad Mini and a hamper of Fortnum and Mason goodies.

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**NORDIC WALKING AN EXERCISE FOR EVERYONE!**

Learn to improve your walking technique for better health and efficiency. Enjoy this fantastic outdoor sport, walking with friends or by yourself in our beautiful countryside. For the next course and Nordic Walking groups, Contact Karoline on 01494 872589 or [ambkaroline3@gmail.com](mailto:ambkaroline3@gmail.com)

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS AN UP-TO-DATE BUS TIMETABLE AVAILABLE IN THE CSP LIBRARY**

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**AT Gold Hill Church - 11th June** there will be an evening presented by a well-known national organisation: Care for the Family.

Their founder and their CEO (Rob Parsons & Katherine Hill) are presenting 'Parentalk (Parenting under 12s - a survival guide!' at Gold Hill on 11th June at 7.30pm.

The evening will cover:

- It's not just me (avoid the pressure of trying to be the perfect parent)
- Parenting with elastic (find the balance between keeping your children safe and preparing them for independence)
- Defending the boundaries (choose your battles and understand the different parenting styles)
- Creating a sense of belonging (Use fun, laughter and traditions to help give your child strong roots)
- Acceptance and praise (discover ways to top up your child's emotional tank)
- It's good to talk (build character into your children through what you say.)

"It's an evening where little nuggets of parenting wisdom are shared that can make a difference in any parenting situation."

Tickets are only £6pp (£4 for groups of 4 or more) Tickets on the door £7 -See [careforthefamily.org.uk/parentalktour](http://careforthefamily.org.uk/parentalktour)

Of course, anyone is welcome to come along to the evening to report on it directly and/or take photos.

This should be a fabulously helpful (and fun!) evening .....what a crucial topic for parents facing so many pressures today!

**THAMES VALLEY POLICE** will be supporting National Volunteers' Week 2015 (1-7 June) to celebrate the important contribution that Thames Valley Police volunteers make.

Volunteers' Week is a national celebration of volunteering, and organisations all over the country will be using this week to thank their existing volunteers, open new initiatives, recruit and celebrate the contribution their volunteers make.

In Thames Valley, we have over 1200 volunteers supporting officers and staff. Their vital contribution helps to make the Thames Valley a safer place to live and work. This number is made up of over 600 Special Constables, approximately 530 Police Support Volunteers and approximately 110 Police Cadets. This group of willing individuals provided Thames Valley Police with over 400,000 hours of additional support in 2014/15.

During the week, we will be hosting a number of 'Thank You' events across the LPAs, Cadet Attestation Ceremonies and issuing personalised letters thanking each of our volunteers, as well as providing an insight to volunteers' experiences via case studies.

ACC Alan Baldwin, Neighbourhood Policing and Partnerships, said: "The work that Thames Valley Police volunteers do never fails to impress me. We are proud and privileged to work with such people who put their communities and local people before themselves and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their commitment, dedication, care and for supporting regular colleagues and staff".

In addition, the new Superintendent for Neighbourhood Policing and Partnerships, Richard James, said: "Taking time out to become a volunteer for the Police is a true demonstration of the commitment our volunteers have to support their local community. The time that they give allows officers and staff the opportunity to focus on their core responsibilities in the knowledge that volunteers are there to help and support them. Our volunteers make a huge difference to Thames Valley Police and I'd like to thank them for all they do".

For more information about volunteering please visit:

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/aboutus/aboutus-depts/aboutus-depts-lp/aboutus-depts-lp-cip.htm>

**BUCKS OPEN STUDIOS** will run from 6<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June, with artists and makers countywide events celebrating 30 years of artistic accomplishment.

[www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk](http://www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk)

In our area 16 artists and makers are exhibiting across 8 venues in South Bucks (Beaconsfield, Chalfont St Peter, Chalfont St Giles, Little Chalfont, Chorleywood and Jordans). Meet the artists, see how they work and buy something unique. Free entry. You can find them under Studio no. 203 Bucks Open Studios' booklet which is available in local shops and libraries and on Bucks Open Studios website under the following link

[http://www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk/exhibitor\\_details.asp?id=2450](http://www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk/exhibitor_details.asp?id=2450)

**Simpatico** During Bucks Open Studios: Beverley Parkin, Cecile Gallina, Jenny Thompson and Liz Grammenos

Exhibiting as well as demonstrating their various painting techniques At St. Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Sycamore Road, Amersham, HP6 5DR. Every day from 9am to 6pm and From 12.00 noon to 6pm on Sundays they will be supporting St. Michaels Church and Bucks Vision, a Visual Impairment Charity. For a Preview of their works, go to [www.simpaticart.com](http://www.simpaticart.com) They look forward to seeing you there.



## ROTARY DAY WILL BE A WHIRL OF FUN ACTIVITIES.

by **Laura Mowat**  
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**A ROTARY club will hold a day jammed full of family fun activities, which will give an opportunity to show the charities the club supports.**

The Rotary Club of Amersham will host a Rotary Day on Saturday, June 6 to highlight its support for the community as well as providing family fun activities.

The day will be held in St Michael's Square, Sycamore Road in Amersham from 10am until 5pm.

Organiser and Rotarian, David Bevan, said: "The activities will suit all ages

and will showcase how Rotary helps in the local community and beyond."

The Workaid charity, which tackles poverty by providing disadvantaged people with the tools they need, will run a summer market with the theme of gardens and flowers on the day.

Visitors will be able to take advantage of all the bargains on offer whilst enjoying demonstrations of knitting and sewing machines throughout the day. A stall will have plants and hand garden tools, hand made crafts items such as quilts, cushions and bags, bric-a-brac and gift items, fabric and haberdashery and some pocket money treats for the young ones.

Mr Bevan added: "The highlight will be a delightful knitted garden on loan from Knitters Anonymous, with amazing detail from the greenhouse to the garden fork, the snails, the gate, the hedge, the garden bench, the knitting in progress, the carrot patch, which will all be in stitch. All proceeds from the summer market will go to Workaid."

Bucks Young Carers will show how they work and support children and young people (aged six to 18) who care for family members in Buckinghamshire.

Disaster Aid will display how they provide shelter, together with ongoing support, to

communities around the world which have been affected by disasters.

The Chilterns Dial-a-Ride will demonstrate how they provide an affordable and safe transport service in the Chilterns for those not able to transport themselves. Free blood pressure tests will be available from 10am to 4pm, part of an ongoing programme with the Stroke Association.

There will be a putting competition running throughout the day, with prizes for the highest scores, and there will be other games for all ages.

Candy Creations will be producing popcorn on site, available for those attending the event.

## Event to showcase charities helped by organisation

THERE are still a few places left to join the VOPAG outing to RAF Uxbridge on Thursday, 18th June, when there will be a conducted tour of the Battle of Britain bunker together with a visit to the RAF museum.

The coach will leave Church Lane car park at 12 noon and the cost will be £15.

If you would like to join the group, please call Michael McDonald on 07789368644. Alternatively you can sign up at the next Vopag Meeting, Tuesday, 16th June. In the CSP Community Centre, 10.00am for coffee, 10.30 for meeting.

## RIVER MISBOURNE - From Bob Older

As noted last month, groundwater levels are following a very similar pattern to those of 2011 when flow through the Chalfonts was lost and we went into the "drought" of 2012. Some sages have already opined that the river will disappear again this year. Me? - I'm still sitting on the fence (bank?) with fingers crossed thinking it still looks quite good at the moment. Your bets??

Our last work party was indeed different from the norm. When it eventually caught, the long promised bonfire of accumulated rubbish at Chalfont St Giles burned enthusiastically and stokers Dave and Stuart plus those trying to bring branches etc. fast enough to keep it going were dry and very warm - none of this standing about in the cold water in the rain, which I know you enjoy. We hope the walkers now appreciate being able to see some more of the river.

As does seem to be the norm recently, we could, of course, have done more if the team on the day had been larger. You may recall that we had a very successful day last year when a group from a local branch of an international company worked with us at Bottom House Farm as their "Community Day".

I have now been approached by two other companies for similar this year and will be trying to put plans together for days in June or July. I'm wondering about possibly tidying Mobwell Pond, north of Great Missenden - "source of The Misbourne", currently dry, and/or around Mill Lane at Amersham. If you are interested in being involved with one or both of these exercises, please let me know. Diarising events is challenging at present, but likely dates for next work parties are afternoon of **\*Saturday June 13th \*and morning of\*Sunday June 21st\***. We are planning a "summer picnic (bring your own) and games" to follow a light work party on Sunday 19th July. This will be at some conveniently grassy riverside location: again, please let me know if you can join us. Looking forward to hearing from you. Best wishes, Bob

**FREE help and /advice sessions in Chalfont St Peter/community Library by a professional local genealogist.**

**One-to-one advice for anyone wishing to know more about researching their family story.**

**To arrange your own personal appointment -- call 01753 886836 or e-mail:**

**info@chalfontresearch.co.uk [www.chalfontresearch.co.uk](http://www.chalfontresearch.co.uk)**

**FRIDAY July 10th, 2015** will be a special day in the history of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, on Austenwood Common. The internationally successful, classically trained, singing trio "The Priests" will perform a concert in the church. Having sung all over the world and for Pope Francis, Pope Benedict and Queen Elizabeth, the priests are as popular as ever. Fr. Michael Spain, Parish Priest and Prior of the Carmelite Discalced Order, said, "We are delighted to be welcoming Fr. Eugene O'Hagan, his brother Fr. Martin O'Hagan and Fr. David Delargy to Chalfont St. Peter and honored that they can come to share in our centenary celebrations."

Seven years ago, The Priests signed a record deal with Sony BMG on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. Their debut album sold over 3 million copies securing them a place in the Guinness Book of Records as the fastest selling classical debut. They have also been nominated for a Classical Brit award for three consecutive years.

A new album is underway and expected to be released in Spring 2016. The priests combine their love of singing alongside active parish ministry in Northern Ireland. A film, Raising The Roof, loosely based on their lives is currently being made in Hollywood.

Tickets are available for sale at the parish office or email, [events@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:events@stjosephs.org.uk) and are priced at £35 for adults and £30 for senior citizens. Already 2/3rds of the tickets have gone, so this is to warn you that might miss out.

In celebration of St Joseph's Parish Centenary...  
**The Priests**  
Friday 10 July 2015 at 8pm  
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH  
TICKETS: £35 PER PERSON | SENIOR CITIZENS £30  
CONTACT: THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL [EVENTS@STJOSEPHS.ORG.UK](mailto:EVENTS@STJOSEPHS.ORG.UK)

**THAMES** Valley Police has today (2/6) carried out a series of warrants in Oxford in relation to child sexual exploitation.

More than 100 officers executed warrants at properties across Oxford at 6am. A number of men from Oxford have been arrested in connection with child sexual exploitation, they are: two 36-year-olds, a 29-year-old, a 31-year-old, a 44-year-old, a 45-year-old, a 33-year-old (who will be 34 tomorrow), and a 37-year-old.

We will release their self-declared ethnicity when they are booked into custody. The offences relate to three female victims in Oxford between 1999 and 2007.

The Force is investigating approximately 60 offences in connection with this operation.

Supt Christian Bunt, LPA Commander for Oxford said: "Today's events will have an impact on the community and residents will be concerned about the nature of these arrests.

"Our neighbourhood policing teams are carrying out patrols in the area and will be doing their best to answer any questions, so please do not hesitate to approach them."

"If you have been a victim of child sexual exploitation, we would encourage you to come forward and speak to us in confidence. We will listen to you and support you.

"If you don't want to speak to police you can call Crimestoppers anonymously." If you are worried about somebody who you think may be a victim of child exploitation you can call ChildLine on 0800 11 11 or visit their website [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) <<http://www.childline.org.uk/>>.

If you are concerned about a child in Oxfordshire then contact the multi-agency team, Kingfisher on 01865 335276.

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**THIS is a message sent via Thames Valley Alert. This information has been sent on behalf of Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)**

**Action Fraud has seen an increase in the number of small to medium sized businesses being contacted by fake bailiffs requesting payments for a phantom debt.**

**The scam involves the business being cold called from someone purporting they are bailiffs working on behalf of a court, attempting to recover funds for a non-existent debt. The caller will then request payment by means of bank transfer and if this is refused, will threaten to visit the premises to recover the debt that is owed.**

**A range of different businesses are being targeted; including Nurseries, Manufacturers, Hotels and Taxi Services.**

**\*Protect Yourself\***

\* Confirm what the debt is regarding; bailiffs are only used to recover certain debts such as council tax, child support and compensation orders. Bailiffs are not used to recover debts relating to private advertisement; these would be collected by debt collectors. Debt collectors do not have the same legal powers as bailiffs and will not have special court authorization to act. For more details regarding this, please look at the Citizens Advice website <<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/action-your-creditor-can-take/bailiffs/bailiff-is-due-to-visit-what-to-do-on-the-day/does-the-bailiff-have-the-right-to-visit/>>.

\* Double check with the Court or originating company to confirm whether the suspects are legitimate; if you use a landline make sure you hear the dialling tone prior to dialling as the suspects could still be on the line.

\* Request details of the debt in writing to access its legitimacy.

\* Do not feel rushed or intimidated to make a decision based on a phone call.

If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) <<http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>>

## As 'The Internet of Things

[\[http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=270&F=T\]](http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=270&F=T) gathers momentum it's about time we learned a bit more about what it is and what we need to be aware of.

In a nut shell, it's everything, I do mean everything, connected together over the Internet and interoperating. And, even if you don't think it affects you, if you use a smartphone, a tablet, surf the web, have a fridge or a car - which is most of us do - it does. All these devices will speak to each other and share information between themselves about us, our activities and our habits.

As with most things, there will be positive and negative repercussions. While being able to say 'open sesame' to unlock your car or front door may sound useful and neat (especially when it's cold outside or your hands are full of bags), google or Amazon or your employer or your partner knowing this can have its pitfalls.

As an example, Samsung has had a few bad days in this area. If it wasn't creepy enough that Samsung's new voice capable TVs [\[http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=271&F=T\]](http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=271&F=T) are recording our conversations [\[http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=272&F=T\]](http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=272&F=T) without our knowledge, now they're playing ads in our home movies. That's right, some people who were watching their home vids on Samsung TVs were having the vids periodically interrupted to play Pepsi commercials [\[http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=273&F=T\]](http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=273&F=T)

Let's be clear, it's not just Samsung who are increasingly invading our personal space, it's almost everyone, check out what Lenovo is doing to spy on us [\[http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=274&F=T\]](http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=274&F=T) without our knowledge, it's just plain wrong. And yes, these companies will argue that they are doing this to improve their services for you - and to a degree they're right - but we need to make sure that these companies have the right policies in place to protect our devices and data - and thus you and me.

You see, not just can these devices be hacked, and where the information is stored broken into, but this information can be shared and have an impact on everything from credit scores to health insurance and relationships [\[http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=275&F=T\]](http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=275&F=T). In other words, if Samsung and its partners can listen, what's stopping someone else accessing the information - legally or otherwise.

So what are we to do? Simple, get interested. Start paying attention to articles and issues [\[http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=276&F=T\]](http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=276&F=T) about the Internet of Things and support groups such as the Electronic Frontier Foundation [\[http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=277&F=T\]](http://www.zuumediamedia.com/em/link.php?M=1413857&N=981&L=277&F=T) that are trying to protect our personal privacy by putting pressure on companies and governments. If we don't do this, we have no one to blame but ourselves when that funny remark you made about your employer to friends costs you your job.