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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice - May 2009

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ST JOSEPH'S Parish Day is on **Monday Bank Holiday, 4th May from 1 - 5pm.**

Go and join in the fun and activities. There is a Barbeque and bar, entertainment, children's games, go-carts, and a bouncy castle. Lots more still, so go and find out. All to be held in St Joseph's Parish garden, beside the church in Austenwood.

Associated with the occasion will be your chance to order hanging baskets from Maria Branton, who is a marvel at making them and the cost is incredibly reasonable.

They range in price from £10 to the most expensive at £30, but there is a large variety of sizes and content, so you might like to phone Maria on 01753 892188 or email her on stjosephsevents@googlemail.com

The pre-order deadline is Sunday 3rd May. Hanging baskets and plants will be available at the Parish Day, while supplies last, so it's best to order in advance to avoid disappointment.

CHILTERN Fuchsia Society will be holding their **annual plant sale on Saturday 9th May** at the Reading Room in Chalfont St Giles.

Fuchsias (bush, trailing and hardy varieties) will be available plus a large range of bedding and basket plants. Fully planted hanging baskets and tubs will also be on sale, some with Fuchsias and others with a range of summer flowering plants. Many other plants will also be on sale.

The Reading Room is almost opposite Milton's Cottage in the centre of St Giles. The sale is from 9am until 12 noon and all are welcome. For further information please contact Peter or Sylvia Anderson on 01753882873.

THE Children's Society May Fayre, is on Saturday May 16th, 10am - 12md in the Church Hall, Chalfont St Peter. They are concentrating on cakes and plants especially bedding plants, geraniums and fuchsias and of course coffees etc.

THE Grass is Greener by Hugh and Margaret Williams. Theatre Royal, Windsor. April 22 to May 2.

If you feel like an entertaining night out, see the classic comedy showing at Windsor. 'The Grass is Greener' was written in the England of the 50s by a couple who knew about crafting a plot and writing good dialogue because they were actors themselves.

It's light and amusing and set in a stately home and if there's a message, it is that wives do better staying with their husbands, no matter how fascinating they find an American oil millionaire who has fallen for them at first sight.

Christopher Cazenove plays the noble lord and landowner, Victor, in whose drawing room we find him totting up the day's takings from visitors. Liza Goddard is Hilary, his brisk wife, who makes a little money by growing mushrooms. Eric Carte is Sellars, the Butler, an ex-teacher, who has an amazing knack of being funny when speaking quite ordinary lines.

Into this happy household comes Charles, an American tourist, straying into the private drawing room. He finds Hilary alone and sets about wooing her, seriously. Her nervous and bewildered reactions to this situation and his persuasive technique are most convincingly done.

The scene that follows is between the butler and Victor. Hilary has gone off to London ostensibly to stay with her friend Hattie, (Sophie Ward). In a burst of emotion, Victor shows genuine upset at what he recognises could be the end of his marriage, even though he would forgive her for this fling.

Drama mounts when Hattie, a former girlfriend of Victor's, actually turns up at the house. Sophie Ward brings elegance and sophistication to this part, contrasting well with the nervy Hilary who can barely think straight, especially now that Victor has invited Charles for the weekend. More ingenious situations follow - some very funny, but it comes right in the end for Victor, Hilary and their butler who resume their quiet but pleasant lives



THE Chalfont St Peter & St Giles Branch of the Royal British Legion is about to formalise its association with 2313 Squadron, Air Training Corps, in an affiliation ceremony, which will take place in the Church Hall, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter at 7-30p.m. on Wednesday, 27th May.



A NOTE for your diaries. Our Annual Parish meeting is on **21st May, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.** in the Council Offices. After the Chairmen of Committees and the Council have explained what the Council has done this year, we are having a speaker from Planning Aid South to give a presentation on Village Design Statements. This is your chance to know what is happening in the running of our Village and a good attendance will show that we care about how our Village is run and administered. Your voice will be heard if you wish to offer an opinion during the meeting.

IN April the President of **Chalfont Common W.I.** reported to the members on the great success of the Attic Sale held in March in the Community Centre at which a profit of £600 had been made. Outings were planned for Wimpole Hall, Wendover Worlds End Garden Centre, the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf Centre at Saunderton and Guys and Dolls at Watersmeet. The speaker, Kate Bradford, gave a most amusing and informative talk on the "fighting forties, frugal fifties to the swinging sixties". Kate included games and quizzes, reviving long-forgotten memories with nostalgic reminders of our early years. At next meeting in May they will be considering the "SOS for Honeybees" and the speaker will be giving a talk on keeping bees. They meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Tony Graham room at the Chalfont Community Centre at 7.30 for 7.45. Visitors welcome.

AT the April Meeting of the **Chalfont St Peter W.I.**, Mrs. Judy Tipping gave an excellent presentation as she spoke about Burnham Beeches. The talk was peppered with history, anecdotes, tales and memories of local characters, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. An added bonus was that 2 new members signed up and were given a warm welcome. Gladys Old, a past treasurer, was presented, by president, Barbara Lyne with a plant and a certificate from B.F.W.I., honouring her 50 years with this Institute.

Booklets from Taylors Tea were distributed and they contained a photo of the teapot cosy made by Doreen Jolley, for their competition. Several outings, Dips for Denman, and BFWi Friends Club were announced, In May they have their Resolutions and a tabletop Sale. Next meeting is in the Church Hall on May 13th at 2.15 pm. All welcome. Next month it is June 10 - Falkland Islands Life and Wildlife – David Lee

ALL SAINTS MUSIC FESTIVAL presents a concert by the band of the Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers on Saturday 20th June at All Saints Church, Oval Way, Chalfont St. Peter at 7.00pm. Tickets:- £18 for adults & £14 for children to include BBQ.

Apply: Anne Hatton 01753 882425 or Paddy Hague 01753 883384.

Two further concerts are arranged for later in the year, more details nearer the time.

CHALFONT St Peter Garden Club has coach outings during 2009 for Club members, their spouses and friends, so if you fancy joining in and you are not a member, it might be worth joining.

Membership of the Garden Club is only £6, with a joining fee of £2 and this gives you monthly meetings and the Club hut for purchasing most of your garden needs at competitive prices (members only), and of course the outings: The next two are Thursday May 21st to Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens – Horsham.

Wednesday June 10th to the Cotswold Wildlife Park – Burford.

These Events are arranged by Mr K Gould, Tel: 01753 884012 and are in each month's Club newsletter.

THE Rotary Club of Jordans and District meets Mondays at 8pm in the Bellhouse Hotel, Beaconsfield, HP9 2XE and new members would be welcome.

Rotary International is an organisation of experienced business and professional men and women, who help people in international and local communities that are less fortunate than themselves.

Jordans Rotary would like to welcome the time and talents of more members, (either on an individual or shared basis) to assist in its activities. These include worthy causes undertaken with professionalism while enjoying fellowship and social activities.

Most Club members live in Jordans and Seer Green, Beaconsfield, Gerrards and the Chalfonts.

If you would like more information, please contact one of the following members of the committee, Leo Lacy 01753 882006. Geoff Mathews 01753 643252. leo.lacy@gmail.com

CAREERS Springboard meetings take place 7.15 for 7.30pm each Monday at St Andrews United Reformed Church Hall, Packhorse Road, GX. New Members always welcome. Membership is free.

May 4 *Bank Holiday*

May 11 It's a Job to Find a Job How to be a well organised and successful job seeker.

May 18 Tell Me About Yourself - How to hone your response to this frequently asked question.

May 25 *Bank Holiday*

June 1 Determining Your Personal Brand Understanding your unique selling points

June 8 Networking Skills Making contacts – the essential ingredient to job search

A NEW home security pack has been launched by The Home Office has launched this week. Apart from some useful leaflets there is also a discount voucher to use at one of the DIY retailers.

You can obtain up to five packs by calling 0800 456 1213 and quoting "Burglary Pack".

Alternatively please click the link below for more information. <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime-victims/reducing-crime/burglary/>

THE Chalfont St Peter Feast Day celebrations on June 27th will be a fantastic family orientated event that involves the whole community.



Organising committee member Michael Day (who is President of the Chalfont St Peter Chamber of Commerce) said "Plans are really coming together now on a fabulous day's entertainment and an event that will showcase everything that is great about life in Chalfont St Peter. In addition, we will be supporting a number of local charities (including the Youth Centre and Parish Church) by distributing any surplus profits"

The day will start at 10.30am and there will be a wide range of displays and performances in the main arena, many from local schools. This will be followed at 3pm by a "battle of the bands", an opportunity for local musical talent to pitch themselves against each other in friendly competition. In the evening, starting at 8pm there will be a free concert by top UK tribute band, Platinum ABBA.

It is anticipated that there will be around 40 stalls promoting local organisations, demonstrating various craft and musical activities and supplying food and drink. There will be three beer tents open throughout the event as well as tea and soft drink provision.

A vintage car display, five a side football tournament, Punch and Judy, wandering minstrels and kiddies fun fair will all add to the excitement. Other entertainment and activities will be confirmed in the coming days.

A 32 page souvenir programme is being produced and will be sold before and during the event.

Further details on the event can be found at www.feastfstpeter.org.uk

The stunning Feast day logo was designed by Chalfont St Peter based marketing company DML.

The event has already attracted a number of sponsors including:

Platinum level – Chalfont St Peter Parish Council

Gold level – Gold Hill Baptist Church and Chalfont St Peter Parish Church

Advertisers, sponsors and those wishing to take a stall still have a short time left to get involved and should contact Sandra Clark by email at enquiries@feastofstpeter.org.uk or by telephone on 01753 880067.

FROM the CSP Community Association Newsletter our attention is drawn to the variety of activities held there. Available weekly (or more frequently):- Line Dancing, Bingo, Bridge, Yoga, Art, Education, Pilates, Music, Swimming, Play school, Drama, Citizens Advice, Baby Clinic, Coffee club, Dance, Walking, Aerobics, Table Tennis, Performing Arts, Short Mat Bowls.

Available at least monthly:- Quilters, Fine Arts, Wine, Pewter, Fuchias Orchids, Cage Birds, Young Archaeology, W.I., Friends of the Chiltern Open Air Museum, Karate.

Less frequent regular Activities:- National Trust, Chartered Institute of Builders, Conservative Association, National Council of Women. There are about 60 different activities per year and well over 30 organisations use the Centre regularly, so there must be something to suit most tastes (if not yours why not start a group?) Full details for any activity, including contacts can be obtained through the Community Association office any weekday morning or call 01753 885778.

I HAVE been asked to let you know about this spacious apartment in Prodroimi, Nr. Polis, Paphos, Cyprus, in a Quiet Complex in a peaceful location, 10 mins drive to Polis Beach and Latchi Harbour Sleeps 4/6 where, you can have a most enjoyable holiday.

The apartment is on the first floor and has 2 bedrooms, one bathroom and a fully fitted kitchen. The 2 bedrooms have a joint balcony and there is an additional balcony leading from the living room/kitchen area. The apartment benefits from air conditioning facilities, a covered car parking space and private use of a communal pool.



View from Polis beach to the Akamas Peninsula

It is equipped with microwave, satellite TV, DVD, stereo and a safe to secure your personal belongings. Towels and bed linen are provided during your stay. A welcome pack can be supplied if requested in advance.

The village is only a 5 minute walk away and a further 10 minutes to the picturesque town of Polis. Polis has a variety of tavernas, restaurants and shops and the beach is a few minutes further on from there where you can take in

spectacular views of the Akamas Peninsula in the distance. Polis is an ideal location for: walkers and cyclists being that it's near to the Akamas National Park, scuba and water diving in nearby Latchi 3km away, taking a boat trip from Latchi to the Akamas Peninsula, exploring the Troodos mountains or golfing at Tsada 30 minutes away.

Polis is approximately 45 kilometres from Paphos airport and about a two hours drive from Larnaca airport.

For further information, please contact Tom using the details provided below: Mobile: 07974 203006

Email: tquigs@hotmail.com or via the link to the property: <http://www.ownersdirect.co.uk/cyprus/CY1422.htm>

