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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice, November 2013

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A **WINTER** Series of Orchestral Concerts with Amersham Festival Chamber Orchestra Conducted by Iain Ledingham. Music for String Orchestra



Friday 1 November: 8 pm at St Mary's Parish Church Amersham Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No.1 and Handel (Water Music)

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, November 2nd in Ch. St Peter Community Centre in the Tony Graham Room 2.15pm. We welcome Alex Roche who will demonstrate "Portraits in water-soluble oils". Under 18 guests 50p & Adult guests £5 (including tea & biscuits).

Their **ANNUAL EXHIBITION** this year is on Friday, **November 22nd & Saturday, 23rd** in The Parish Church Hall from 10am. FREE entry; Refreshments available all day. The **PREVIEW** will be between 7 & 9 p.m. on Thursday, November 21st. All enquiries to Jean Griffith (CHAIR) 01494 873722

AUTHENTIC Street Dance at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Priory Road, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 8SB on Monday, **4th November**. 7-8. Free Trial Class. Please call Sarah on 07889224303 to book. Spaces are limited.

JORDANS MEETING HOUSE PROGRAMME Jordans Meeting House, Welders Lane, Jordans, HP9 2SN
A Contemplative Day at Jordans Meeting House, is a retreat with Ginny Wall, on Saturday 16 November 10-4pm
Ginny is a spirituality tutor at Woodbrooke and author of 'Deepening the life of the spirit'. £35
(concessions available); bring your own lunch; hot drinks provided
For further information phone 01494 876594 or email events@jordansquakercentre.org

GERRARDS CROSS FLOWER CLUB meets at the Colston Hall, Memorial Centre East Common, GX, at 2.15pm on Wednesday, **November 20**, when things start getting festive with Glenis Smith presenting "Christmas Crackers".

CHALFONT ST PETER GARDEN Club meets next on Wednesday, November 20 in the Church Hall, Church Lane at 8pm, when Dr Helen Roy and Ross Newman, from Centre for Ecology & Hydrology will present – "Every record counts – biological recording in a changing world."

V.O.P.A.G. (Village Older Persons Action Group) meets next on Tuesday, November 17, 10am for coffee and 10.30 for Blue Badge Guide, Sally Bowright to talk about "Surprising London", in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. It is an ideal opportunity for over 55's to socialise and find out useful local information.

CONCERT - South Bucks Choral Society

Saturday, 23rd November 2013 at 07.30 p.m. in The Chapel at the Royal Masonic School for Girls, Rickmansworth
Tickets: Contact Steve Wilcock 01494 722122 or can be purchased at the door. Unreserved seating £15 per ticket
Programme **Harmoniemesse – Haydn** ==== **Kyrie in D Minor – Mozart** ==== **Symphony No.41 (Jupiter) – Mozart**
With the Amersham Festival Chamber Orchestra

CHILTERN HEALTH GROUP – Let's talk Health – BURNHAM (which covers the Chalfonts).

Meet your GPs and talk about 'out of hours care and how to get it', is on **November 28** at Burnham Park Hall, Windsor Lane, SL1 7HR.

PEDAL TO PADDLE Have some half term holiday fun with a free half price swimming voucher! Do you and your family love swimming? Aqua Vale Swimming Pool, Aylesbury, and Buckinghamshire County Council's Sustainability Team are working together this half term to give families the opportunity to collect half price swimming vouchers. It's so simple to get the vouchers - just arrive at Aqua Vale by bike during the half term holidays and you can claim a half price voucher for the next time you visit.

Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation, Janet Blake said:

"Cycling and swimming can improve both physical and mental health. This is a great way to get fit, stay healthy and save money whilst having fun with your friends and family".

And why not use the Gemstone cycle routes to get to your destination? Log onto the Cycle Aylesbury website to download individual maps or the kids' map, for some extra fun things to do on the route.

<http://www.cycleaylesbury.co.uk/page/home.php>

NEWS from Chalfont St Peter WI. Report that their AGM was on Oct.9th and the minutes from the 2012 AGM were read and approved. The 2013/2014 committee was voted in. Carole Crowford retired from the committee due to other commitments and Dot Swift and Christine Williams were welcomed as new members. Maureen Dobbs continues as President for a further year. They held a Bring and Buy after the AGM to help with funds.

The project this year is to support ACWW in "Water for life" in Cameroon Africa.

Enjoyable outings in 2013 were visits to Waddesden Manor, Banbury and Broughton Castle.

The Feast Day weather at the end of June was warm and sunny and the teddy bears Picnic Stall was popular especially the bran tub.

The coffee mornings are fun. Maureen held the August one in her garden, otherwise they go to local cafes, pubs and garden centres. A warm welcome in Chalfont Sr. Peter Parish Church Hall will be given to visitors to the next meeting on Wednesday, November 13 at 2pm. The display is – a souvenir.

Chalfont Common WI

John Dunsterville came to our October meeting along with his guitar and we had a splendid evening of Rock and Roll – joining in and reminiscing about the songs of the 60's. It was such a brilliant time and great to remember all the wonderful songs of that era. The meeting was very well attended and we welcomed several new members.

We have had a busy month with a visit to the Globe Theatre, after which some of us went to Bermondsey Market or the Tate Modern. The book club went to Buckingham Palace, but not before they joined in a live production of Loose Women which had not been planned. Walk along the South bank and you never know what you will end up doing!! We are now hoping to get tickets to Dancing on Ice. We also went to see Harrow Light Operatic Co version of West End Hits at Watersmeet in Rickmansworth. As always a fantastic show.

The coffee morning held at Yvonne's in Aid of SENSEFORCSP was a great success. We enjoyed picking the fruit from her trees for a donation to a very worthy cause.

It was our turn to host the group meeting – we had a really interesting speaker followed by a delicious tea provided by our own ladies. It is great to meet with the other WI's in the area and swap interests.

Our book clubs, cinema visits, table tennis and walking groups are all thriving and we continue to attract new members and are always pleased to see new faces, so come along and have a chat or contact us on 01494 872133. Our meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month in the Tony Graham Room at the community centre 7.30 for 7.45.

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 Jospeh'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

HEDGERLEY Historical Society, approaching 100TH Anniversary Commemorations sends out a call for information. In 1914 the combined population of Hedgerley and Hedgerley Dean was 250 and of these 88 able bodied men left South Buckinghamshire to fight for their country. Sadly 10 of these men were killed in action or died later as a result of their injuries. A plaque in St Mary's church lists their names:

William Joseph BIRCH, William F BODDY, Christopher William BOWDEN, George COX, C. HARRIS, Thomas HEARNE, Francis Edmund PINER, George Herbert STEVENSON, P.J.STOCKWELL.

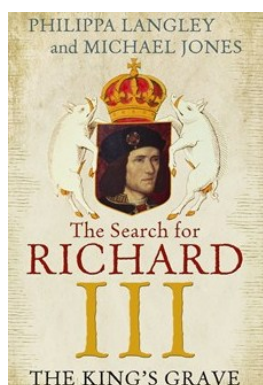
Hedgerley Memorial Hall was built in 1921 as a lasting memorial to the sacrifice of these men and a plaque inside the hall includes the names of all 88 men who served their country. Also in St Mary's Church, there is a memorial to the men who died, plus the boys from the Court Farm children's home who died in the conflict.

A study is being undertaken to look at the lives of all these men and boys and the impact the War had on Hedgerley. It is hoped that the research will provide a greater insight into life in Hedgerley one hundred years ago and possibly reveal unknown photographs and letters if possible.

John Lovelock, the secretary of Hedgerley Historical Society, would be pleased to hear from readers of the Village Voice, whose ancestors lived in Hedgerley before and during the First World War, as the aim is to collect stories from this turbulent period of history and to copy any photographs and letters if possible. Thank you. John Lovelock, 13 Coppice Way, Hedgerley, SL2 3YL, Tel: 01753 647187 jdlovelock@btinternet.com



THERE is also an extra event on Wednesday 6th November in Hedgerley Memorial Hall, when Philippa Langley will talk about her search for *The King's Grave*.



On 22 August 1485 Richard III was killed at Bosworth Field, the last king of England to die in battle. His victorious opponent, Henry Tudor (the future Henry VII), went on to found one of our most famous ruling dynasties. Richard's body was displayed in undignified fashion for two days in nearby Leicester and then hurriedly buried in the church of the Greyfriars. Fifty years later, at the time of the dissolution of the monasteries, the king's grave was lost - its contents believed to be emptied into the river Soar - and Richard III's reputation buried under a mound of Tudor propaganda. Its culmination was Shakespeare's compelling portrayal of a deformed and murderous villain, written over a hundred years after Richard's death.

Now - in an incredible find - Richard III's remains have been uncovered beneath a car park in Leicester. *The King's Grave* traces this remarkable journey. Philippa Langley, whose years of research and belief that she would find Richard in this exact spot inspired the project, reveals the inside story of the search for the king's grave. The result is a compelling portrayal of one of our greatest archaeological discoveries, allowing a complete re-evaluation of our most controversial monarch - one that discards the distortions of later Tudor histories and puts the man firmly back into the context of his times.

Philippa Langley inaugurated the quest for King Richard III's lost grave as part of her ongoing research into history's most controversial monarch. Her project marked the first-ever search for the grave of an anointed King of England, and was made into the acclaimed TV documentary *The King in the Car Park* for Channel 4. She is the secretary of the Scottish Branch of the Richard III Society. Copies of Philippa's book *The Search for Richard III The King's Grave* will be available to purchase on the night.

For the November meeting on **20th November** Alan O'Cain will present *Shakespeare – the Plays in Art*. Artist Alan O'Cain celebrates four centuries of Shakespeare's influence on visual art with this entertaining talk about Shakespeare-inspired paintings. From Hogarth and William Blake to Jackson Pollock and Alan's own projects, this illustrated talk explores the enduring fascination Shakespeare's works have held for artists of both the past and the present.

Alan has created artworks based on major Royal Shakespeare Company and Glyndebourne productions and worked on creative projects internationally. He has delivered talks at many important venues including the Shakespeare Institute at Stratford-upon-Avon and the 2012 British Shakespeare Association Conference. Throughout 2013 he is artist-in-residence at Ustinov College, Durham University where he is creating site-specific artwork and presenting lectures and performance arts events.

WORK on the countywide LED street lighting replacement programme started on Monday (21 October), with the first installations taking place in Iver and Wexham.

During the three year programme, almost 7,500 street lights will have LED functionality fitted across Buckinghamshire, with 1,100 planned to be replaced by the end of December this year.

LED lights reduce energy and maintenance costs, as well as lowering carbon emissions. The LED lighting itself provides a clearer, brighter white light as opposed to the traditional yellow glow of current street lights.

Find out more about the LED replacement programme at Transport for Buckinghamshire's Service Information Centre website: www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport

A MEMORIAL service for April Halton, who founded Missenden Abbey summer school, was held on 20th October at the Abbey and Rosa Maria Welch, her successor, sent information to those who were unable to attend. She writes.

"it was lovely to see so many of April's friends (about 40) gathered together to pay tribute to her work and her friendship. It was very moving to hear how special April was to everyone she came in contact with.

Thank you for all your contributions both to the ceremony and to the actual tree and seat. The tree that we have planted in memory of April is a Liquidambar, which goes beautifully red and colourful as you can see and a gorgeous teak banana bench has been placed near April's tree, both with fitting inscriptions. I have checked with Missenden Abbey and they are happy for any of us to go and sit on the bench any time we like and reflect upon old times with April.

I hope those of you who couldn't come to the memorial will have a chance of seeing the tree and the bench the next time you are at the Abbey and that you will agree that it is a fitting way of ensuring that April's spirit remains at the Abbey where it belongs.

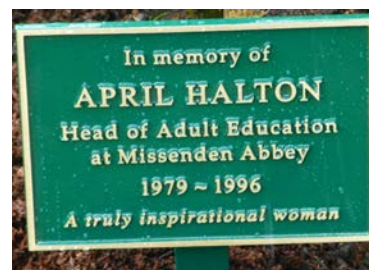


Because of your generous contributions, we have a little money left over which we will donate to April's chosen charity, 'Plan International'

April's inspirational power prevails, as borne out by the following poem that emerged during the memorial ceremony.

The past is history
The future is a mystery...
Though lessened
By the now
With April's ripples
Spreading on the pond
Of our lives

Which is a gift for the present By Bob Drake (Mary Orrom's other half)



AS THE AUTUMN SETS IN, it's time for those at greatest risk from flu to protect themselves and their families by having a free flu jab.

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.

AS WELL as carrying out gritting of Buckinghamshire's roads and maintaining the salt bins around the county, Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) is offering parishes the opportunity to purchase tonne bags of salt in a 'two for one' offer.

Last year TfB offered tonne bags of salt for sale to all parish councils to keep their own stock of grit to use on footways and any other places that were vulnerable to becoming slippery, off the usual treated road network.

This year they are continuing to offer this facility with a special 'buy one get one free' offer, running until the 16th

November. Prices are £60 for a bag collected, or £85 delivered. They will be available for collection or delivered to the parish council during November. During winter TfB treats approximately 40% of the road network (1,405km) on each gritting run: all the A and B roads and some risk-assessed routes, such as bus routes. However, it would be unrealistic to attempt to treat all roads.

For further information and regular updates, please visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/transp

TO HELP prevent theft from motor vehicle and to ensure that your car is not an appealing target for a thief, local Police are asking you to be extra vigilant and consider your vehicle security.

1. Ensure your car is always left locked and secure.
2. Do not leave possessions in your car, whether valuable or not. A thief wouldn't know the bag left on the back seat only contains a gym kit.
3. Remove sat-navs from your car, including the cradle and the suction mark from the window. A thief will expect to find it hidden in the glove compartment or under the seat!
4. Do not leave valuables in your boot.
5. Fit Tamper Proof screws to your number plates.

Your local neighbourhood policing team has a limited supply of Tamper Proof screws which will be given out on a first come first served basis. If you would like a set of screws please contact your neighbourhood policing team via email at: Chalfontsnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

ONLY 'yes' means yes. Young people should understand the importance of sexual consent in a healthy and respectful relationship, and need to be aware of the unhelpful sexual stereotypes portrayed online, via television and film, and in pop culture. These are some messages of Buckinghamshire County Council's new 'Check Consent' campaign. The campaign promotes young people's awareness of sexual consent, both in terms of the law and as part of an ethical approach to intimate personal relationships.

Originally developed by Oxford City Council, Check Consent encourages young people to obtain explicit consent for all sexual encounters and take an ethical approach that puts mutual respect and consent at the heart of a healthy intimate relationship. They should not expect or presume a partner's agreement to intimate contact, and should understand that consent is not unconditional: it can be withdrawn at any time or if circumstances change. Silence is not consent.

Angela Macpherson, Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Children's Services said: "It's so important that young people don't feel pressured into any sexual activity they don't feel completely happy about. The Check Consent campaign helps young people to be aware of the importance of respect and understanding in building a happy and healthy relationship."

Rowan Honeysett-Williams, aged 18, said: "As a young person it is confusing as you are only just entering into these types of relationships, with little experience of asking for consent or how you treat your partner. A campaign on this topic is important so those who do not have a clear idea can find out what consent is and how, on a basic level, to treat their partners respectfully."

Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing Patricia Birchley, said: "the way sexual relationships are portrayed online and in the media can have a harmful influence, making a level of sexual aggression seem normal. It is not. Young people must be able to recognise when a relationship is abusive, and be empowered to change things or get out of the situation."

"I am really pleased to support this important campaign" said Baljit Ubhey OBE, Chief Crown Prosecutor for Thames and Chiltern Crown Prosecution Service, bringing out the legal aspect of consent: "A better understanding by all concerned of what consent really means and what the pitfalls are, especially when drugs or alcohol is involved, will not only help to reduce the number of victims, but also those who put themselves at risk of committing a sexual offence.

"Just because a person doesn't actually say no, doesn't mean that you can imply they are consenting. Don't assume anything. Take control; be clear on what you want or don't want and what the other person wants or doesn't want."

There's lots of general information on the different aspects of sexual consent on the Check Consent website at <http://checkconsent.com/> and information specific to Buckinghamshire is available on the Bucks Sexual Health website: www.sexualhealthbucks.nhs.uk

Information is being supplied to schools as part of the Check Consent campaign for use in their Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programmes.

CELEBRATING Buckinghamshire's unsung heroes Hundreds of volunteers who help keep the wheels of Buckinghamshire turning have been honoured for their contribution to the community by County Council Chairman Carl Etholen. He hosted the county's unsung heroes at an evening reception in Beaconsfield yesterday (Wednesday October 23).

More than 1,500 volunteers help Buckinghamshire County Council deliver services, from Master Composters and Simply Walk leaders to school governors and education appeal panel members.

Carl Etholen, himself a volunteer community bus driver, paid tribute to the county's volunteers: 'We're really fortunate to have a huge number of public spirited people in Buckinghamshire, and we're immensely proud of them. 'Service to the community is something Buckinghamshire people are very good at. They really are our unsung heroes, and if it wasn't for the support of so many volunteers, many projects just wouldn't run.'

Among more than 70 volunteers who attended the reception in the FitzWilliam Centre, were seven who support the County Council's country parks teams, four Master Composters, seven school travel planners, and 31 Simply Walks leaders, who organise walks to encourage people's health and wellbeing.

Elaine Hill, who has been leading 'Footsteps' road safety training for Great Kingshill School for the past five years said she got great satisfaction from helping children with observation, listening and road crossing skills.

Now training other Footsteps trainers, Elaine said that in her first year she led 116 sessions!

Andrew Clark, one of the seven Simply Walks leaders from Chesham and Amersham, said they led two walks every week around the picturesque Chilterns.

He said they drew more than 30 people for walks of up to an hour. 'And we walk come rain or shine,' he said. 'People love it.'

Four of the 10 Simply Walks leaders from Marlow enjoyed chatting with Carl Etholen. They give up to 30 walkers the choice of long and short walks.

Leader Stella Ward said they had already booked their Christmas celebration at Court Garden, Marlow. 'Our walks are great social occasions and build good friendships,' she said.

Services in which volunteers help Buckinghamshire County Council:

Master Composters

Food Champions

Community Champions

School governors

Youth Service

Simply Walks

Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Team

Libraries and Adult Learning

School governing bodies

Supporting older people in their homes

Energy Champions

County Parks upkeep and projects

Bucks County Museum

Centre for Bucks Studies

Education Appearances

THAMES Valley Police is working in partnership with Community Safety Partnerships across the Thames Valley to keep you safe as the darker nights draw in.

People across the Thames Valley can pick up security advice from the Thames Valley Police website; about the importance of not leaving your house in darkness, as well as via our social media sites.

Ch Supt Tim De Meyer, head of Neighbourhood Policing & Partnerships said: "People who work full time, and usually leave and return from work in the dark, are more likely to fall victim of opportunist burglars.

"It is vital that we engage with those at risk of burglary and this year we will be encouraging people to look at our Twitter sites and website for crime prevention information.

"Officers will be patrolling neighbourhoods and burglary hot spot areas identifying houses that could benefit from improved home security and posting a postcard size leaflet through the door advising people to contact them for further crime reduction advice.

"We will also be using businesses in the area to ensure our message gets out to their staff."

If no light is on in your home, curtains are not drawn, and no car is in the drive, it's an obvious sign to an opportunist burglar that no-one is in. At this time of the year more than any other it pays to secure your home.

There are a number of simple and low-cost or free ways to do this, all of which will help reduce the chance of your home becoming the next target.

- Visit a local retailer to pick up a 24 hour segment timer for under £5. The timer can be used with a lamp, radio or TV to give the impression that someone's home. Remember to use an energy efficient light bulb
- Register your valuables on www.immobilise.com - its free and takes just a few minutes and if your valuables are stolen, will allow you to tell the police, your insurer, and the second-hand trade to assist in recovering your property and catch the thief
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Look your doors and windows, if you have a UPVC door make sure you have double locked it

You can also follow us on Twitter [@ThamesVP \(opens new window\)](#) (localise this if there is one) alternatively you can give us a 'like' on Facebook at [http://www.facebook.com/thamesvp \(opens new window\)](http://www.facebook.com/thamesvp)

For regular updates on crime and disorder in your area you can sign up to [Thames Valley Alert \(opens new window\)](#)
For further crime reduction advice you can also visit our website or call and ask to speak to a Crime Reduction Adviser via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

RESIDENTS in Twyford are becoming the next group of professional bakers.

Thanks to a new bread oven provided by the Buckingham Local Area Forum, a wide range of fresh bread is being expertly produced for all to buy.

Located in the village's community shop, the bakers meet every Friday evening to prove the bread and return the following morning at 5.30am to bake it, ready for customers when the shop opens at 7.30am. A team of 70 volunteers run the shop, cafe and bakery and all profits go straight back into the community to fund local activities such as the youth club, gardening club and wine club.

Susie Harvey- Snelson from Twyford Stores said: "To have received the funding for our new bread oven has been fantastic. We were really keen to start making and selling our own bread but the costs for equipment were just too high. Now we have the oven, volunteers are keen to come along and make the bread and this isn't just retired members of our community. Many of our volunteers have been in the office all week and find kneading the dough on a Friday night very therapeutic."

Warren Whyte, Chairman of the Buckingham Local Area Forum, said: "Twyford Stores is a wonderful example of community-led working. Not only has the bread oven created a group for like-minded bakers to get involved with, but is also generating more money back into the community. Wonderful to see."

TRANSPORT for Buckinghamshire operational hub received around 170 calls throughout the day on Monday reporting that about 200 trees had fallen throughout the day.

Eight teams from Amersham and Wycombe depots continued to work through the night at more than 50 locations to remove trees and branches blocking the road.

TfB also used Salcey's Contractors, and five of their teams, to help with the trees that needed specialist equipment to remove. Salcey also worked through the night to remove trees from three locations in Chesham, Chalfont St Peter and Prestwood.

A road at Willow Bank, Denham, where a tree fell on telephone lines, was closed for safety reasons but cleared by mid afternoon Monday.

There was one report of minor flooding and a fallen tree in Farnham Lane, between Burnham and Farnham Royal, which was cleared during the Monday morning. Apart from this minor flood there was a more extensive flooding incident in Bourne End which was cleared with the Super Sucker, a powerful gulley emptier.

The Met Office said winds across Buckinghamshire were at their severest between 6am and 7am on Monday, with gusts of up to 56mph.

The first report of a fallen tree partially blocking the carriageway at Wooburn Green Lane, came in at 3.15am and was attended to immediately. The last report came into the hub at 9.30pm on Monday and was cleared by 11pm. In all it was a 20 hour operation to clear the roads. TfB will now continue to attend to any further trees or branches which fall as a result of the wind damage.

