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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice –

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Local MP Joins the Campaign for Holy Cross

CHALFONT St Peter CE Academy held a forum on Friday 12 October 2012 to further discuss the potential move from its present site in Penn Road to The Holy Cross Site in Chalfont St Peter. The strategic meeting was attended by Cheryl Gillan MP, Daniel Carter, Director of Arrowcroft Holdings, John Underwood, Head Teacher, Richard Allen Vice Chairman of Parish Council, David Martin, Parish Councillor and prospective Bucks County Councillor, Gordon Joyner Oxford Diocese and Liz Underwood, Deputy Head Teacher.

Coming after a number of years of uncertainty over the future of the Holy Cross site - which is currently the subject of a legal challenge by Chalfont St Peter Parish Council after the educational status of the land was removed controversially by The District Council in 2010 - the meeting culminated with the unanimous agreement to continue to press the District Council to agree with the widely advertised and popular Arrowcroft Master Plan for the whole site. The Arrowcroft proposal provides new housing and better access to the site together with other facilities for the village which will not only satisfy the demands of the District Council, but also the village and the landowner.

Arrowcroft's extensive public consultation, undertaken in the autumn of 2011, demonstrated wide support from the vast majority of the local community. Arrowcroft proposes to develop the Holy Cross site with a new, replacement Academy meeting future needs, new homes and a new supermarket for the village. The current Academy site would be redeveloped to provide more homes, and the total number of homes would equate to that sought by Chiltern District Council. The project aims to support the sustainability of Chalfont St Peter as a community and retail centre in order to meet local needs.

Cheryl Gillan stated: "I was glad to have the opportunity to have an update on the proposals from Arrowcroft that have been welcomed by the Parish Council and so many residents. It is important that neighbourhoods have a very strong say in any development of their area and that any plan is sustainable and adds value with new amenities such as educational institutions and much-needed housing. I have asked all those attending the meeting to continue to keep me informed about progress and I look forward to seeing a positive outcome for this important area of the village. We have a perfect example of localism in action here. I will do my utmost to encourage everyone to work together to bring about a positive outcome, which I hope will carry good things forward."

More Info : Office of the HeadTeacher : 01753 883982 **Chalfont St Peter Church of England Academy**
Penn Road, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks. SL9

FLOWER and vegetable plants for all seasons are available from the van that is in Church Lane on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. I have found the quality good and the cost inexpensive.



Mission Without Borders

This is a worldwide charity which supports very poor families and orphanages in Eastern Europe.

We are a group of ladies, many elderly, who knit squares to make blankets (and some knit hats) to send to Eastern Europe. Our elderly ladies enjoy knitting and feel they are doing something useful. We endeavour to buy the wool as many are pensioners, although one or two supply their own wool if they are able to afford it.

Our group of knitters is continually growing. We have received generous financial help from our local Rotary Club during the past two years but we cannot rely on them to support us indefinitely.

We are asking if people have any unwanted double knitting wool and are prepared to donate any leftover balls of wool. Perhaps they could search their cupboards for odd half-used balls of wool. We are willing to collect.

Our blankets and hats are counted and credited to us before being sent to Europe. We get wonderful letters of thanks from the families and orphanages, written in their own languages and translated for us.

We are in need of money to continue knitting for this worthwhile charity and if anyone could send us a cheque – no matter how small – we would be overjoyed. Please make your cheque payable to Valerie Walker at Tudor Acre, South Park Crescent, Gerrards Cross SL9 8HJ. Please let us have your phone number and/or address so that we can thank you and/or send you photographs and copied of letters received. Valerie's telephone number: 01753 885874



EMERALD FRAMES



EMERALD Frames in Blays House, Churchfield Road, CSP, is the ideal place to take your pictures for framing. So convenient to the car park in Church Lane, but you can also park directly outside the door, if there is a space. I was so pleased with the job that was done for me that I wanted to let people know about it.

Website www.emeraldframes.com email: cath@emeraldframes.com 07507 774017

FREE FILM NIGHT: Friday 9th November at 8pm Change4Chalfont presents: 'Mother: Caring for 7 Billion' in the Parish Church Hall, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter

'Mother: Caring for 7 Billion' is a loving, thoughtful, visually striking film addressing one of our biggest questions, both personal and planetary - what to do about population growth. It argues compellingly that a fair and just solution is only likely to be found in a complete refocusing of our priorities and societies. 'Mother' is a must-see film on why population growth matters and what is hindering action to reduce it.

The film will be preceded by a short talk from a local expert on global population, Len Mann. Len joins us from the charity 'Population Matters'. After a distinguished career in engineering and science, Len speaks regularly on various subjects including cosmology and population growth.

Free admission. Wine, coffee, tea, savouries and home-made cake are served.

Change4Chalfont is a group of local residents who aim to work with our community by helping to reduce our impact on climate change and our dependence on fossil fuels. For more information about us and our events visit www.change4chalfont.org.uk.

CHALFONT St Peter Garden Club meets on Wednesday, 21st November, in the Church Hall, Church Lane at 8pm when Jim Buttress will present "A tour of Britain in Bloom". Visitors welcome.

GERRARDS Cross Flower Club meets on Wednesday, November 21st at 2.15pm in the Colston Hall, Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre, East Common, when the topic will be White Christmas, presented by David Martin. The Gladys Hunt Cup will be “Christmas Shining’.



**AMERSHAM
FESTIVAL
OF MUSIC**

THE next performance in the winter Orchestral Concert series at St Mary’s Parish Church Amersham is **Friday 16 November** at 8 pm with Amersham Festival Chamber Orchestra Conducted by Iain Ledingham : playing Mozart & Haydn Box Office: 01494 87 6465

boxoffice@amershamfestival.org www.amershamfestival.org



GERRARDS Cross and District Committee cordially invite you to attend a lecture in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support The Pre-Raphaelites: Victorian Avant-garde Given by Peter Scott, lecturer and guide at Tate Modern and Tate Britain Tutor for WEA, Lecturer at Dulwich Picture Gallery, NADFAS, National Trust & U3A Tuesday **November 6TH 2012** Colston Hall, Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre East Common 2.15pm for 2.30pm (Ticket includes Tea and Cakes) **Admission only by pre-paid tickets £12.00 per head.**

Please reserve tickets by telephoning Sally Roberts 01753 880662 or Anne Harris 01753 885151



Please make cheques payable to: Macmillan Cancer Support

Arranged by Gerrards Cross and District Committee for Macmillan Cancer Support Registered Charity Number 261017

CHANGE4CHALFONT Orchard Planting Saturday 10th November 10am - 4pm

We are delighted to announce the planting of Chalfont St Peter's second community orchard. This will be a mixed fruit orchard of apples, pears and plums in the Jubilee Gardens (just off Gravel Hill as you turn in towards the Community Centre) Called the Diamond Jubilee Orchard, it is being planted as part of the Woodland Trust Jubilee Woods project and will feature in the Royal Record (see www.woodlandtrust.org.uk)

Can you help? Please come and help plant - and bring your friends and family to make this a fabulous community event. Some light refreshments will be provided but bring a picnic and if you can provide them, some tools (please label them). Here are some that will come in useful: gardening gloves, spade, fork, hammer, mallet, sledgehammer (long handled preferred), phillips screwdriver, wire cutters, hacksaw, watering can, wood saw, pliers, wheelbarrow.

Not a gardener? Perhaps you would make a cake, or help make drinks for volunteers? Or you might like to sponsor a tree - each sponsored tree will bear a plaque with the name of the sponsor and a description of the fruit. Sponsoring a tree costs £50.

For more information contact Erica 01753 279855 or e-mail info@change4chalfont.org.uk - or just turn up on the day!

We hope to see you there!

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HEDGERLEY Historical Society’s next meeting is November 21st at 8pm, when Sally Botwright will present **London Oddities Part 2**, in Hedgerley Memorial Hall, Kiln Lane, Hedgerley, SL2 3UZ

Visitors are most welcome. Further details from **John Lovelock 01753 647187** jdlovelock@btinternet.com

GO ALONG and sing the most popular classical music in the A40 Choir's Christmas Variety Concert - Rehearsals, Mondays, Beaconsfield, 8 – 9:45 pm for this term's concert on **Saturday 8 December**. No auditions, while you need to be able to read music, you don't need to be a fantastic sight-reader. While rehearsals are fun, we aim to perform to the highest standards we can. Reasonable subscriptions include all music provision; apart from freely available music we sometime use and print individually from the web. Repertoire has been carefully chosen to capture a currently wide variety of styles and music. Concert repertoire to include: **Wood** *O Thou the Central Orb* - **Bach** *Jesu, Joy of Man's desiring* - **Berlioz** *The Shepherds' Farewell* - **Gruber arr. Meacock** *Silent Night* - **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** - **Coventry Carol** - **Cornelius** *The Three Kings* - **Verdi** *Hebrew Slaves' chorus* - **Berlin** *I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas* - **Blake** *Walking on the Air (The Snowman)* - **Vaughan Williams** *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* - **Handel** *The Trumpet shall Sound* - **Bizet** *Pearl Fishers Duet* - **Puccini** *Nessun Dorma!* - **Adam** *O Holy Night* - **Carols 4 All**: In the Bleak Mid-Winter, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Come All Ye Faithful, O Little Town of Bethlehem, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear.

Conductor David Meacock started the A40 brand just a few days after the popular *Classic FM* radio station started in 1992. Although unauditioned, just a few years later *Classic FM* broadcast the A40 Choir and have also recognised the A40 Choir's achievements with a *Classic FM Team of the Week* award. The A40 Choir has also sung twice in the Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London. As well as his local concerts, David Meacock has performed in St John's Smith Square, London, France, Russia and Slovenia variously as pianist and conductor. More recently he has sung equally demanding tenor solos, and has been invited to sing the **Verdi** *Requiem* tenor solo part alongside members of Welsh National Opera in early 2013. So, come and join a go-ahead choir led by a conductor who doesn't just conduct others singing, but who can actually sing on the big stage all by himself!

Please see www.a40music.com, or call David on 01753 886005, or email david.g.meacock@btinternet.com for further information.



2012 – celebrating 21 years of service to the community! THE CHILTERN, SOUTH BUCKS & HIGH WYCOMBE SELF HELP GROUP FOR MANAGERS AND PROFESSIONALS SEEKING WORK

Nov 5 Preparing for the Interview - Thorough preparation is the key to a successful interview

Presenter : Julie Morosco (Consultant & Volunteer)

Nov 12 Handling the Interview Itself - Focussing on what happens during the interview & how to handle tough

interview questions. Presenter :Rosie Miller (Consultant & Volunteer) www.rosyfutures.com

Nov 19 Making a Good Impression - Feeling, looking, sounding confident – it counts for so much in an interview !

Presenter : Linda Denny (Consultant & Volunteer) www.thesmartcoachingcompany.com

Nov 26 Going it Alone as a Change of Direction - These days every job search should consider the possibility of

working independently, consultancy or Interim Management Presenters : Clive Bennett (Consultant)

www.brooklandsexecutives.com & Ian Barber (Volunteer)

Dec 3 Telephone Networking - Polish your telephone networking skills in live practice sessions.

Presenters : Heather Mintern & Geoff Taylor (Volunteers)

Dec 10 Planning for the Winter Break / Social Evening - Preparing a well organised and successful action plan for your job search through the festive period. Presenter : Martin Garrity (Consultant)

A new programme will be published in December 2012 for meetings starting Monday 7th January 2013.

SOUTH Bucks Choral Society has its Autumn Concert in the Chapel at the Royal Masonic School for Girls on **Saturday 24th November** at 19.30 the programme will consist of the Vivaldi Gloria and a work by an Italian Composer Aldo Viviani who will be present at the Concert. The Carol Concert is on Saturday, 22nd December at 19.30 in St Mary's Church Old Amersham. The Spring Concert **Verdi Requiem** will be held on Saturday, 13th April in The Great Hall at The Masonic School for Girls Rickmansworth at 17.30. *Tickets £15 Available from Steve Wilcock 01494 722122 or choir members*

Learn about what makes you and other people who they are, at Graphology Saturday School

Venue: Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0BD. Tel: 01296 383582

Date and Time : Saturday 17th November 2012 **Course No:** X07HU03N12

Description: GRAPHOLOGY FOR BEGINNERS – Saturday school tutored by Elaine Quigley

Students will be introduced to the fascinating subject of Graphology and how it can be used effectively and productively. The aim of the course is to encourage people to learn about interpersonal understanding that teaches them to analyse handwriting in a positive and helpful way. This enables them to recognise best options and also to encourage those who have skills that could be used enjoyably. Students are encouraged to bring interesting samples of writing that they may have and about which they might like to find out more, but there will be plenty of samples to investigate as they develop more knowledge of the subject through working together and adding psychological features to their understanding.

Tutor Elaine Quigley, B.A. Hons, M.B.I.G. (Dip), has been working with Graphology for almost 30 years and has experience in areas such as recruitment, counselling and career guidance, as well as representing Graphology in the Media when questions crop up about documents that emerge in the news.

GERRARDS Cross Sailing Association meets in the Colston Hall, Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross, SL9 7AD on **Wednesdays at 8:15pm: - Bar opens 7.45 pm**

November 7 - Marine Accident Investigation – Nick Hance Inspector of Marine Accidents,

Nick Hance will describe how the MAIB investigates accidents in merchant ships, small commercial vessels and in leisure craft. Example cases, including recent investigations, will be instructive and raise issues for discussion.

November 14 – Adventures in the Ice – Dick Turnbull Sailor, climber and retailer, Dick Turnbull will describe his trip from Oban to Spitzbergen. In addition to the sailing, Dick scaled some of the Lofoten mountains. There were some hair-raising moments escaping from an ice pack, assisted by an ice breaker.

November 21 – Sailing down the Danube in Sea Griffin – Neil Lynn *Taking a boat through the heart of historic Europe from the Baltic to the Black Sea over two sailing seasons. Locks and dams, impressions of the journey, the oddities, people. The history, but most of all the interest.*

Saturday November 24 – Saturday Special – First Aid Course Peter Pocock MBE
follow the RYA syllabus. Booking and further details to follow.

Course will

November 28th – The Making of a Yachtsman's Pilot – Dick Holness.

Dick is co-author of East Coast Pilot, the definitive guide to East Coast creeks and backwaters. How did the Pilot come about and how it is kept up to date? Interesting local stories and ideas about the future role of such publications in the electronic age.

CHRISTMAS Fun Night in the village is being run this year by Feast of St Peter who also organise the hugely successful Feast Day event in June. Any profits from the event will therefore go to local good causes. Already in 2012, the Feast of St Peter organisation has distributed £11,000 of funds.

The Christmas event will take place on the evening of Friday 7th December between 6pm and 9pm. The format will be the same as the last few years in that Market Place will be closed to traffic from around 4.30pm until 9.30pm.

A kiddies fun fair will operate in the precinct which will necessitate closing the precinct car park from midday.

The car park in Church Lane will be open and accessible throughout the day and evening.

The Parish Church Hall will hold the Parish Church Xmas Fayre on the evening and there will be carol singing in the Parish Church. There will be schools carol singing on the main stage from 6pm.

Entertainment, including the Chalfont Wind Band and a vocal group from Gold Hill Church will take place on a stage located at the steps to Budgens/Bishops House. These steps will therefore not be able to be used from the morning of the event. The ramp access into Budgens and Bishops House will, of course be open.

The last few years have seen an excellent community event with around half the village in attendance. The majority of shopkeepers and businesses embrace the event and put on special activities, with competitions and "giveaways" on the evening and benefit hugely from the exposure and foot traffic.

There will be circa 40 stall pitches up Marketplace and there are a few remaining for sale at £30 with a discount to £25

for local community or charity groups.

The event is supported by three sponsors:

The Chalfont St Peter Parish Council, Fairweather Insurance and the Chalfont St Peter Chamber of Commerce.

All enquiries and bookings can be made via Michael Day on enquiries@feastofstpeter.org.uk he can be contacted by phone on 07717 295369.

As always volunteers are required to help with stewarding and clearing up afterwards and anyone prepared to help is invited to contact Michael Day as above.

HAPPY Houndz. is a friendly, local dog walking service based in Chalfont St Peter. As keen walkers and pet owners, Katy and Liz have seen the need to start up a small, personal, friendly dog walking service. Perhaps you are forced to work very long hours and have to leave your precious pet unattended for long periods of time or are recovering from an operation or illness. They are able to offer a range of caring services to support pet owners in the surrounding areas. As well as arranging regular and ad hoc dog walking services, they also offer daily pop-ins for a range of other pets. They have full liability insurance, including care, custody and control. Please contact them to find out how they can be of service to you! Telephone: **01753 888389** or **07801016238**, Email: happyhoundzchalfont@gmail.com

THAMES Valley Police is working with Community Safety Partnerships to keep you safe as the darker nights draw in. This weekend, on Sunday 28 October, the clocks will be going back, meaning many residents will return home after dark. Despite nearly a 25% reduction in burglaries in Chiltern so far this year we want to ensure that we keep burglaries to a minimum over the winter months too. At this time of year there are traditionally more burglaries as residents leave their homes looking unoccupied

Burglary awareness events will take place from the start of November at locations across the district, such as train stations and supermarkets, providing information to residents who are out after dark about how to secure homes effectively against burglaries. Keep an eye out for an event near you being advertised on Twitter and Thames Valley Alert.

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

"It is vital that we engage with this group of people and this year we will be encouraging people to look at our Twitter sites to receive crime reduction information.

"Officers will be patrolling neighbourhoods and burglary hot spot areas identifying houses that could be at risk of burglary and posting a 'Here's a bright idea' postcard 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 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.
- Mark your valuables with your house number and postcode using a UV pen. If you do not have one you can request a free UV pen by contacting the Community Safety Team on 01494 732089. They can also explain how you can purchase a SelectaDNA or SmartWater forensic property marking kit for the reduced price of £24.
- Register your valuables via www.immobilise.com. It's 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.
- Lock your doors and windows, if you have a UPVC door make sure you have double locked it.

Residents can follow their local police and pick up security advice from Twitter at www.twitter.com/TVP_Chiltern. For regular updates on crime and disorder in your area you can sign up to [Thames Valley Alert](http://ThamesValleyAlert).

For further crime reduction advice you can also visit the [Thames Valley Police website](#) or call and ask to speak to a Crime Reduction Adviser via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

INFORMATION for all a family's needs is now available at the click of a button following the launch this week of Buckinghamshire's revamped Family Information Service website.

Packed with more than 3,000 new entries, www.bucksfamilyinfo.org has improved searching facilities, a modern look and feel and is much easier for people to use.

The aim of the re-launch is to ensure parents and carers have access to a more convenient one-stop centre where they can obtain information on a wide range of subjects from Ofsted registered childcare providers, nursery admissions, schools and colleges, leisure activities, and events for families. The website also includes new dedicated information zones for children's centres, young people, parents and carers.

People can contact the BFIS in the following ways: Phone 0845 688 4944 (9am – 5.30pm (5pm Friday) email: familyinfo@buckscc.gov.uk or at County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UZ (9am to 5.30pm on weekdays).

A NEW Dementia Care Advisory Service to help people living with Dementia and their carers is being introduced in Bucks this month (October 2012). Buckinghamshire County Council and NHS Buckinghamshire have contracted Age UK to provide the wide-ranging advice service across the county.

It provides a single point of contact to access advice and aims to support people with dementia to live well in their community, ensuring they are receiving all the help that is available, with a particular focus on early intervention.

It is estimated that 6000 people have dementia in Buckinghamshire with the number predicted to rise to 9000 by 2025, an increase of 44 per cent. But the council believes that as few as a third of those living with the condition, particularly in its early stages, are diagnosed and receiving the proper support.

The Dementia Care Advisor Service will ensure that services are available to any person with a diagnosis of dementia or people who are worried that they may have signs of the condition. It will focus on well-being rather than illness and support people to think through how they can live well. Referrals will come from hospitals, GPs, mental health services, social care and importantly from families concerned about loved ones.

Patricia Birchley, Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing at Buckinghamshire County Council, said: "The prevalence of dementia roughly doubles with every five year increase in age in later years, so it is absolutely critical we improve and develop effective services. This new approach is in response to the expected increase in very elderly people over the next ten years."

Giulia Johnson, Chief Executive of Age UK Buckinghamshire, said: "We are delighted that Age UK Buckinghamshire has been awarded the contract. This is a much needed service and we will be working closely with the County Council and other partners to implement and deliver this new venture."

According to the 2011 census just under a quarter of the Buckinghamshire population are over 60. The new statistics reveal that there has been a 28 per cent increase in the most elderly aged 80 and over, increasing from 18,100 in the 2001 census to 23,100 this time—an extra 5,000 people.