

Chalfont St Peter Village Voice

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CHALFONT St Peter artist, Gordon King has an exhibition of original paintings at The Hawker Gallery, Old Amersham from 1-18 October.

THE meeting of (VOPAG) The Village Older Person's Action Group, is a chance for the over 55's to enjoy a social meeting each month as well as having an interesting speaker.

Please Note: The date of the October meeting has been changed to the 28th instead of the original date of the 21st Oct, when there will be speakers talking about financial planning, powers of attorney, equity release and making a will. This is to be impartial information, to instruct and be helpful. A welcome is extended to all who would like to attend.

FLU JABS for patients of:-

Misbourne surgery: Thursday, 7th October, 8.30 - 5.00pm

Calcot surgery - Dr ALLEN's PRACTICE: 1.30 to 3 pm on Weds. 6th Oct, or Mon 11th Oct, Mon 18th Oct, or Weds 27th Oct. BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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all at 8 - 11.30 am BOOKING ESSENTIAL

ALL SAINTS' MUSIC FESTIVAL welcomes THE WYCOMBE ORPHEUS MALE VOICE CHOIR for the final concert of their 2010 schedule. Saturday 2nd October - 7.30pm in All Saints' Church, Oval Way. Tickets £10 including light refreshments Available from: Anne Hatton 01753 882425; Paddy Hague 01753 883384 or The Parish Office 01753 880067

MISBOURNE Art Society meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month in the Tony Graham room in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. They last about 2 hours, with a cup of tea at half-time. They have membership vacancies. Contact Jean Griffith 01494 873722. Guests are welcome. Just £5 for the session.

ON Saturday 9th October, 9am-noon, there will be a sale of Christmas cards in aid of the RNLI in the Precinct, Chalfont St Peter.

THERE is a **Quiz Night** in the Church Hall, Church Lane, CSP, in aid of **LIFEBOATS** on Saturday 16th October 7 for 7.30pm. for an evening of fun and friendly rivalry of tables of 8. Make up your own table, but always room for those who want to join a table that needs more players. . Tickets £10 each include a buffet supper. Please bring your own drink and glasses. For **tickets ring 01753 886412 or 01494 872640**

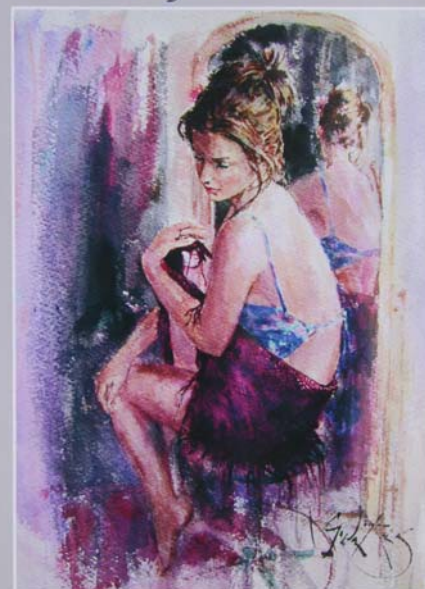
THIS year marks the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain – Let us not forget that “Never was so much owed by so many to so few” - to quote from Winston Churchill's famous speech.

Later in October, the Royal British Legion will be launching its annual Poppy Appeal and, to mark this important event, the Chalfont St Peter & St Giles Branch is presenting a concert to raise extra funds for the Poppy appeal. The music for this concert will be provided by the famous and ever-popular band, the RAF SQUADRONAIRES.

The concert is being held on Saturday 9th October, in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre, Gravel Hill and starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are reasonably priced at £12.50 each and are available from Chalfont Office Direct in Market Place, Keith Bowler – 01753 882519 or Roger Hands – 01753 884100. All proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The evening promises to be very enjoyable, as the Squadronaires will be playing many much-loved and well-remembered “Big Band Tunes”. The concert is bound to be very popular and early booking of tickets is recommended.

Thank goodness, that due to the bravery of “The Few” during the Battle of Britain, we in Great Britain were not invaded and victory in the 1st World War was ultimately gained. However, since those days and right up to the present time, many service men and women have sacrificed their lives or have been injured in ensuring that we as a nation live in peace and freedom. It is hoped that this concert and the Poppy Appeal will again help to raise increasingly needed funds for those service men and women and their dependents.



original paintings by
Gordon King
2 - 16 October
at The Hawker Gallery, Old Amersham
01494 724850

FOR those of you who enjoyed Sid Kipper's show in 2008, please note the date now (and tell your friends). **Friday 1 October** in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre at 8 pm sees the return of the iconic Sid Kipper with his show celebrating 25 years as a social commentator/folk megostar (the latter his own words). The new show is called "Silver Darlings" and tickets are £10 each (£5 for under 16's). There will be a licensed bar and also a tea/coffee bar. It is in aid of the Friends of Chiltern Open Air Museum. Tickets are available by calling 01494 871465

"Silver Darling" is an old Norfolk fisherman's term for the herring -which at one time meant wealth around the coastline of Norfolk. In this case the silver darlings are Sid's greatest hit songs - we have requested that whatever songs he performs, he includes one with that unique instrumental accompaniment, the walnut shells. If you haven't seen him before, check out his website - www.sidkipper.co.uk

NEW Jordans autumn events. www.newjordans.org or phone 01494 876584.

Saturday 2nd October: "Who are the Quakers?" (10am-5pm) A drop in day with short presentations on Quaker social action – past and present. Refreshments.

Friday 8th October – Day Retreat: *Experiment with Light*, introducing a powerful meditation practice developed by George Fox in the 17th Century. With Catherine King Ambler & Hilary Pinder. 10-2, coffee from 9.30. £35 or what you can afford. Take lunch to share.

RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE AND SEPARATION COURSE

6 week course to help you move forward and meet others going through similar issues. Very practical advice, including legal information from a qualified solicitor.

Starts on Monday **4th October** from 7.30 to 10.00pm in Chalfont St Peter with pre-course social at the Village Hall Pub on Monday 27th September at 8.00pm . Contact Katrina on 01753 887173 or email katrina.reading@goldhill.org for more info or to book.

OUR Neighbourhood Policing newsletter provides the following information:

Your Neighbourhood Police Team carried out speed enforcement. The locations we used were the ones identified to us by the residents of Chalfont St Peter. We dealt with drivers who were using mobile phones, drivers plus their passengers failing to wear their seat belts and other motoring offences including no insurance. In Lower Road we caught 5 speeders and 8 motorists failing to wear seat belts plus 2 motorists using a mobile phone whilst driving. On Denham Lane we caught 5 speeders, 4 failing to wear seatbelts and 2 driving whilst using mobile phones. On Austenway & Austenwood Lane 4 motorists were caught exceeding the speed limit and 3 for failing to wear a seatbelt. Our next speed enforcement day is October 7th 2010 (you have been warned!!).

ANOTHER issue identified was Anti Social Behaviour in and around the village; we are working alongside other agencies such as Paradigm Housing and the Youth Inclusion Support Panel (YISP) to work with youths who are engaging in Anti Social Behaviour in our area. We are also issuing ABC's (Acceptable Behaviour Contracts) to address the youth's behaviour. The flower beds in the centre of the village have been attacked and plants strewn around the Market Place area. A group of youths was caught and dealt with.

THE Bridge School at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre is still taking bookings for the new Beginning Bridge class which started on Wednesday 29th September. Bridge is a great way to meet new friends and is one of the most popular and enthralling games in the world. To find out more see www.bridgewebs.com/schoolgerrardscross or phone Tessa on 01753 885004

BRIDGE is also available at a Supervised Play Session at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre on Mondays 1:30 – 4:30. Suitable for novices and intermediate players, Tessa and Anders will be on hand to give lots of help. Cost £5. For more details go to www.bridgewebs.com/schoolgerrardscross or phone Tessa on 01753 885004

TIMPSON'S in the Precinct has a change over of staff. This popular Cobbler's shop is always busy and it's good to welcome Glen Bradshaw, who has come to Chalfont St Peter from the Pinner branch. He lives in Little Chalfont and is happy not only with the shorter journey, but with the pleasant people who come to the shop. Mark Comper, who we all knew and liked, has moved up to a bigger ship in Marlow. We wish him well.

CHALFONT St Peter garden Club meets on Wednesday 20th October at 8pm in the church hall, Church Lane, CSP, when Richard Bailey will discuss – Vegetables for a small garden. Visitors welcome.

CHALFONT St. Peter W.I. met in the Community Centre which was lucky as they needed all the space for our "Introduction to Line Dancing".

Mrs. Lyme welcomed everyone especially Olwen, their new member to be and the other 5 visitors. The "Mad Hatters Tea Party" was great fun and all were congratulated on their costumes and splendid hats.

The 90th Celebration picnic at Stowe was spoiled by the rain. such a shame. The Tea, on the other hand, put on by Farnham Commons Templewood W.I. was truly a feast. Many thanks to them. Mrs. Jean Purdy galvanised everyone into action with her Line dancing lesson. Anyone sitting out was made a judge. At half time, Mrs Purdy, a member of the Magic Circle, did some amazing tricks assisted by June, Judy, Barbara and Julia. Very clever performance. Then more dancing followed by tea and the Raffle.

Next month the meeting will be back in the Church Hall. With the AGM on Oct.13th. 2.15 pm. All welcome.

A PAIR of varifocal glasses have been lost in Chalfont St Peter, possibly somewhere between the Community Centre and the village centre, but the owner isn't really sure. They have a Dior Supra frame with multi focal lenses. Brown with a gold 'D' on the side. If you have found them, please contact me: 01753 886412.

THE Gerrards Cross Flower Club meets on the third Wednesday of every month and on October 20th the speaker will be Jo Williams - "A New Leaf" - in Colston Hall, The Memorial Centre, East Common, Gerrards Cross at 2.15pm. Guests are always welcome and of course new members. For more details telephone Pam Houchen: 01753 884190 or Chris Edgerton: 01753 884940.

CAREERS SPRINGBOARD operates in the Chilterns, South Bucks & High Wycombe as a self help group for managers and professionals seeking work. Meetings take place 7.15 for 7.30 pm each Monday at St Andrews United Reformed Church Hall, Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross. **Email address:** careers.springboard@virgin.net For full details visit their website www.careersspringboard.info

Oct 4 How to be a good, preferred candidate - Consider your accomplishments – they betray your talents – that is the key to your success. Guest Speaker: Nigel Cowderly (Consultant)

Oct 11 Using technology to support your job search - Making the web work for you and an introduction to the LinkedIn TMAY Group for Careers Springboard members. Speaker: Jeremy Fletcher

Oct 18 Networking Making contacts – the essential ingredient to job search. Speaker: Stephen Ostercamp

Oct 25 Networking in action - Polishing your networking skills in live practice activities. Speakers: Derek Lloyd-Rees/Douglas Percival

Nov 1 Interviews – Part 1 Preparation is the key to a successful interview. Speaker: Julie Morosco

Nov 8 Being an Interim Expert Volunteer - How can opportunities in the Not-for-Profit Sector help your job search ?

Membership is Free and new members are always welcome.

EXCERPTS from Off the Record – the Centre for Buckinghamshire quarterly review, are very interesting and coincide with the 70th anniversary of the start of the Blitz in September.

As part of the work they have been doing on launching their new 'Bombs over Bucks' database, they have spoken to several local residents who have personal recollections of bombing events and have been able to provide more information about what happened. One such recollection has been given recently by Mr. John Reed, who was living on Nightingale Road in Southcourt when the so-called 'land-mine' incident occurred in September 1940

"By September 1940 we had become rather blasé about alerts, and remained in bed unless anything happened. On 25 September 1940 the siren had gone when there was a loud explosion (we later heard that it was a bomb that fell in the Buckingham Road area). Mother shouted "Bombs are falling, John!" and we quickly rose to go down to the coal-cellar. I had only got as far as the landing when the 'land-mine' went off; I don't remember the bang but I vividly remember starting to be propelled down the stairs but Dad caught me just in time. Granny was the last one down— she dived headlong over the arm of the settee and fainted upside down. The back door, locked and bolted, was blown open and our dog ran down the garden barking with indignation. "Who let that dog out?" shouted Dad. There were no further incidents that night. [...] A member of my family remembered that scores of small tortoise-shell butterflies that had been hibernating in the eaves had been blown out and littered the pavement all round the house."

In a new section on the website, Archive of the Month, we look to highlight some of the fascinating corners of our collections that many of our customers are unaware of. August's edition focussed on the use of a Little Brickhill parish register to provide evidence of the holding of the Court of Assizes there and of the effects of the plague on the village. For September, along with the launch of our new database 'Bombs over Bucks' (see article elsewhere in this newsletter) we look at the Air Raid Precautions reports. October will use the earliest Vehicle Licensing Register to tell us more about an early photograph of a car crash outside Marlow. Archive of the Month is available in the 'Online Resources' section www.buckscc.gov.uk/archives. The originals used are on display in the Archives Searchroom each month.

Following the success of our research guide on 'Pubs and Publicans', the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies has just released a new guide to Bucks Prisoners. The guide will tell you where to look for your criminal ancestors in the county, with sections detailing the records of the Quarter Sessions, Assizes, Petty Sessions, Debtors and the Special Assizes set up to try those accused of taking place in the Swing Riots. Copies are available in the Archives Searchroom, the Local Studies Library, and can be downloaded from the Research Guides section of website, http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/archives/research_guides.page.

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To receive one year's worth of printed copies of 'Off the Record', please send four A4 stamped addressed envelopes or £1.50 to the Centre with your name and address (cheques payable to Bucks County Council).

BUCKS Copycat Campaign paves the way for safer driving

Young children learn by copying what their parents do and say, so it makes sense that if they witness their mum or dad driving badly, they're likely to mimic these poor driving habits when they grow up and get behind the wheel themselves.

After research highlighted the extent of the problem - 54% of parents admitted to poor road safety behaviour in front of their children and one third of all serious injuries involve young drivers aged 17-24 - Transport for Buckinghamshire has taken action and joined up with Thames Valley Police to develop the CopyCat Campaign and try to counteract this potentially dangerous copycat behaviour.

Launching in schools across Buckinghamshire this month, the CopyCat Campaign has a long-term goal of reducing the number of young drivers killed or seriously injured on the road. With these youngsters having observed their parents' driving habits for the first 17 years of their lives, the campaign is setting out to make parents understand it is crucial they improve their driving habits and take more care when setting an example to their children. If successful, it's hoped that the CopyCat Campaign will then be rolled out across the country.

Cleverly, the Campaign uses the children themselves (aged six and seven) to relay the message back to mum and dad that they must behave behind the wheel. Little Tikes has also come on board with the Campaign and is delighted that their iconic car, the red and yellow Cozy Coupe, will be used in helping to make the road safety messages fun for the children. The toy company is also providing prizes for the CopyCat Campaign - winners will be chosen following the March 2011 closing date and one school in each of the four district councils in Buckinghamshire will win a Little Tikes playset.

Schools that have signed up to the CopyCat campaign will have a visit by a Police Community Support Officer and the children will be shown a fun presentation that illustrates how their parents should drive. Topics covered will include keeping below the speed limit, concentrating at the wheel, switching off mobile phones before starting the journey, wearing a seatbelt and using the correct car seats for children. Each child will then be given a similar DVD to take home to watch and discuss with their parents, plus a simple worksheet will be filled in and returned to school.

HOW would you like to go out to lunch once a month, meet friends and make new ones whilst enjoying an inexpensive but delicious lunch?

A new Pub Lunch Club targeted for the 50's and above age group, is being formed in Chalfont St Peter and will meet for the first time on Monday 11th October at The Village Hall, the pub at the top of Gold Hill.

The Club is the latest of many to be launched across the County with the support of Community Impact Bucks a charity which works with Parish Councils and local interest groups.

A two course meal (main course and pudding) plus tea or coffee will be on offer for just £6.00 to club members and it costs nothing to join. All you need to do is book at least a week in advance through the Club Secretary.

If you would like to come to the first lunch, or know someone who might benefit from getting out and about a bit more, then please get in touch.

To book for the first lunch at 12.30pm on Monday 11th October please call Madge Holah on 01494 875402 or Katrina Reading on 01753 887173 (Bookings cannot be made direct with the pub)



PICK up free emergency booklet and Be Ready for Anything

Do you know how to cope in an emergency? A handy new guide explaining everything you ever wanted to know about emergencies but were afraid to ask is now available. The free booklet can be picked up from most libraries, district and parish council buildings, and County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury. It can also be downloaded electronically from www.buckscc.gov.uk/emergencyplanning

'Are you Ready?' is published by the Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum, of which Buckinghamshire County Council is a member. The guide contains information to help people prepare for a whole range of emergencies, such as floods, extreme weather and outbreaks of disease.

As winter approaches, people need to start thinking about how they might cope if they get stuck in their car in the snow or break down? By following the simple advice and handy tips, you can make sure you have the appropriate kit in your car, identify an 'emergency friend' who will look after your children if you can't get back, and have the necessary supplies at home.

Buckinghamshire County Council's Deputy Leader Bill Chapple who praised the guide as easy-to-read, common sense advice, said: "There is valuable home and fire safety advice that could help to save lives. We want to help people prepare for an emergency, in the hope it will never happen."

Andy Fyfe, Resilience Manager for Buckinghamshire County Council, said: "Everyone should make sure they have a household emergency plan so you and your family know what to do, who to call or where to go in an emergency. Having a 'grab-bag' of essential items is also useful preparation in case you need to leave your home quickly."

FRIENDS of Chiltern Open Air Museum will meet on Wednesday 27th October at 8pm in the Mary Smithells room in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre, to hear Don Scott talk on Wires Across the Sea – The First Transatlantic Telegraph Cable. - Visitors welcome. Entry - £2 for members and £2.50 for visitors

SPECIAL ale will aid Coombe Hill Monument restoration

Chiltern Brewery's new bottled Monument Ale is to be launched to help raise funds for the much-needed restoration of the landmark Coombe Hill monument in Buckinghamshire.

The Buckinghamshire County Council-owned monument, honouring the men of the county who died in the Boer War more than 100 years ago, is undergoing restoration at a cost of £55,000. The appeal fund is now just £5000 short of its target.

Monument Ale, coincidentally released in Chiltern Brewery's 30th anniversary year, went on sale on September 20, and at least 25p from every bottle sold will support the restoration appeal.

The special brew came about as a result of a conversation between restoration project leader Mark Bailey and Chiltern Brewery's Head Brewer Tom Jenkinson, who was keen to help the project.

'I dropped into the brewery, mentioned the need for funds and to my surprise, Tom suggested they supported the appeal with a special brew!' said Mark.

Tom said the monument appeal and the brewery's 30th anniversary made an excellent pairing for a not-for-profit ale. 'We're in the shadow of Coombe Hill, and we can see the monument clearly from the brewery,' said Tom. 'Our Monument Ale is a wonderful, traditional Chiltern Brewery brew using favourite ingredients from the past 30 years as well as some new tastes to excite the palate.'

The restored monument including its two bronze flags and new up-to-date plaque will be rededicated at a ceremony on October 20 led by the Bishop of Buckingham, the Rt Rev Dr Alan Wilson.

PUT Your Best Foot Forward for a Healthier Future

People in Buckinghamshire can put their best foot forward this weekend for the launch of Walk4life.

Buckinghamshire County Council has organised three 'Simply Walk' events on Sunday 26 September, in Beaconsfield, Stoke Hammond and Marlow, to support the launch. 'Simply Walk' is an initiative designed to get people walking their local area for the benefit of their health.

Walk4Life is part of the Change4Life initiative to help people get more active and lead healthier lives. Nearly 100 Buckinghamshire Simply Walk local routes - easy-to-do rambles devised by the council's Rights of Way Teams - are listed on the Walk4Life website, so people can take part close to where they live. To find out about events taking place in your area, visit www.walk4life.info.

Fiona Broadbent, the council's Simply Walk Co-ordinator, said: "Events are open to everyone. Walking is the best and simplest way to maintain and improve health and well-being and a great way to explore your local area free!"

Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Transportation, Val Letheren, said: "This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy Buckinghamshire's fantastic countryside, and it's a good way to meet people and spend time with your family and friends as well as realising all the health benefits of walking and being out in the fresh air."

For more information call 01494 475367 or email simplywalks@buckscc.gov.uk

COUNTY council challenges Transport Secretary over HS2 plans

Transport Secretary Philip Hammond is in no doubt about the overwhelming opposition in Buckinghamshire to plans for the High Speed 2 (HS2) rail link through the Chilterns, following talks with Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet members Valerie Letheren and Martin Tett.

They spoke with Mr Hammond at a meeting sponsored by Chesham and Amersham MP Cheryl Gillan on Wednesday (September 22). The purpose of the meeting was to allow Mr Hammond to hear first hand from local representatives and organisations their views on the Coalition Government's HS2 proposal.

'We fully support investment in our transport infrastructure but believe that this is the wrong strategy,' said Valerie Letheren, Cabinet Member for Transportation. 'The business case just doesn't add up. Additionally, investment in this project is money not spent on improving existing roads and rail services across the country. I called upon Mr Hammond to fully review this entire proposal.'

Martin Tett, Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment, said: 'He was left in no doubt about the strength of local opinion on this topic. The Chilterns are a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) which should be protected for the nation. I called upon this Government to honour its pre-election commitment to review all possible routes, including the alternative West Coast main line and M1 corridors.' The county council adopted a policy on April 22 opposing the HS2 project, rejecting the business case, and calling for protection of the Chilterns AONB. It has supported local protest groups, organised a series of summit meetings on the proposal, and recently took local members, parish councillors and residents to see the HS1 route in Kent, where they heard about the problems caused by the route, and in particular the construction work.

Full consultation on the Coalition Government's preferred route will commence in early 2011, but in the meantime further work needs to be done on both the business case and mitigation measures on the preferred route, admitted Mr Hammond.

Chalfont St Peter Xmas Fun Night - Stalls selling fast!

The Chalfont St Peter Xmas Fun Night organised by the Chalfont St Peter Chamber of Commerce will take place on Friday 3rd December between 6pm and 8.30pm.

Shops and businesses will stay open late and many will be holding competitions and providing food and drink for customers.

Following last year's successful event, the centre of the village will, once again, be closed to traffic with a range of stalls operating up Marketplace. Stall pitches are now being booked with the cost at £30 for businesses and £20 for local charity or not for profit organisations. Over 60% of the stall pitches have now been taken and so, if you are thinking of taking a stall, don't delay and make your booking now.

There will be a kiddies funfair operating in the precinct and a range of entertainment taking place from a stage in the centre of the village including school carol singing, barbershop quartet The Gang of Four, the Chalfont Wind Band and the vocal group from Gold Hill Baptist Church.

The event provides an excellent family fun evening and an opportunity to show what is on offer within the village.

For further information or to book a stall, please contact Michael Day on 07717 295369 or by email at msd@integraps.com