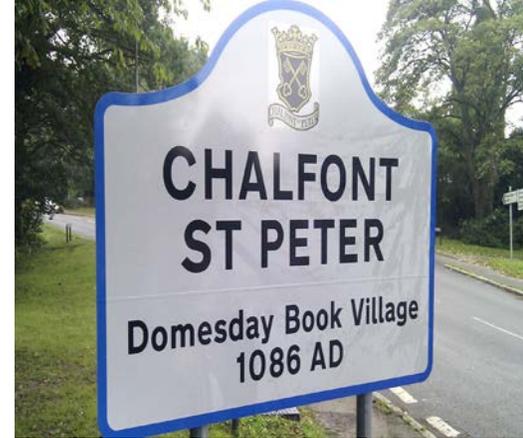


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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice – October 2012

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RUNNING from 1 - 5 October, Liftshare Week is a national campaign which encourages more people to share either a one-off or regular car journey, such as the commute to work. The theme of this year's campaign is patriotism and nostalgia. Although the idea of car sharing is not new, reducing the cost of travel through sharing journeys is becoming increasingly appealing in these current financial times.

Peter Hardy, Cabinet Member for Transportation, is supportive of this's campaign, saying: "This year's Liftshare week in the Diamond Jubilee year builds on the sense of pulling together in difficult economic times. Car sharing can significantly reduce money spent on fuel, as well as help reduce congestion and carbon emissions.

"Statistics show that the average car commute journey is 12 miles but by sharing the journey, drivers could save 170 litres of petrol and 400kg of CO2 in a year. Finding a car share partner is simple.

Bucks CarShare is a web-based service which matches drivers and passengers travelling in the same direction. There are over 1,700 members currently registered. Just visit www.buckscarshare.co.uk and register free today.

THERE is a Community Police surgery at Budgens on **Wednesday 3rd October** from 11am - 1pm. If you have any issues where you believe the Police can be of help, please go along and speak to them. The value of this provision is that you can access Police attention easily and quickly, without having to go all the way to the Police office in the Council building.

THE next event at Jordans Meeting House - is *'What we can do to transform the economic system'*, lecture/discussion with Jonathan Dale, **Thursday October 4th, 7.30 for 8.00pm, Jordans Meeting House**. Author, lecturer, and social reformer, Jonathan is a Quaker known for his passionate witness for economic justice. A stimulating evening is guaranteed! *A Quaker week event.* **Jordans Meeting House, Welders Lane, Jordans HP9 2SN Phone 01494 876594** for more details of these events.

TWO new 8-week Parenting Courses

For parents of **0-6s time 10am-11.30am free crèche** - and For parents of **7-11s time 8pm-10pm** on:

Thursdays **4th October – 29th November** at Gold Hill Baptist Church, Chalfont St Peter. Cost £30 (reductions available).

Contact 01753 997173 katrina.reading@goldhill.org

THE Children's Society's annual Autumn Fayre and Collection Box Opening is taking place on Saturday 6th October 10.00am till 2.00pm in the Parish Church Hall, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter.

Delicious lunches and an array of stalls including cakes, plants, gifts, jewellery, raffle and tombola will be on offer.

If you have a Children's Society collection box, please bring it with you for counting.

THE Police put out a missing report for Jason Evans from Holmer Green and it can now be reported that he has been located. The Thames Valley Police would like to thank the media and public for all their assistance.

BINGO will be held in St Joseph's parish hall on **Saturday, October 6** from 5.30-8.30pm. £2 per person. Cash bar and tuck-shop. Take along our own nibbles or supper.

BOOK for the Quiz Night on **Friday, 12th October**, at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. Tickets £10 per person, including a fish and chip supper. Booking 01753 885778 cspca@btconnect.com

GERRARDS Cross Lawn Tennis Club will be holding Neighbourhood Meetings on Monday 15th October, starting at 8pm in the Clubhouse, Bull Lane.

HORNHILL Quilters will be holding a small exhibition of patchwork and quilts in the Hornhill Village Hall and in St Paul's Church, on **Saturday, 13th October** from 10am - 4pm. Admission £1 and accompanied children are allowed in free. There will be cakes and coffee/tea available. A Quilt raffle will take place, in aid of Iain Rennie Hospice at Home.

ST JOSEPH'S Catholic Primary School is delighted to invite prospective pupils and parents to our **OPEN DAY** on **Tuesday 16th October 2012 – 9am to 11.30am**. Our wonderful children are looking forward to showing you around the school and sharing their stories. Our prospectus will be available on the day or please feel free to drop in and collect one from the school office. Alternatively call us on 01753 887743 and we'll post you a copy. **St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School** Priory Road, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks, SL9 8SB Learning to do our best with Jesuwww.st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk

CHALFONT COMMON W.I. report. Can this really be WI I asked myself when in danced Tina Louise belly dancing in a beautiful costume? I just sat back and enjoyed the performance and the video that followed showing us her troupe dancing in the most beautiful costumes. When she got her breath back she gave us the most wonderful and funny talk on the origins of Belly dancing and how she got into it herself, after studying theatre costume design at University. She started up by giving belly dance lessons and eventually formed her very own troupe making all the costumes herself. The evening was fantastic and one of the best and funniest speakers we have had. Down to earth with a walk this week and a pub lunch later in the month. A Beetle Drive and lunch has been organized for end of October and we are already thinking about our Christmas lunch. Due to demand a second book club has been formed. Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month in the Tony Graham Room at the community centre, 7.30 for 7.45. Visitors are welcome. Contact Chris on 01494 872133 for more information.

WALKING FOOTBALL. A SLOWER VERSION OF THE BEAUTIFUL GAME! Fun and challenging, meet new people any ability welcome - Ages: 55+. It starts Thursday, October 25th for 8 weeks, at the Chalfont St Peter Leisure Centre. Cost £2.50 per session. No need to book, just turn up. More information, Jenni Phillips: 01494 732103 jenni.phillips@GLL.org

CHALFONT St Peter W.I. reports: We met on a sunshiny day after the August break. Mrs England welcomed everyone especially the visitors. Our Outing to Highclere Castle was reported on by Brenda Orr. We all, including friends from other institutes, had a most enjoyable day. The coach dropped us right by the front door. All we had to do was to decide whether to tour the house or gardens or have coffee first.

The Egypt collection, or copies of artefacts Lord Carnarvon brought back from his archaeology years, including, of course, items from Tutankhamun 's tomb, were very impressive.

We felt familiar with the house as we had been watching "Downton Abbey". We are looking forward to the next series very much. The weather was kind, the journey was pleasant and the company lovely!.

We planned catering for the Autumn Group Meeting, at which, we are Hostesses. This is on October 16th at 2pm in the Community centre. We also planned to visit Waddesden Manor before Christmas.

The speaker, a London Blue Badge guide, spoke about "Old London Docks up to the present" Once the largest commercial docks in the world it was almost completely shut down. After years of ruin and squalor the area has been transformed. The old warehouses are now apartments and large yachts and boats moor in the marinas. Canary Wharf is well known for Business offices and banking. Development is still going on.

The Fruit Crumbles were judged. Mrs Chamberlain took home the cookery Shield.

We have Our AGM on October 10th, at 2pm in the Church Hall. Mrs England told us to prepare for nice surprises. Visitors welcome as usual.

BAROQUE MASTERPIECES is the first in the Winter Series of Orchestral Concerts, to be held in St Mary's Parish Church Amersham and it will take place **on Friday, 19th October**, with the Amersham Festival Chamber Orchestra conducted by Iain Ledingham. boxoffice@amershamfestival.org www.amershamfestival.org

THE Chalfonts Friendship Club is for people who are retired/of retirement age to meet to share company. It is focussed on reaching out and promoting companionship and sharing amongst people in our local Community. We get together on the second Wednesday of the month - at St Joseph's Parish Centre and have regular Outings, Theatre Trips, Sunday Lunches, Quiz Evenings, Talks on Art, Days out & Visits to Stately Homes & Seaside. The Club is currently holding Wednesday Lunches - in The Parish Centre at the rear of St Joseph's Catholic Church, Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter. Interested or know someone who might be, contact Pat Kelly 01753 885534 or Mary Cross on 01494 875264.

GERRARDS CROSS Sailing Association meets in the Colston Hall of the Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre, East Common, SL9 7AD, on Wednesdays at 8.15pm. The bar opens at 7.30. GXSA's autumn programme begins on Wednesday October 10th with member John Apps telling how he got from the Caribbean to his native Australia via the Panama Canal. This will be an evening not to be missed as John's talks are always most enjoyable and informative. Visitors welcome.

VILLAGE Older Person's Action group (VOPAG) is part of Chalfont St Peter Village Appraisal group which gives the over 55s of Chalfont St Peter the opportunity to meet together and exchange views, news and information. VOPAG meets once a month and speakers talk on various topics of interest. There is also an information point in Budgens, the dates of which are displayed on their notice board. The next VOPAG meeting is on **Thursday, 11th October** at 10am for coffee and the meeting begins at 10.30, in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. Further information from 01753 884729

GERRARDS CROSS Flower Club meets next, on **Wednesday, October 17** at 2.15pm, in the Colston Hall at the Memorial Centre, East Common, Gerrards Cross. The speaker is Annette Urquhart and the topic will be 'Light my Fire'.

CHALFONT ST PETER Garden Club meets on **Wednesday, October 17** at 8pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane, when Ian Butterfield will present China in the Spring. Visitors welcome.

IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE. On **Saturday 20th October**, at 7.30pm, The Gerrards Cross Conservative Association is holding a Quiz at The Memorial Centre, which promises to be rather different. John Draper, the Quiz Master has added some innovative differences and, with an Ann Tennant, two course supper, coffee, and a bar, it has the makings of a fun evening. Prizes -Yes, shed-loads of cash – No. Go as a team (four Maximum) or on your own. Tickets at £15 can be had from Peter Hardy, Devon Cottages, West Common, Gerrards Cross SL9 7RG. Telephone 01753 883057. Cheques payable to BCCA Gerrards Cross. To save administrative costs, no tickets will be sent.

DENHAM Crossing Major Works are complete on the A40 following a bridge strike at the site in February 2011. The damage to the pedestrian bridge was so severe that the bridge was removed leaving the requirement for an alternative crossing. In the weeks following the removal of the bridge a Pelican crossing was installed. One lane was closed and the speed limit was reduced to 30mph which was enforced by safety cameras. The reduced speed limit meant that the road was no longer suitable to be in the street lighting switch off trial and so the lights were restored on this stretch of road to illuminate the road works and comply with County Council policy. In May 2012 the new Puffin Crossing was opened and new Street light lanterns, ducting and traffic signs completed in June 2012, the new 40 mph speed limit traffic order came into effect on the 16th July and new speed limit signs erected on the 17th July 2012.

ZUMBA Classes:

Monday 6-7pm Curzon Centre, Beaconsfield, HP9 1RG

Monday 7:45-8:45pm Chesham Grammar, White Hill, HP5 1BA

Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm Chalfont St.Giles Memorial Hall, HP8 4JJ Contact : 01494257303/07948273814 -

sarah.peel27@gmail.com, or visit www.zumba.com for more details.

MISBOURNE ART SOCIETY ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION FRIDAY 23rd and SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
PARISH CHURCH HALL CHALFONT ST. PETER. FREE ENTRY - HOMEMADE REFRESHMENTS - AMPLE PARKING



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Oct 8 Tell Me About Yourself ! T MAY !

Get the 60 seconds right !

How to polish your response to this frequent and important request

Presenter : Sylvia Baldock, National Director, Athena Network. www.theathenanetwork.com

Oct 15 Maximising the Potential of LinkedIn

Effective use of LinkedIn. All you want to know about LinkedIn.

Utilise the potential of LinkedIn for your job search.

Presenter : Mark White, Director, www.socialmediadirectors.co.uk www.businessinberkshire.co.uk

Oct 22 How the Recruiter sees it

What are the expectations of the recruiter when approached

by the job seeker ? Presenter: Sarah Cooper, Director, McGinnis Loy Recruitment. www.mcginnisloy.com

Oct 29 What is the Employer Looking For?

A Panel of executives answer members' job search questions.

A unique opportunity to talk directly to senior company managers.

Nov 5 Preparing for the Interview

Thorough preparation is the key to a successful interview Presenter : Julie Morosco (Consultant & Volunteer)

CAREERS SPRINGBOARD MEETINGS TAKE PLACE 7.15 for 7.30 pm EACH MONDAY AT ST ANDREW'S UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL PACKHORSE ROAD, GERRARDS CROSS, SL9 7QE www.careersspringboard.info New Members

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE'S Household Waste Recycling Centres change to winter opening times from October 1 to March 31, 2013. The county's 10 sites will open from 9am to 5pm daily, except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Household Waste Recycling Centres affected are:

London Road East, Amersham HP7 9DT

College Road North, Aston Clinton HP22 5EZ

Rabans Close, Rabans Lane, Aylesbury HP19 8RS

A40 London Road, Lower Pyebushes, Beaconsfield HP9 2XB

Wigans Lane, Bledlow Ridge HP14 4BH

Yonder Slade, Buckingham Industrial Park, Buckingham MK18 1RZ

Crowpiece Lane, Burnham SL2 3TG

Latimer Road, Chesham HP5 1TL

High Heavens, Clay Lane, Booker, High Wycombe SL7 3DJ

Langley Park Road, Langley SL3 6DD

MARLOW Society Local History Group hosts the Lucinda Lambton Talk on Palaces for Pigs and other beastly dwellings, on **Tuesday 23rd October** 2012, in the main Hall, Liston Hall, SL7 1DD Tickets £5 in advance (+SAE) or £6 on the door.

Back in January the Hedgerly History Society had a full house for Lucinda Lambton's talk on Queen Mary's Dolls' House at Windsor Castle. Bookings: pbailey810@tiscali.co.uk. Tel. 01628 476610 Woodwinds, Henley Road, Marlow, SL7 2BZ Postal applications will be dealt with w/c Sept 24th in chronological order.

A HANDY guide, putting information about Buckinghamshire's essential services at the fingertips of every resident, is being delivered free to 209,000 households across the county. The Buckinghamshire County Council guide - 'I Want to Contact...' - contains a list of more than 80 essential services and ways to contact them. Information has been provided by the County Council and partner organisations such as Health, Police, Fire Service and District Councils. The 36 page guide, costing 16p per copy to produce and deliver, features discount vouchers on outings, activities and products. It provides residents with helpful information, phone numbers, website addresses, and options to explore using smartphone QR (Quick Response) codes and social media. Additional copies are available free through libraries and GP surgeries

FAMILIES out for a ride on their bikes can add a new route to their itinerary.

Beeches Cycleway, which connects south Buckinghamshire beauty spots from Black Park to Dorney Lake, opens officially on Tuesday (October 2). The ribbon will be cut by Buckinghamshire County Council Vice Chairman Carl Etholen in Lord Mayor's Drive, Farnham Common, near the Burnham Beeches cafe.

The 12-mile recreational cycleway, aimed at cyclists out for a ride at their leisure, was the idea of the Beeches Local Area Forum (LAF).

LAF Chairman Trevor Egleton said cycling was one of the Forum's top local priorities. 'The new cycleway is a great way to get families out and about to explore our fantastic country parks, Stoke Common and Burnham Beeches. More than this, its link with Dorney Lake makes it a great Olympic and Paralympic heritage project.'

The route has been marked with lines and signs at a cost of £7,800, which has come from the LAF priorities budget - the equivalent of 40p per resident.

It was suggested by three local cyclists - LAF member Ralph Bagge, who has been involved in developing public health guidance to promote cycling and walking; Bikeability instructor Steve Roberts; and Nick West-Oram, who works for Get Berkshire Active. And before the opening, all three tested the route.

Ralph said: 'An average cyclist could ride the entire route in about an hour and a half, so riding the route in both directions is a good afternoon's activity for families.'

BUCKS Trading Standards is advising residents to check - either themselves or using an independent contractor - all heavy fixtures and fittings around the home capable of falling and causing serious injury, particularly to young children.

The advice follows a recent tragic incident in Buckinghamshire in which a six year old child was crushed after a heavy stone fireplace mantle shelf fell. In this case, the weight of the stone work was similar to that of a domestic fridge freezer, although other items such as loaded bookcases, large mirrors, wardrobes and chests of drawers could potentially be equally devastating if not adequately secured.

As there have been previous incidents with stone fireplaces nationally, Trading Standards officers' advice is that residents with similar surrounds satisfy themselves with the way they are secured to the wall. This may mean adding extra fixings, such as brackets, on to mantle shelves screwed into brickwork to give peace of mind.

"Whilst the specific incident in Buckinghamshire is still being investigated, we believe parents should spend a few minutes walking around their homes checking for potential hazards of this type. Homeowners may not realise that in the case of stone fireplaces, the mantle can be unbelievably heavy. They should also be capable of bearing additional weight such as heavy ornaments, people leaning on them and young children looking to reach things. If you have a surround of this type, it may be an idea to restrict access to the surround until you are satisfied with its safety.

Trading Standards is currently investigating the most secure method of installation of stone fire surrounds and will give further information when this becomes available.

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. For Tickets and enquiries regarding the above Concerts please contact Steve

NATIONAL charity Living Streets is working in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council to launch a new multi-million pound scheme which will transform the journey to school for parents and their children in Buckinghamshire. The scheme, part of a national programme and based on Living Streets' hugely successful *Walk to School* campaigns, will encourage children to walk part or all of the way to school; it aims to moderate traffic congestion and reduce car journeys, saving thousands of tonnes of CO₂ emissions and improving the health of participating children and their families.

In Buckinghamshire in the first year of the project, fifteen primary schools will take part in WoW (Walk once a Week) which has been shown in pilot programmes to significantly increase the number of children walking to school. Initiatives include improving walking routes to school, raising road safety awareness and using collectable badges to encourage primary school children to walk. Up to four secondary schools in the area will be encouraged to create their own walking campaigns with *Free Your Feet* and *Campaign in a Box*.

Buckinghamshire is among 11 local authorities across the country, which have successfully bid for over £17m share of funding from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund to tackle heavy traffic around the school gates. The project will provide a full time officer to deliver a package of measures that will focus on a whole school approach - using promotion, community and parental involvement, with targeted highway infrastructure improvements to make walking to school the norm over the long term.

Peter Hardy Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation said, "Schools taking part in this project will help to reduce the negative impact of car use by promoting and encouraging walking for the school journey. This will help to improve journey times for essential road users, boosting the local economy and supporting economic growth."

Horse chipping bid to rein in fly-grazing problem

An invitation to a special equine passport and microchipping clinic, has been thrown open to equestrians by Buckinghamshire County Council.

Owners, who drop into Black Park, Iver, on Saturday October 6 between 8am and 3pm can have a passport created and a microchip fitted to their horses for just £25 by a team of vets.

The clinic has been set up following concerns by residents in the area about 'fly-grazing' - apparently ownerless horses left grazing on someone else's land.

Local County Council Member Ruth Vigor-Hedderly called a meeting, hosted by the Horse Trust, with local vets, the RSPCA, police, horse welfare groups and Trading Standards officers in May to gauge the scale of the problem and to seek a solution.

Ruth said: 'The problem for landowners is having to hold a horse that isn't theirs for 14 days while they try to trace the owner. If the horse is microchipped, the problem is solved!'

Ruth's concern about tracing equine owners heightened after she found a horse in a Gerrards Cross field with its legs tied together. 'This was clearly a cruelty case, and the RSPCA was called in,' said Ruth. 'But because the horse wasn't microchipped, proving ownership was impossible.'

Passports and microchipping benefits go beyond repatriating fly-grazing horses with errant owners.

'They're an enormous help for finding owners of lost, escaped, abandoned or stolen horses,' said Martin Phillips, Cabinet Member for Community Engagement. 'A speedy way to locate an owner can eliminate a lot of heartache.'

And Steven Adams, Cabinet Member for the Environment, was pleased that Black Park was able to assist. 'This is a worthy initiative that is exactly the type of thing that any local authority with the right resources should be staging in response to these circumstances,' he said.