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## Chalfont St Peter Village Voice, October 2014

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RNLI Christmas card sale will be in the Precinct on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October - 9am to noon**. Do please support it.

**GOLD HILL CHURCH** is staging a top quality event on **Saturday 18th October @ 7.30pm**. (Picture above) This is featuring Jonathan Veira and sons - a combination of the typical Veira humour and a range of different musical styles, from popular through everything else to opera. Tickets are now on sale at the bargain price of £8.50pp (which includes an interval drink) Bookings via [office@goldhill.org](mailto:office@goldhill.org) or 01753 887173

**AN EVENING of ABBA music with EVER GOLD** takes place on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** in St Joseph's parish centre, behind the Church in Austenwood Common. Doors open at 7.30pm. Car parking in the church carpark. Tickets £10 in advance, from the priory or £12.50 on the door. Top raffle prizes on the night include a week in an apartment in the Algarve, a champagne trip for two from Cliveden and dinner for two at The Cape restaurant in Beaconsfield. Website [www.stjosephs.org.uk](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk) Office tel: 01753 886581.

**CHALFONT ST PETER 1ST GUIDES** are looking for a GUIDE LEADER to run the popular Thursday evening pack from 7.30 until 9pm, ideally to start as soon as possible. Other adults are there to help but we need a **LEADER**. Training will be given. Unfortunately if we do not get a new leader soon, sadly, the unit will have to close and there will only be one guiding unit to cater for the huge Brownie contingent and waiting list which the village has at present. If you are interested and able to help, then please contact Phil Larman on 07708 871250.

**CHALFONT ST PETER GARDEN CLUB** meets next on Wednesday, **October 15**, in the Church Hall, Church Lane at 8pm, to hear Mike Watts talk on Buckinghamshire Properties of the National Trust.

**GERRARDS CROSS AND CHALFONT ST PETER Flower Club** will have a very special occasion this month with an Open Evening on **Friday, October 17**, The Club has had Jonathan Moseley booked for this special event for nearly 2 years He is an international floral designer and has presented demonstrations all over the country as well as world events in America and Ireland. He is also responsible for the stunning flower decorations at Chatsworth House and earlier this year appeared on The Big Allotment Challenge on BBC2.

This opportunity to hear him speak is not to be missed. Visitors welcome - £15 entry and well worth it.

**HEDGERLEY Historical Society's** October programme has some good lectures, so check out the information below.  
**Wednesday 15th October -Mike Senior will present A Bucks Village in the Great War**

When war was declared in August 1914 the tranquil way of life in this small Buckinghamshire village was changed forever. The local men were encouraged to enlist and many of them joined the local TA unit, the Bucks Battalion. The women, older men and children who were left behind in the village faced new and difficult circumstances.

After 18 months of training in England the 2 Bucks Battalion was posted to the Western Front and took part in the fateful attack at Fromelles in July 1916. Nine men from the village were killed or seriously wounded during this attack. Seven of these men were among the "missing" - they just disappeared. Ninety-two years later a mass burial pit was discovered near Fromelles and, by means of DNA, a number of the remains were identified.

While the events described are taken from one Buckinghamshire village, the same story could be told of any one of a thousand villages and towns throughout Britain.

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MICHAEL SENIOR was born in Yorkshire and now lives in Buckinghamshire. He spent his working career in manufacturing industry. He has had a life-long interest in the First World War and, since his retirement, he has devoted much of his time to research, lecturing and writing about aspects of the Western Front. A history graduate, he has been awarded a Ph.D. for a study of Lieutenant General Sir Richard Haking who commanded the British XI Corps 1915-18.

**ON Saturday 25th October 2014 Following our Autumn Lunch Elias Kupfermann will present Vanished Windsor**  
Booking required for the lunch at 12noon £15. Members free (Visitors £3) for the talk at 2.15pm Windsor historian Elias Kupfermann's talk is based on his book 'Vanished Windsor'. The talk will explore buildings which have disappeared from within the town from the Medieval period up to the present day using a variety of drawings, paintings, prints and photographs. The talk will also bring to life past traditions and activities which are no longer present today. His talk will illustrate how Windsor has changed over the centuries and how the town has evolved to create the current modern town. Copies of Elias's book will also be on sale after the talk.

Elias Kupfermann is an author and broadcaster of the history of the area around Windsor and Maidenhead. He is currently studying for his Phd at the University of Leicester. His research is on the role of Windsor during the English Civil War. He writes a regular local history column for the Slough and Royal Borough observer covering the towns and villages around Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead.

Monthly Meetings of Hedgerley Historical Society take place at Hedgerley Memorial Hall, Kiln Lane Hedgerley SL2 3UZ at 8pm and visitors are most welcome.

Further details from John Lovelock 01753 647187/ [jdlovelock@btinternet.com](mailto:jdlovelock@btinternet.com).

**V.O.P.A.G.** (Village Older Persons Action Group) meets next on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** - 10am for coffee and 10.30, for the talk by Bob Bradenoch, "Our Environment and Climate Change," In the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. It is an ideal opportunity for over 55's to socialise and find out useful local information.

**CHALFONT St Peter WI** holds its meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, in the church hall, Church Lane at 2pm. Visitors welcome.

**LOCAL GIRL**, Henna Charania has contacted Village Voice to ask for help with the valuable charitable work she is doing to combat Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking in Vietnam.

She says:

'I am currently in Hanoi, Vietnam where I have been volunteering for the last 3 months at a Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking NGO; Hagar Vietnam. My director, Kerry Kelly, has offered me an opportunity to start up a Monitoring & Evaluation Project for the services provided by Hagar.

Unfortunately, the opportunity is contingent on funding - requiring at least £4500 for 6 months or ideally £9000 for 12 months, which would essentially go towards my living costs whilst I set the project up.

Hagar Vietnam is a branch of Hagar International and is committed to the recovery, education, economic empowerment, and reintegration of the lives of the extremely disadvantaged in society, whom have been victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual exploitation. With programs in Vietnam, Afghanistan and Cambodia, Hagar draws on 20 years of operational experience and utilises a holistic, individualised, long-term approach that addresses the unique and complex needs of each client that enters into its care.

I have been volunteering at Hagar Vietnam for 3 months now and have grown to become part of the team and a member of the great movement towards improving the lives of vulnerable women and children that look to us for support. But, with all its greatness, there is one area that is lacking, a solid Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

To ensure the sustainable future of the many services Hagar Vietnam provides, the NGO requires support through funding and partners. To achieve funding and therefore the continuation of our work, we must show with full clarity, that what we do, does in fact work, that we are continuously growing and improving as a NGO and our resources are utilised effectively and efficiently. This is the need for a Monitoring and Evaluation project.

With the full support of the Vietnam Country Director, Kerry Kelly and the Executive Director of the UK Support Office, Peter Holt, I would like to research, design and implement a Monitoring and Evaluation programme that can fully monitor all Hagar Vietnam activities, collect essential data for programme planning and improvement, and evaluate the outcomes and impact of the work we do. I plan to make a multiple year strategy for the future of the

programme and design the framework so that the project can be continued by local staff.

The information gained from M&E allows continuous improvement and a high quality of the services provided to be maintained, it enables capacity building of the local staff and encourages further funding so that the longevity of the Hagar Vietnam programmes can be sustained.

I am hoping to fund 6 -12 months of the project at a total of £4500 - £9000, respectively, to design and implement the M&E project, however, it is not essential for this total to be covered by one donating entity. The funding will cover the salary of the M&E Officer at the local Vietnamese rate, flights and mandatory health insurance. In return, the funding individual/organisation will have full contact throughout the funding period and will join the list of previous and current sponsors of Hagar Vietnam, including Deutsche Bank, Boeing and the British Embassy.

Please feel free to contact me,\*\*\*\*hennasachdev@gmail.com\*\* with any further queries you have or if you prefer, you can contact my Director, Kerry Kelly via [kerry.kelly@hagarinternational.org](mailto:kerry.kelly@hagarinternational.org). Further information about HagarInternational can be accessed on their website: [hagarinternational.org](http://hagarinternational.org)

### **GET the job and stay safe from flu this winter**

Patients of the Calcot medical centre can call their doctor's secretary, to book a flu jab. **Dates are 7<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 21st October.**

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 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.

Flu vaccinations are offered free of charge to the following 'at risk' groups:

- All people aged 65 years or over
- All pregnant women
- People with a chronic respiratory condition such as asthma, bronchitis, or emphysema
- People with chronic heart, kidney, liver or neurological disease
- People with diabetes
- People with a weakened immune system
- Main carers of older or disabled people
- People living in residential care or nursing homes

Even if you are not in an at-risk group yourself, if you know anyone who may be at risk from flu do tell them how important it is that they get protected. People who are carers and frontline health and social care staff are also encouraged to get a free jab to protect themselves and those around them.

This year, for the first time, all healthy children aged two and three years on the first of September 2013 will also be offered the flu vaccine as part of the seasonal flu programme. Most children will receive the vaccine via a quick and painless nose spray, used because it has been shown to provide greater protection for children than the flu injection.

Immunising children not only protects them against unpleasant and potentially serious flu infection, but means parents will not have to take time off work to look after their children while ill. It also reduces the risk of passing flu on to other children or family members, some of whom might be at increased risk of being seriously ill from having the disease.

Further information on the flu jab is available on NHS Choices:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/flu-influenza-vaccine.aspx>

**RUN FOR THE HOMELESS!** Get your running shoes on! The London and Slough Run group is organising a 5km fun run and 10km race at Olympic venue, Dorney Lake, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30m. All proceeds go to the Charity. Find out more by visiting [www.synthetixcharityrun.co.uk](http://www.synthetixcharityrun.co.uk)

## Be well-lit this Autumn

October 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 is National Personal Safety Day which is promoted by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust. As the nights draw in they advise us to stick to busy well-lit streets whenever possible and to avoid danger spots like quiet or badly lit alleyways, subways or isolated car parks. For more information on personal safety visit their website: [www.nationalpersonalsafetyday.co.uk/](http://www.nationalpersonalsafetyday.co.uk/)

On the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014 the clocks will be going back, meaning many residents will return home after dark. At this time of year there are traditionally more burglaries as residents leave their homes looking unoccupied. People who work full time, and usually leave and return from work in the dark are more likely to fall victim to opportunist burglars. 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 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 around £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. . Make sure the light is on in a room and not the landing as burglars know that no one tends to spend long periods of time on the landing/stairs.
- Consider buying a fake TV device – a simple low energy device that from outside looks like a TV is on inside the house. For more information see [www.redlinesecurity.co.uk](http://www.redlinesecurity.co.uk) or [www.personalarms.com](http://www.personalarms.com)
- 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 732033.
- Register your valuables via [www.immobilise.com](http://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 cash and valuables out of sight.
- Lock your doors and windows, if you have a UPVC door make sure you have double locked it.
- Trim back any hedges or plants that a burglar could hide behind. Make sure side gates and back windows into the garden are secure.

For further guidance on crime prevention visit our websites: [www.southbucks.gov.uk/homesecurity](http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/homesecurity) [www.chiltern.gov.uk/crimeprevention](http://www.chiltern.gov.uk/crimeprevention) and [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

**\*This is a message sent via Thames Valley Alert. This information has been sent on behalf of Thames Valley Police\***

Two men from Chesham have been jailed for a total of 15 years following an investigation into child sexual exploitation offences against two 15 year old girls.

Lee Wakelin, aged 32, of Upper George Street, and Arslan Khan, aged 21, of Severalls Avenue, were sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014.

Wakelin was sentenced to seven years in prison for one count of inciting a child into prostitution, six years in prison for trafficking within the UK and five years in prison for sexual activity with a child, to run concurrently.

Khan was sentenced to eight years in prison for one count of inciting a child into prostitution, seven years in prison for trafficking within the UK and five years in prison for inciting sexual activity with a child, to run concurrently.

The pair were convicted last month (9 September) after standing trial and being found guilty of all charges by a unanimous verdict from the jury.

The charges relate to offences which began in Chesham involving two 15 year old girls, between 29 December and 31 December 2012.

Thames Valley Police launched their investigation on 31 December 2012 after they were made aware of two incidents involving the two girls.

At round 11pm on 29 December 2012, both girls were together when one of them received a call from Khan asking if they wanted to go 'cruising' with them. They declined. However, the girls were later approached by Khan travelling in a car as they walked to a friend's house. They eventually got into the car and were driven a short distance where they met Wakelin who was sat in the driver's seat of another vehicle. The girls, along with Khan, then got into Wakelin's vehicle.

While travelling in the car together, one of the girls asked Khan if they could leave and get out of the car. Khan refused and said they needed to go somewhere else first. The car was then driven to a place which was later established to be a park in the Watford area. During the journey, the girls were offered drinks and drugs. Khan also told them that he was opening a brothel and needed more working girls, asking whether they would be interested. He told one of them that if they agreed, they could earn £65,000 a year and could start taking cocaine as well.

On arriving at the park, one of the girls was told to go for a walk with Wakelin. The girl refused but eventually went with him out of fear. The pair walked into a wooded area where she was pressured into engaging in sexual activity.

The girls were eventually dropped off back to Chesham at around 3am that morning (30 December 2012). During the car journey home, Khan repeatedly asked one of the girls if she wanted to work as a prostitute. The victim eventually agreed, again out of fear and pressure. Khan went onto tell her that she needed to go for a 'trial run'.

The following day (31 December 2012), the girl was pressured by Khan to meet a man for sex which she initially refused to do but later agreed out of fear as Khan became aggressive. She met with the man, but he recognised her as being underage and left.

It was later that evening that police were contacted and an investigation was launched.

Det Con Thomas Gregory, officer in the case, said: “These successful convictions mark the end of a lengthy and complex investigation by Amersham Force CID, during which time Wakelin and Khan maintained their innocence.

“However, as a result of a thorough and detailed investigation, and with the support of the victims in this case, the pair were found guilty of all offences at court last month.

“Their sentences reflect the severity of their offending and should send out a clear message to anyone targeting children in this way, that Thames Valley Police will not tolerate such criminality and will pursue and convict those responsible.

“Thankfully, the fact that the information was provided to Thames Valley Police at the earliest opportunity prevented Wakelin and Khan from exploiting and abusing the girls any further.”

Supt Steve Hockin, local police commander for Chiltern and South Bucks, said: “Child Sexual Exploitation is and remains a Force priority and we are investing more resources than ever before.

“This case demonstrates our commitment to protecting vulnerable children from exploitation.

“The victims and families were brave enough to come forward and speak to us. We listened and acted positively. We had good support from our partners and the community who share our revulsion at this type of criminality.

“The message is simple – we will listen to you, support you and work tirelessly to catch and prosecute offenders – whoever they are. It is the courage of victims and the support of partners and the community that helps us to successfully bring offenders to justice as was the case in this instance.”

Note: The above has been prepared from police notes and not court proceedings