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Chalfont St Peter Village Voice – September 2012

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LITTLE Dylan Jones (whose grandparents Anne & Robert Walther, live in Chalfont St Giles) was diagnosed with severe congenital diaphragmatic hernia at the 20 week antenatal scan and was given 10% chance of survival with no intervention. When he was born at 12.15pm on 26th February in a Bristol hospital, he was initially on specialist ventilation (Oscillatory Ventilation and Nitric Oxide) and several drugs to support the lungs and blood pressure as well as intravenous food. At surgery on 2nd March it was found that he had no diaphragm and he required a permacol (pig derived) patch. He was ventilated on oxygen and this was slowly reduced when he no longer needed ventilator support. Throughout this time his parents Julie and Gwynfor, have had great support from the UK CDH charity which provides information, awareness as well as support for parents both of survivors and bereaved parents. Whilst Dylan was in Bristol his parents were able to stay in a room at the Ronald McDonald House so that they could be with him and did not need to travel the 60 miles each way to and from their home in Taunton. This dramatically helped them at an incredibly stressful time.



In appreciation for all the help received and also to provide funds for the charities to continue their work, on Sept 8th, Gwynfor will cycle the 170 miles route from Manchester to Bristol, that Julie travelled when her waters broke in Manchester, (the same journey Dylan made before he was born) to raise money for two fantastic charities that have been invaluable to them over the last few months. CDHUK and Ronald McDonald House (Bristol). **Please support him and help them continue their amazing work.**

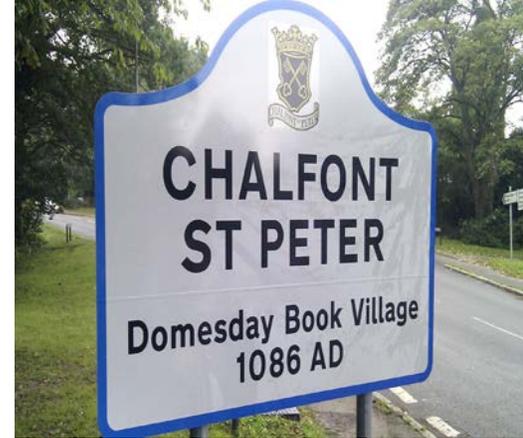
www.mycharitypage www.justgiving.com

ON Saturday 8th September the Road Safety Team at Transport for Buckinghamshire will be running their sixth and final motorcycle assessment day of the year at Princes Risborough fire station.

The day's training, which costs £50, consists of a two hour morning classroom theory session, followed by a three hour afternoon ride out with previous attendees claiming it is: "excellent value for money" and "a scheme everyone should be made to take part in".

There are a few places left and anyone wishing to book to attend the course should visit: www.beabetterbiker.co.uk

The aim of the "Be a Better Biker" campaign is to reduce the number of motorcycle collisions and casualties in Bucks. In 2011, three bikers were killed, and 47 seriously injured on Buckinghamshire's roads, this accounted for almost 25% of all the killed and seriously injured in Buckinghamshire during last year. Since the courses began in 2004 there has been a significant drop in biker crashes. As part of the assessment day, riders are taken out on the roads where motorcycle casualties have previously occurred. The "Be a Better Biker" campaign has promoted the benefits of post-test training, to ensure that a biker's riding capabilities best match those of their machine. Five courses have already been delivered in 2012 at various locations across Buckinghamshire since this year's campaign began in March, working in partnership with the fire service and a local motorcycle training provider. Peter Hardy, Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Transportation said, "Nationally bikers represent only 4.5% of traffic, but on average represent over 20% of fatalities every year. In Buckinghamshire, the 'Be a Better Biker' initiative aims to promote the importance of further training to bikers whilst reducing the number of collisions and casualties involving motorcyclists".



HERITAGE Open Day, Saturday 8th September, 10am – 5pm, Jordans Meeting House, Welders Lane has an exhibition of the 'Quakers in the World' web portal; cream teas available 2-5pm. **'The Chocolate Paradox', Sunday September 30th, 3-4pm, Jordans Meeting House**, followed by cream tea. A sixty-minute performance by the Plain Quakers theatre company, **£8 adults; £4 children including refreshments. Advance booking essential;** tickets from the Chilterns Quaker Programme Office at Jordans Meeting House; cheques payable to 'CAQM'. *A Quaker week event.*

'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 any of these events.

PLAN your social calendar. Friends of Chiltern Open Air Museum will be holding a QUIZ with a hot supper on Saturday 29th September, in the Church Hall, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter. Time 7 for 7.30pm, prompt start. Tickets £12 or book a table of 8. the price includes cost of hot supper, but please bring your own drink and glasses. Tickets from Jenny or Richard Ogden on 01494 261782, or email richard.ogden@btinternet.com. Funds in aid of Chiltern Open Air Museum.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CENTENARY 1912-2012

The first event of a year of celebration will be a FLOWER FESTIVAL - FRIDAY 21st to SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER. HARP & ORGAN CONCERT 22nd SEPTEMBER 7.30 pm featuring ROSANNA ROLTON, an up and coming young performer who will be accompanied by ADAM MATHIAS, Organ Scholar who is currently accompanist to the Windsor and Eton Choral Society and organist at St. George's Chapel Windsor. ROSANNA has been involved with the London Schools Symphony Orchestra as well as being Joint Principal with the National Youth Orchestra. She has performed at major venues throughout the country and is a winner of the Gordon Turner Memorial Harp competition. Tickets are now available at £10/person, to include a glass of 'bubbly'. Contact Paddy Hague: 01753 883384 to know more.

HAS anyone bought a new fridge and the one it replaced is still around and needs a good home? If so, a spare fridge is needed by Jean and if you phone 01494 865961, she would be very pleased to collect it and put it to good use. She can also be contacted on thewitchat24@hotmail.com Thank you

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 every month at the Chalfont St Peter Community Association 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 - on the second Wednesday of the month - in The Parish Centre at the rear of St Joseph's Catholic Church, Austenwood Common, CSP rather than at The CSP Community Centre, Gravel Hill, CSP. 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. To find out about the illustrated talks that are held at each meeting, please go to <http://www.gxsa.org.uk/prog.htm>

CURRY, LIVE MUSIC AND COMEDY MAGIC with John Archer, Sunday, September 23rd 7.00pm Gold hill Baptist Church, Chalfont St Peter £10 PER TICKET – 01753 887173 OR OFFICE @GOLDHILL.ORG

CHALFONT COMMON WI reports: The summer party was resounding success on a very warm evening in August. We had a table full of wonderful and interesting food as everyone had brought along their favourite dish resulting in a wide variety of delicious dishes. Many thanks to all who participated. The evening was rounded off with games – boules, Jenga and garden dominoes – which was great fun and followed by a raffle.

We have had a very busy summer with visits to Portsmouth – a thriving and interesting city. We spent most of the day

at the harbour taking in boat trips, the spinnaker and of course the old ships which were fascinating and as we left they were getting ready for the Olympic torch to come. We also went to Highclere Castle to visit the wonderful gardens and see the rooms where of course they film Downton Abbey. There was a BFWI tea party in Farnham Common where we heard all about the new constitution

A coffee morning in aid of The Ian Rennie hospice took place in a member's garden. We have had great fun on our monthly walks and visits to the cinema in Rickmansworth and of course the book club and table tennis club continue to thrive.

September seems to be the start of a new year as we look forward to a pub lunch and we will be having a beetle drive and many other outings are being planned – watch this space or just come along to our meeting on 1st Thursday of the month to meet and socialize with us and enjoy the talk and coffee and cakes in the Tony Graham Room at the Community centre – 7.30 for 7.45 or contact Chris on 01494 872133 for more information and we will make you very welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S Furniture Market made the following donations recently –**£400** each to Chiltern Cheshire Home and to Magdi Yacoub Institute (Harefield Heart).

£300 each to Myeloma UK, South East Bucks Crossroads, Alzheimer's Society, St Vincent de Paul Society and Bucks Vision (Chalfont).

£200 to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Furniture Market is open every Saturday from 9am-12.30 in the Market Store behind the Church Hall at the rear of the Church. Parking in the Church car park and entry to the Market by car is via Priory Road.

VILLAGE Older Person's Action group (VOPAG) has been set up as part of Chalfont St Peter Village Appraisal to give 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 meeting is on **Tuesday, September 18th** 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 September 19th at 2.15pm in the Colston Hall, Memorial Centre, East Common, Gerrards. Alan Beatty will present 'Pot Luck' and the Sunnysurst Cup is "Basket of Garden Flowers".

CHALFONT ST PETER Garden Club meets on Wednesday, September 19 at 8pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane, when Roger Kemp will present "Butterflies of Buckinghamshire. Visitors welcome.

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

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.



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

Sep 10 Relaunching Your Job Search -Making plans and setting goals for the 12 months ahead - Richard Lambert

Sep 17 Get to Know your Transferable Skills - Identify your key assets, realise your true value, discover your hidden talents and create your key skills profile as the basis for your job search and career strategy.

Presenters : Tony Hodgson & Mike Kavanagh

Sep 24 Building a Winning CV & Covering Letter How to make your CV an interview winning tool. - Pat Hartwell

Oct 1 Networking Making contacts – the essential ingredient to successful job search - Stephen Ostercamp

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 welcome Membership free.

CHALFONT St Peter W.I. meets next on Wednesday 12th September at 2pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane, when Sally Botwright will present 'Old London Docks'. Cookery Cup - Fruit Crumble. Visitors welcome.

Chalfont St Peter Parish Council builds Nature Reserve for Birds, Bats and Bugs

Chalfont St Peter Parish Council is putting out the welcome mat for local wildlife by the creation of a "nature reserve" . Breaking ground Monday the 28th of August opposite the Community Centre. The Parish Council won a £50K grant from the GrantScape Community Greenspace Challenge to renovate an unloved and neglected triangle of scrub which had once been used as a County Highways depot. Bordered by the Council offices, the Lady Gibb Memorial Wood and the Misbourne River, it will be open to the public with paths and seating when completed in the autumn. This project is part of the Council's objectives to develop the village's green infrastructure as well as enhance its open spaces for the public.

The reserve is designed to develop habitats for local species of foraging bats, nesting birds and reptiles such as slow worms, common lizards and grass snakes, and a small pond fed by rain water from the Council roof will extend the potential for attracting different species. The thick slab of concrete covering most of the site will be broken up and mixed with soil and the shingle to create underground hybernacula and refugia for reptiles and a wildflower hay meadow on the surface.

Five other different wildflower habitats will be created on the site and along the river bank, and also at the top end of Love's Delight allotments. This triangle of land, which is in an awkward position for cultivation, will have its topsoil mechanically stripped, mixed with sub soil to create a less fertile soil better suited to wildflowers and then sown with a mix of wildflower seeds most attractive to pollinators. The Council hopes to introduce similar small patches of wildflowers across the village to create a corridor for pollinating insects and enhance the rural nature of the common land.

Other planting on the nature reserve site will include native trees, shrubs and hedgerows and deadwood habitats will be incorporated into the planted areas.

The Council plans to involve the community, including school and youth groups, in the project. This may include erecting and monitoring boxes for birds, bats and bugs, and bulb planting.

The works are being carried out by Wildside Ltd with the design and supervision undertaken by Middlemarch Environmental and are expected to be completed in October.

HEDGERLEY Historical Society meets next at 8pm on Wednesday September 19th in the Hedgerley Memorial Hall , Kiln Lane, Hedgerley, SL23 3UZ when Ian Currie will present Weather Lore, Fact or Fiction. Visitors welcome.

HAPPY Houndz is a Dog Walking service based in Chalfont St Peter. The web site is 'happyhoundzchalfont.com'. Phone 01753888389 + mobiles Liz 07801016238 / Katy 07732112230 and e-mail happyhoundzchalfont@gmail.com.

BUCKS children have been given the chance to make their mark by painting murals on two bridges in the county thanks to Transport for Buckinghamshire and Aylesbury Youth Action. The designs were created by young people, some of whom were part of a 2012 Aylesbury cohort of the National Citizen Service scheme. Work has just begun to enhance a bridge at Oakfield Road in Aylesbury and St Mary's Street Subway in Chesham with genuine individual designs created by 34 local talented young people. All volunteers were encouraged to get involved, whether or not they had any previous arts skills, working alongside a community artist to develop the design for the mural to meet the original brief outlined by the 'Youth Action Teams'.

The murals incorporate buildings and landmarks local to each of the two sites. The children's designs are being created on site. A professional artist has provided all of the intricate areas of the design and the children who created the murals are assisting with the rest. Mural projects have proven to be very effective in the past at eliminating graffiti in previously highly hit areas.

TfB appointed a specialist Graffiti removal contractor to prepare the surfaces for the murals before the painting commenced. They will also apply an anti graffiti coating once painting of the murals is complete.

Peter Hardy, Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport said "I'm delighted that we have been able to partner up with AYA to provide these unique paintings to enhance our structures. We are proud to be using designs inspired by local views and created by these talented children which will remain on the structures for years to come."

Thames Valley Police commission rap to help combat serious youth violence

Thames Valley Police has commissioned, with the help of young artists, a music video to help convey anti-violence messages to young people, a year after riots and disorder happened across the country.

The internet video campaign was posted on YouTube, two months ago and already has thousands of views.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RpLeEis7D_8

In an attempt to engage with young people, through, targetted peer-to-peer communication, Thames Valley Police has been working with volunteers to release the thought-provoking rap single, 'An Eye for an Eye.'

Ch Insp Colin Seaton said: "During the riots that happened across the country last year, we had some pockets of disorder in the Thames Valley area, including some in High Wycombe.

"Since then, we have also had some serious, high profile crimes happen in the town, including a shooting where young people were involved.

"In order to prevent further escalation, we decided we needed to do everything possible to really engage with the young people in our community.

"We are working closely with our partners, including the local authority and local schools, to educate and inform both young people and relevant adults. We also wanted to communicate with any potential gang members directly through this rap video.

"Five rappers and two producers, who all volunteered their time for free, used their skills and expertise to help us portray our thoughts and messages.

"A police instigated rap perhaps isn't the most attractive proposition for a young person so until now we have let it circulate locally online, through social media channels and by word-of-mouth.

"The music video aims to encourage people to think about their actions and understand the consequences of their behaviour before it is too late. Any money raised from downloads will be going towards the Ben Kinsella knife crime charity and local community projects."

DJ Lomotes who produced the track, comments: "The track features hotly tipped grime artists Lola Coca, Styler, Sicx, Dimples and Treasure, and aims to put an end to serious youth violence.

"Centering on the notion that *'An eye for an eye makes the world go blind'*, the track not only highlights the never-ending cycle of consequences, retaliation and revenge crimes has but also hopes to inspire today's youth with into making better life choices. From the outset, I didn't just want to be another person talking about the problem of gang-related crime. I actually wanted help make a difference and I believe this single has the capability to do just that." 'An Eye for an Eye' is available to download from [iTunes](#) and [Amazon](#) now and the video can be found on YouTube