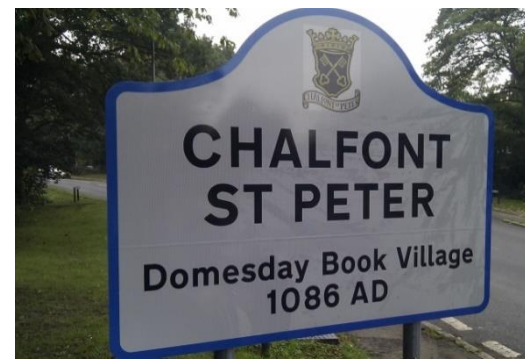


Chalfont St Peter Village Voice – November 2023

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:



Bonfire Night (*amended, please ignore previous due to error*)

Remember remember the 5th of November!

We're asking everyone in our community to also remember the laws and safety procedures around fireworks and bonfires to ensure everyone has an exciting and pleasant time.

Police officers will be conducting patrols around and on the night, they will look to remind people of the legislation first and foremost, but will look to enforce if they see people knowingly breaking the law.

Please keep in mind:

- 🔥 For most days of the year, it is illegal to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am,
- 🔥 **On the 5th November only**, the curfew will be extended to midnight, giving you an extra hour to enjoy the night.
- 🔥 Please bear in mind that for displays shortly before or after the 5th November, the usual legislation still applies, this includes the Friday and Saturday prior to bonfire night this Sunday.
- 🔥 It is illegal for under 18s to purchase any fireworks and shop staff must do their due diligence in challenging those who look under 21.
- 🔥 Under 18s are also not legally allowed to possess **adult** fireworks in a public places, items such as sparklers do not count as adult fireworks.
- 🔥 It is ideal to inform neighbours in advance if you will be letting off fireworks at home, particularly for those who are elderly or vulnerable, or have pets or infants. If you live near horses or other animals kept outdoors, it is best to approach the owners to let them know.

We have confidence that most people know how to set off fireworks safely and responsibly, but for some refresher advice, please see the following links:

British firework association website: [Consumer Information - British Fireworks Association](#)

GOV.UK website [Staying safe with fireworks - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

UK Fire service: [Bonfire Safety – UK Fire Service Resources](#)

DARKER NIGHTS ARE HERE...

FIREWORKS

ARE YOU BREAKING THE LAW?

IT IS ILLEGAL...

- to possess professional display firework (unless you are a fireworks professional)
- to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except in limited circumstances such as Bonfire Night when the latest time is 12am*
- for a person **under 18** to possess an adult firework in a public place

An adult firework is classed as any firework except a cap, cracker snap, novelty match, party popper, serpent, sparkler or throw down.

BOX CONTAINS:
HAND MELTER
EYE BURNER
FACE BLASTER
MATE MASHER

***It is illegal to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am except for:**
Beginning at 11pm on the first day of the Chinese New Year and ending at 1am the following day; or
Beginning at 11pm on 5th November and ending at 12am the following day; or
Beginning at 11pm on the day of Diwali and ending at 1am the following day; or
Beginning at 11pm on 31st December and ending at 1am the following day.

Original design West Midlands Police

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Bob Older:

Dear All

A good month! As noted last time, a big effort was going to be required to properly clear the blocked and overgrown watercourse all the way from CSt Giles to Water Hall on the outskirts of C St Peter. We are delighted to report "mission accomplished", after three tough work parties, There is now unimpeded through flow for the first time since operations were disrupted by lockdown. More: further efforts in Old Amersham have almost completed the reach from the church through to "Ambers" Mill by Station Road. Also, a squad of Chiltern Society volunteers has made a start at Bottom House Farm and, hopefully, will continue in November.

Meanwhile, Affinity Water have completed two improvement projects in Amersham [at Barn Meadow and Pondwick Meadow](#) and we have added two more Invertebrate monitoring sites that should confirm quality benefits. While progress is slow and there is much competition for funds

across the region, we continue to press for commitments within the next Water Asset Management Programme - AMP8: 2025 - 2030 beyond the already "guaranteed" modest reduction in abstraction at Amersham in 2024. Recent activities have included an excellent webinar hosted by Thames Water on short and long term plans for achieving substantial ecological benefits while ensuring water supply through the next 50 years. Also, with Chiltern Society, Chiltern Chalk Streams Project and Colne Catchment Network, an initial "meeting about a meeting" to put some more bones on various ideas on the theme of "Mending the Misbourne".

By the way, slides from the ColneCAN conference mentioned last month can be seen [here](#) and give some idea as to how recent work on the Chess catchment may be viewed as a pilot for other sub-catchments of the Colne - itself a catchment within the Thames region. If nothing else, they indicate how much work is being done by many people on various initiatives to cherish our rivers. And as another aside, I commend [Affinity Water's SOS \(Save Our Streams\)](#) initiative to you.

Chalfont St Peter Parish Council has taken possession of the site for the new Nature Reserve on the banks of the Misbourne and preparatory work will commence shortly.

We have two loose ends to complete to be in good shape for the continuing winter recharge of the aquifer and, hopefully, resumption of flow through CSt Peter before too long. In Old Amersham, we will aim to complete **the last 60 metres behind the Tesco Carpark next Wednesday 1st November afternoon**. And we will clear **the second half of the section from Mill Lane to Chalfont St Giles on Saturday 4th November morning**. Please let me know if you can help us with either or both.

We will have our final informal "**not a meeting**" for the year - i.e. a drink and a chat about any of the above or other - on **Wednesday 15th November from 7.15 at The Greyhound** - all very welcome, whether old hands or newly on board.

And, perhaps most importantly of all, a reminder that our 16th Annual Dinner is on Wednesday 13th December - as usual an informal, I hope fun, and not especially fluvial evening for all. I'm really looking forward to hearing by 15th November that you (and partner/friend) can join us.

Assuming you are one of those who wishes to continue to receive these missives, please add my email address to your contacts: otherwise my pearls are likely to end up in your Junk box. And why not join the WhatsApp group? - It has been alive with all sorts of updates and pictures recently!

Looking forward to seeing you, by or in the river.

Best wishes

Bob

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[Facebook.com/MisbourneRiverAction](https://www.facebook.com/MisbourneRiverAction)

<http://www.misbournriveraction.org/>



"its just so satisfying to do this"

"I really enjoy the work parties and I can just help on the ones now and again when I'm free"

"There aren't really any other chances to play in the river when you're grown up!"

"it's fun!"



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The following article has been kindly submitted by Matthew Barber
(Police & Crime Bulletin October 2023 by Matthew Barber, Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley):

[Police & Crime Bulletin Oct '23 - Tackling shoplifting, crime figures down](#)

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The following articles have been kindly submitted by Martin Tett (leader of Buckinghamshire Council):

[Buckinghamshire Council Update](#)

[Important contact numbers in the event of flooding](#)

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Val Darbyshire:

If you are not a Chalfonts U3A member then you can visit the website www.chalfontsu3a.org.uk and sign up there.



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How we remember and why we forget

A talk on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 2.00 pm by Dr Jim Ellis
at CSP Community Centre, Gravel Hill, Chalfont St Peter SL9 9QX

This talk will not be available on Zoom – remember to join us in person!



Jim's career began in the RAF, progressing from radar and guided missile technician, to instructor and maintenance team leader.

He was later commissioned as an Education and Training Officer, initially as a lecturer, analyst and then in to design and development of computer-based learning.

After leaving the RAF, Jim joined the Open University in 2003 as Head of Interactive Media, gained a Doctorate in Education, and became Head of Learning Design until his retirement in 2018.



How do we remember, understand and retrieve information?

How does our brain make sense of new things, do we all do this in the same way, and where did you leave your glasses?

In this lively presentation, Jim will address all of these questions and dispel some common myths about the brain and memory.



SimpliSafe offers guidance on protecting your home, and exclusive Neighbourhood Watch member discount on home security products

We are pleased to share with you SimpliSafe's guide to preventing burglars from targeting the outside of your home. This guide offers advice on easy-to-install security features, as well as tips on protecting your walls and fences from burglars.

SimpliSafe joined Neighbourhood Watch Network in October as our newest partner sponsor, and will work with us over the coming year to provide guidance, support and research to our members about the best ways to protect your home and your community. SimpliSafe are committed to their mission of making Every Home Secure, and offer a range of affordable security options for every type of home.

[Read SimpliSafe's guide to preventing burglars from targeting the outside of your home.](#)

Member Discount

We are also pleased to announce that members of Neighbourhood Watch now have exclusive access to a 50% discount on SimpliSafe home security systems, plus two free months of Pro Premium professional monitoring!

[Access discount on SimpliSafe website here.](#)

** A 50% discount is applied to new purchases where there are one or more security systems in the order. Security system needs to include a Base Station, Keypad and Wired Indoor Camera. Systems are subject to availability, while stocks last. 50% off code will automatically apply and overwrite any site wide discounts. For every system sold, Neighbourhood Watch receives £133.*

There is much to look forward to as a result of this exciting new partnership with SimpliSafe, including a large-scale hardware donation event for a local community in the new year and regular fundraising events by SimpliSafe's staff for Neighbourhood Watch.

If you have any questions about SimpliSafe's guide to preventing burglars from targeting the outside of your home, or our partnership with SimpliSafe, please let us know!

Thank you.



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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:



Buckinghamshire & Surrey
trading standards



Trading Standards Newsletter

Scam alerts, Halloween safety, Recalls and how to get your electric blanket safety checked for free.

There is also essential reading on how we are trying to take away the blame and shame for those who are victims of a scam

[Trading Standards Newsletter](#)

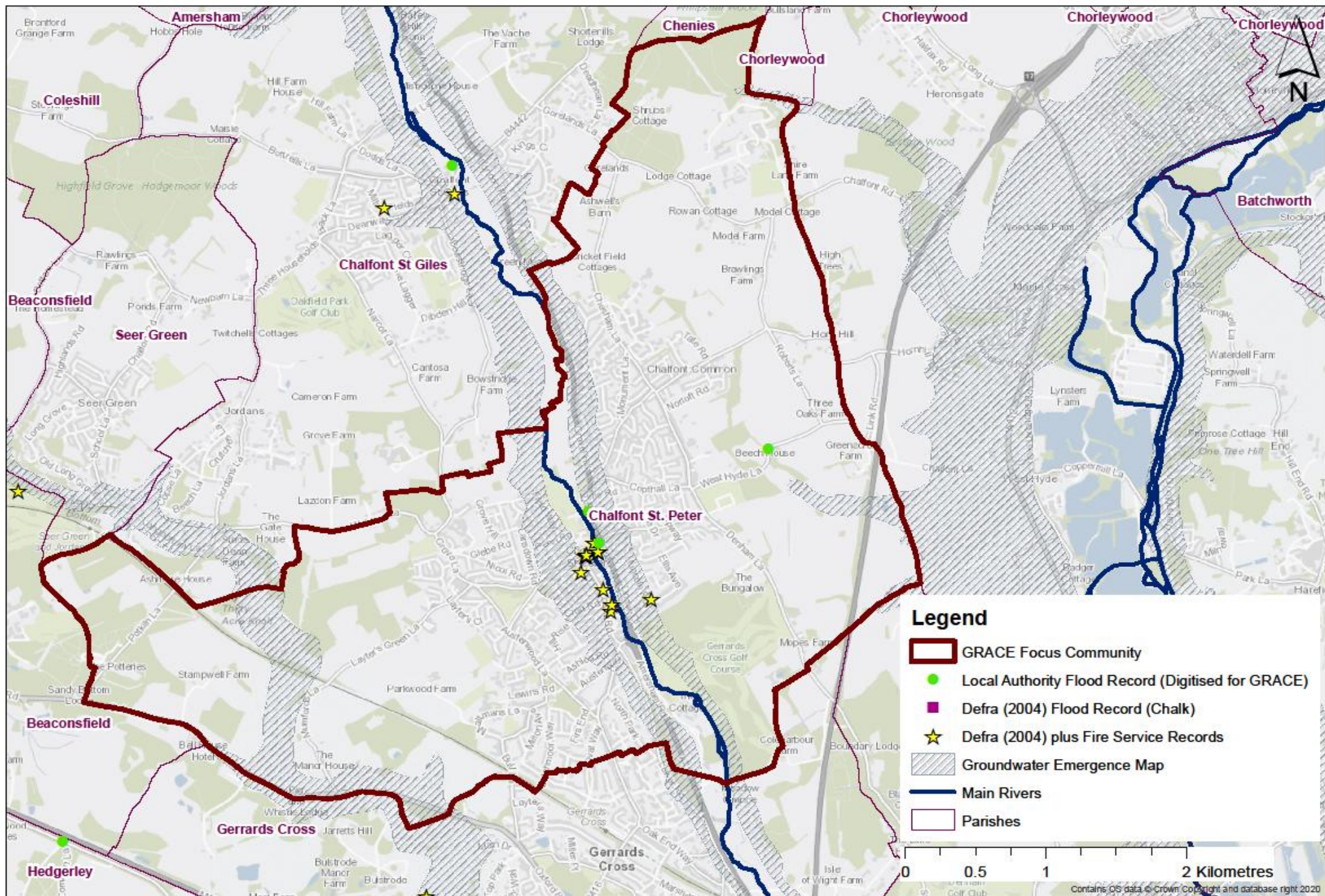
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The following article has been kindly submitted by Fiona of Project Groundwater:

Project Groundwater is a partnership project, funded by Defra as part of the £150 million Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme which is managed by the Environment Agency to develop and test new approaches to resilience tailored to local communities. We aim to transform how communities prepare and respond to groundwater flooding. To ensure that Project Groundwater delivers the best possible service to the communities affected by groundwater flooding, community engagement is at the heart of our project.

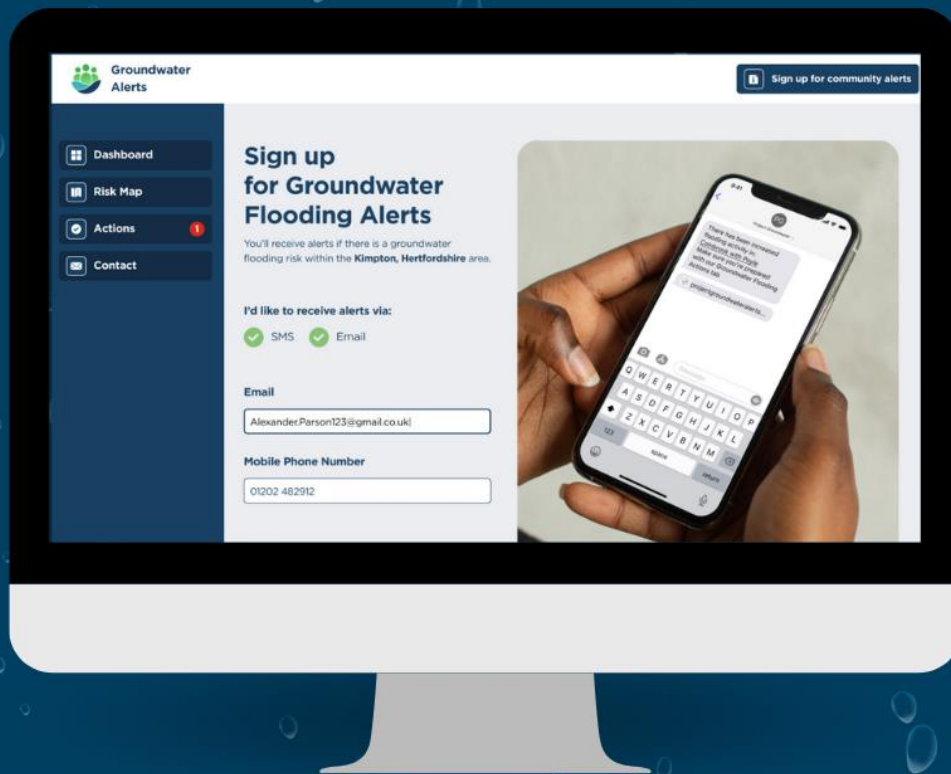
We are working on a new flood alerts system, and we are keen to gather feedback through a survey and focus groups.

I have attached the boundary map for the Project Groundwater Chalfont St Peter community.



The link is to the Groundwater Flood Alerts System page which includes the Survey and Focus Group sign-up links.

TELL US WHAT YOU WANT FROM A GROUNDWATER FLOOD ALERT SYSTEM.



www.projectgroundwater.co.uk/alerts

Project Groundwater is working on a new flood alerts system, and we would like your feedback.

As one of the communities that Project Groundwater is working to support, and we need your contribution to the development of our new Groundwater Flood Alerts Dashboard.

We have spaces available on our focus groups, an opportunity for you to get involved in a discussion and deep dive into our new alerts system.

The slots for the focus groups will be as follows:

- **Thursday 16th November at 10:00am – 11:30am**
- **Thursday 16th November at 6:15pm – 7:45pm**
- **Friday 17th November at 1pm-2:30pm**

If you are unable to make those sessions, don't worry, you can still give your feedback through our survey, open until the 19th of November.

Your feedback will ensure the platform is easy to use and meets your needs. To find out more and get involved, see the link below.

www.projectgroundwater.co.uk/alerts

The following article has been kindly submitted by Ruth Corner and Stewart Walker:

Box office is now OPEN OPEN OPEN for **St Peter Players'** Christmas production, "**The Jungle Book**", by Jessica Swale.

ST PETER PLAYERS

THE JUNGLE BOOK

by Jessica Swale

**"This is a story about adventure.
About spirit and courage.
About friendship and belonging"**

**Thursday 7th December 19:30
Friday 8th December 19:30
Saturday 9th December 14:30 & 19:30
Sunday 10th December 14:30**

**<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peter-players>
For further information call 07815 157823
Community Centre, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 9QX**

This well-known tale is suitable for all the family, and is a story about adventure, spirit, courage, friendship and belonging. It's also going to be fun for one and all!

Tickets are priced at £15. Seating for the evening performances are around tables, with seating for the matinees in rows. There will be a fully licensed bar.

The link for tickets is below, so book now to avoid missing out!

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peter-players

The following article has been kindly submitted by Stewart Walker:

Charity Pop up Cafe & Cake Sale



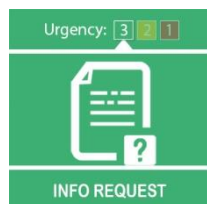
Sunday 19th November / From 1-4pm

All proceeds go to the veterans charity
Official Minds at War



why not enjoy a walk with your four legged friends then come for refreshments or buy some cake to takeaway!

📍 **Horn Hill Village Hall, CSP, SL9 0LX**



2023 Crime and Community Survey launched

We are delighted to invite you to take part in our annual Crime and Community survey. The survey is in its fourth year, and we want to hear your views on crime, community, and your experience of Neighbourhood Watch. The survey is open to everyone across England and Wales, regardless of whether you are a Neighbourhood Watch member.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/surveyCC2023>

All responses will be anonymised and aggregated, and everyone who completes the 5 – 10 minute survey can choose to opt-in to the prize draw to **win one of three £25 Amazon vouchers**.

The results will enable us as a charity to better understand crime and fear of crime, benchmark whether membership in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme or living in a Neighbourhood Watch area impacts crime levels, neighbourliness, and the willingness of communities to work together. This information is vitally important to ensure we can better target our work to meet your crime and community needs and concerns.

Last year our survey received a great response, providing us with rich and useful data.

[Please complete our survey](#) and share it via email and social with all the various communities you belong to, whether they be a Neighbourhood Watch community or other such as sport, religious or work community. This will help us receive a good balance of responses from members and non-members, enabling us to compare experiences between these two groups. Alternatively, reshare our social posts (Facebook / Twitter / Instagram / LinkedIn) to your channels.

The survey closes on 17th November.

Thank you for your support.

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The following article has been kindly submitted by John Lovelock of the Hedgerley Historical Society:

Wednesday 15th November 2023 8pm Hedgerley Memorial Hall

Walking in the footsteps of an Edwardian – Fiona Brewer and Paul Graham

Stephen Springall was an Edwardian born in nearby Iver Village and a passionate advocate for Rights of Way. His 1907 walk book 'Country Rambles Round Uxbridge' explored the local landscape such as Denham, The Chalfonts, Harmondsworth, Rickmansworth as well as Hedgerley. Many of his walks traversed the countryside and riverbanks of what is now known as the Colne Valley Regional Park. Learn more about the man and how through the changing landscape his walk book was brought into the 21st Century.

Fiona Brewer has worked for the charity, Groundwork South, for 10 years. During her time with the charity she has worked on a variety of projects for the Colne Valley Regional Park such as exploring responsible forage, discovering the Park's industrial heritage, organising the Colne Valley Park Festival as well as working with Paul Graham to produce the walk book – 'Walking in the Footsteps of an Edwardian' based on Springall's book 'Country Rambles Round Uxbridge.'

Paul Graham has lived in Iver since 1980 and has been involved in helping preserve and encourage access to the countryside ever since. He joined the managing board of the Colne Valley Regional Park in 2012 and finds the time for practical outdoor work as well. Local History is another enthusiasm.

Please contact John Lovelock via jdlovelock@btinternet.com for details of the Zoom meeting of the above

Future HHS Outings

18th November 2023 (Saturday - 11am and 12.30pm) Tour of John Lewis Heritage Centre Cookham Self Drive Free Limited numbers **Booking required**
Closing date 15th November 2023 **FULL - WAITING LIST**

As well as being home to the business archives of John Lewis and Waitrose the heritage centre houses over 3,000 different textile designs dating from the 1790's to the present day. These include designs by William Morris, C F A Voysey and Lucienne day. Designs for fabric used in Royal residences and the staterooms of the RMS Titanic feature in the collection. Between 1942 and 1956 Grove Farm (now part of the Heritage Centre) housed the Odney Pottery.

In order to book a place on the event then please contact John Lovelock via jdlovelock@btinternet.com

25th November 2023 (Saturday) Tour of the Houses of Parliament £28 per person

Booking required 2 PLACES AVAILABLE FOLLOWING CANCELLATIONS

Discover the inner workings of UK Parliament and immerse yourself in the fascinating history of this world famous building.

In order to book a place on the event then please contact John Lovelock via jdlovelock@btinternet.com

23rd February 2024 (Friday) 11am (Self Guided) Tour of the Museum of Brands Ladbroke Grove Admission (Concession - Group) £6.30

Enjoy a Nostalgic Journey through 200 years of Consumer Culture

Closing date for Bookings 17th January 2024

In order to book a place on the event then please contact John Lovelock via jdlovelock@btinternet.com

The Stoke Poges Society Christmas Event
Thursday 14th December

THE STOKE POGES SOCIETY

PRESENTS

MUSIC HALL
MAGIC



AN EVENING OF MAGIC,
MYSTERY AND HISTORY
AT THE VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY 14TH
DECEMBER AT 7PM

FREE FOR MEMBERS NON-MEMBERS £10

Advance booking essential - please contact Maggie on 07478 309 044 or tspsevents@outlook.com

STOKE POGES VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 14th
December



THE STOKE POGES SOCIETY CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

AWARD-WINNING MAGICIAN

ROY DAVENPORT

Gold Star Member of the Inner Magic Circle



THE MYSTERIOUS
CHUNG LING SOO

A short talk by
RICH HUCKLE

BUFFET

MULLED WINE

RAFFLE

ADMISSION: Free for members. Non-members £10. Doors open at 7pm for a complimentary glass of mulled wine. Unreserved seating in the stalls. Please be seated by 7.20pm. Performances will be followed by a buffet. Drinks available to purchase from the bar. Places are limited so it is essential to book in advance by contacting Maggie on 07478 309 044 or tspsevents@outlook.com

Finally

- a message from Julian Hight who presented the excellent talk at our Autumn Lunch

Hi John,

Thanks for having me, it was a pleasure (as always) to talk to your group.

Here's a link to the Woodland Trust petition: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/protecting-trees-and-woods/campaign-with-us/tree-protection-campaign/>

Andy Fielder is well known in Windsor circles and has advised us on certain aspects of the book! I'll let you know when the Windsor book is finished and send a link for that too.

Best wishes,
Julian

Also Julian mentioned the

Ancient Tree Inventory (Woodland Trust)

<https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

The Map reveals a Common Beech in Kiln Wood, Yew in St Mary's churchyard and Sequoia in Hedgerley Park.

For more details of HHS events please contact John Lovelock – Secretary
Hedgerley Historical Society jdlovelock@btinternet.com
www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org