

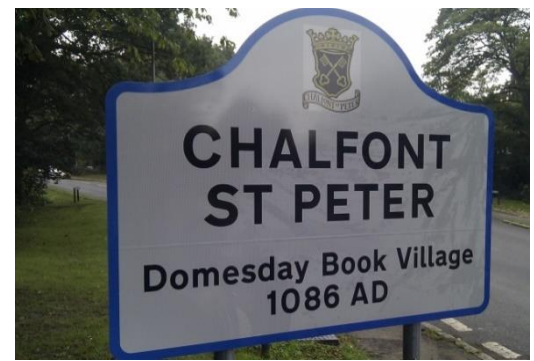
Chalfont St Peter Village Voice – December 2023

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:



Operation Grotto



Not long to go now 🎁🎅🎄

In the seasonal period running up to Christmas time, we expect to see a rise in residential burglary. This is primarily due to a combination of increased hours of darkness and the increased prospect of people having more valuables in their homes due to the purchase and storage of Christmas presents. These factors makes this period of the year the most lucrative time for burglars to offend.

Operation Grotto is TVP South Buck's crime initiative to focus on this habitual rise in burglaries and will be running until the New Year. Police will be conducting an increased number of overt patrols, with a focus on identified high risk areas for residential burglary. In addition, police will be utilising enhanced intelligence gathering methods to identify suspects and see more offenders arrested.

We will also be distributing relevant crime prevention advice to help you take the steps to ensure your home is as safe and secure as possible.

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:

OUR NEWS – NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER -> [Our News - November Newsletter](#)

Trust your instincts - guidance to help protect against scams and fraud Applications now open for the winter 2023 Community Grants Fund ERA shares your views on home security systems WaterSafe have shared their top tips for staying warm and safe this winter.

We would also like to remind you that there is a **price drop on mugs, promotional packs and wheelie bin stickers** on the Neighbourhood Watch shop!

Wheelie bin stickers **were £3, now £1.20** Mugs **were £8.00, now £4.00 per mug or 36 mugs for £96.00**

[Shop these discounted prices now!](#)

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:

OUR NEWS – DECEMBER NEWSLETTER -> [Our News - December Newsletter](#)



Reach out to your neighbour this Christmas - small ways you can make a big difference to your neighbours and community during the festive season. SimpliSafe share their tips for protecting your home this Christmas. You can support Neighbourhood Watch for free while shopping, with EasyFundraising. Remember to check your smoke alarms this Christmas - the Home Office shares their message on fire safety. Avast gives us Five Golden Tips to shop online safely. **Nominations are open until 17th December** for the Movement for Good's charity awards - you could help us win!

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Steve Pendray:

Gold Hill Baptist Church extends a warm welcome to their Christmas activities at the Hub. These include "Brunch in Bethlehem" and "Carols in the Cold" on Christmas Eve.

For some, Christmas is a sad reminder of those we have lost. If that's your situation, you may like to attend the reflective White Christmas service on **Sunday 10 December**, or join the Bereavement Journey Course in the New Year.

The church is offering lunch for those who will be alone on Christmas Day, while the **People's Pantry** at The Hub is open to any family who is struggling to feed themselves.

If Christmas prompts you to be curious to know more about who Jesus is, then you could join our Alpha Course in the New Year.

Full details are published at www.goldhill.org

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Karen Dickson:



CSP's KINDNESS CLUB will be closing for a Christmas break

Closed 15th December 2023

Reopening 8 January 2024



Thank you so very, very, very much for your donations over the last 18 months



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

[Police & Crime Bulletin Nov '23 - Community Payback, support for retailers](#)

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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 Alan Parrott:



Message sent on behalf of the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner:
Residents asked to share their views on policing budget

Matthew Barber is asking residents to share views on which areas they would like the policing element of council tax to be focused in the 2024/25 budget by completing his Local Crime Survey.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is due to set the 2024/25 policing budget by the end of January 2024. The allocation of central government funding for forces is expected to be received in December.

Alongside this, the current funding settlement allows Police and Crime Commissioners to increase council tax by up to £10 (for a Band D property) in order to make additional investments in policing (and last year increases of up to £15 were permitted).

Matthew Barber said: "As Police and Crime Commissioner, it is my responsibility to ensure that Thames Valley Police has the resources to effectively prevent and investigate crime, support victims and protect communities from harm.

"Setting the budget is often a complex process in balancing priorities, and one which is again this year taking place against a challenging economic backdrop.

"Economic pressures such as high utility, fuel, and vehicle costs continue to impact policing budgets and I am acutely aware that cost of living pressures are affecting households across the Thames Valley.

"Thames Valley residents deserve and expect to receive an exceptional service from their police force. I want to ensure that the budget can support this, deliver value for money for residents and address the concerns and priorities of communities.

"This coming financial year, I want to see continued investment in local neighbourhood policing. There have already been significant improvements made, but I am determined to increase visible policing within our communities and to tackle issues such as shoplifting and keep burglaries low.

“By providing your feedback, you can help shape important decisions about police funding and how Thames Valley Police can continue to work to keep us all safe.”

The survey can be completed by [visiting the PCC website](#). If you would like to share your views on the policing budget for 2024/25, please complete the survey by **12pm on Friday 5th January 2024**.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner on - pcc@thamesvalley.police.uk



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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:



Safeguarding Adults Week



We are running two activities during Safeguarding Adults week this year to assist people in spotting and stopping scams, preventing scammers from having a lasting impact on their wellbeing.

21 November - Webinar (will also be in British Sign Language and subtitled) on how to spot a scam and why having a Power of Attorney is important, no matter your age!

24 November - Drop in stalls at various garden centres in Buckinghamshire and Surrey

Read more, sign up and pop along!



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trading standards



TS Alert - Trading Standards Newsletter

It's TS Alert time - yes the fortnight has gone quick and it's newsletter time again!

This edition highlights the upcoming Adult Safeguarding Week, the work we've done to ensure that you're getting the right amount of fuel from petrol pumps as well as the latest scams and recall notices. There's also a great video about taking the shame away from those who have been scammed
[#NoBlameNoShame](#)

[You can read the newsletter here](#)

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It's TS Alert time!

This edition is jam packed with the latest scam and recall alerts including how fraudsters are using AI to target black Friday shoppers.

You can also find information about how you can apply for a free call blocker for your loved ones who may be vulnerable to scam telephone calls as there is 'Snow room' for scammers this Christmas! [We are hosting a free webinar on this, so please do sign up!](#)

[You can read the newsletter here](#)

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

Wednesday 13th December 2023 7.45pm*

Hedgerley Memorial Hall

* Please note earlier start time as we will have seasonal refreshments before the talk at 8.15pm

Churchills most secret airfield in WW2 – Ian Griffith

This presentation is based on research carried out by Ian Griffith into the activities undertaken by the Special Duty RAF Squadrons at RAF Tempsford.

It covers the role of the Special Operations Executive(SOE) in building an army of Special Agents and the role that RAF Tempsford played in dropping enemy agents into occupied territory.

Ian's father-in-law Captain John Affleck, who lived in Mayflower Way, Farnham Common for many years was a pilot in 161 Squadron flying Lysanders and Hudsons into occupied territory. His story and achievements are featured including Operation Bludgeon where his Hudson got stuck in the mud in France. Operation Bludgeon is the most frequently mentioned operation in all the books on RAF Tempsford.

Ian Griffith worked in Sales and Marketing for ICI Paints Division for 20 years before joining The Chartered Institute of Marketing in Cookham as Marketing Director.

Set up own business, Marketing Quality Assurance, in 1990 to provide training, assessment and accreditation services to companies in the Services Sector. Ian is a member of Burnham Beeches Rotary Club.

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

Walking in the Footsteps of an Edwardian

I have received the following message from Paul Graham who together with Fiona Brewer presented our November talk on Stephen Springall

If anybody would like to purchase a copy of the book "Walking in the Footsteps of an Edwardian", then they are available for sale at £6 at the Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre, Denham Court Drive, Denham, UB9 5PG – but be aware of Buckinghamshire Council's parking charges and the rather short winter Visitor Centre opening hours (10.30am to 3.30pm). See:

<https://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk/visitor-centre/>

Alternatively, the books can be purchased online via the CVP website at:

<https://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk/walk-like-an-edwardian/>

If anybody would like to become a Friend of the Colne Valley Park, this is the link:

<https://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk/become-a-champion/trust-friends/>

Dear Buckinghamshire Local Historians

The Elizabethan Star Chamber project is making a map of newly discovered cases, it is by no means complete, but we have uploaded a bunch of cases from your county.

The project has maybe 100,000 documents which we have grouped into likely cases. Our next task is to put the cases into their counties, and we have maybe about a third of that done.

The map can be found through the home page of the project, which is hosted by the University of Houston in Texas. Here is the link. https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Elizabethan_Star_Chamber_Project

The project is looking to attract the interest of local historians, who may be able to provide context for the cases. If any of your members has any extra information, or thinks that we have made a mistake, please pass on this email address, and meanwhile enjoy the map.

Regards
Helen Good
Elizabethan Star Chamber Project
https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Elizabethan_Star_Chamber_Project

Future HHS Outings

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

FUTURE EVENTS - more details in the New Year

27th April 2024 (Saturday) Guided Tour of Kew Gardens

8th May 2024 (Wednesday) Guided Tour of Frogmore Paper Mill - Hertfordshire

18th May 2024 (Saturday) Study Day, Lunch and Guided Walk in Hedgerley.
Theme - Brickmaking

12th June 2024 (Wednesday) Guided Tour of Henry Moore Foundation - Hertfordshire

26th June 2024 (Wednesday) Guided Tour of Ewelme Village and Water Cress Beds - Oxfordshire

3rd July 2024 (Wednesday) Evening - Talk and Tour of Old Keepers Garden Hedgerley Village

17th July 2024 (Wednesday) A Summer Evening at Hedgerley Park

late July 2024 TBC The welcome return of Mikron Theatre Company to present Love, Peas, Trowel and Errors

7th August 2024 (Wednesday) Coach Outing to Worcester

18th August 2024 (Sunday) Fawley Hill Railway Invitation Day

4th September 2024 (Wednesday) Horse Drawn Barge on the Kennet and Avon Canal Kintbury Berkshire

29th September 2024 (Sunday) Hidden Histories Ridgeway walk with landscape historian Mary-Ann Ocheta

5th October 2024 (Saturday) Bucks Local History Conference and Fair - Aylesbury

Autumn 2024 (Saturday) Guided Tour of Theatre Royal Windsor

For more details of HHS events please contact John Lovelock – Secretary
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