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## Chalfont St Peter Village Voice, September 2018

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### CHALFONT ST PETER GARDEN CLUB meets next on

Wednesday 19th September, when Tom Way will talk on "Wildlife from around the World"

Talk starts at 8pm at The Church Hall, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 9RJ

All are Welcome, visitors £1.

Tea, Coffee & Chocolate Biscuits will be served in the interval

There will also be a Raffle

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## Halton House Open day Sunday 16th September

### HALTON HERITAGE DAY, HALTON HOUSE, RAF HALTON OFFICER'S MESS

**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 10AM – 4PM**

Halton House, The Officers' Mess, RAF Halton, Wendover  
Buckinghamshire HP22 5PG

Halton House will be open to the Public as above.

Would you please include in your publications and/or website the information that Halton House, The Officers' Mess at RAF Halton will be open to the public on:

**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**  
**from 10.00am – 4.00pm.**

This is a rare opportunity to see the interior of Halton House, built by Alfred de Rothschild in 1883, a lasting reminder of Victorian decorative taste. Halton House has been used extensively as a location for filming. Examples are 'The King's Speech', 'The Queen' and 'The World is not Enough'.

Apart from Halton House, the Trenchard Museum, (where more can be learnt about the history of the RAF Station and RAF's Apprentice Scheme), the James McCudden Flight Heritage Centre, the reconstructed Trenches and St George's Church will all be open.

Transport will be provided between Halton House and the various venues.

As an attachment to this e mail are posters advertising the Open Day. Please use at your discretion.

**NB. Halton House has very limited disabled access and has no disabled toilets.**

For any other information required please contact:

Trixie Brabner, Publicity member of the Halton House Heritage Committee

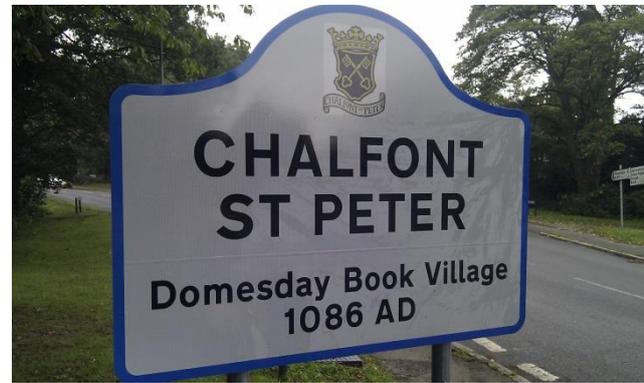
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## Bucks Local History Network (BLHN) Conference Aylesbury Saturday 29th September 2018

The theme for the Conference this year is HS2 Archaeology.

Details of the BLHN 2018 Conference are on the Buckinghamshire Archaeology Society (BAS) website. Go to <http://www.bucksas.org.uk> and you'll find the link on the BAS 'home' page. Clicking on the 'BLHN + HS2 Archaeology' image opens a copy of the conference information leaflet



**Hedgerley Historical Society** - contact - [jdlovelock@btinternet.com](mailto:jdlovelock@btinternet.com) - starts the Autumn programme in Hedgerley Memorial Hall on **Wednesday 19th September 2018** at 8pm, when Terry Bloxham will present her talk on English Heraldry in Stained Glass and Tiles.

Our churches and public buildings were once filled with dazzling arrays of colourful glass windows and patterned floor tiles, both containing images/designs that had significant meaning to our medieval ancestors. Sadly, today much of that imagery has been lost but there is still enough left either in situ or in museums to give us an idea of their importance and purpose.

Terry Bloxham is a former archaeologist and conservator, currently a curator in Ceramics & Glass at the V&A with responsibility for medieval collections, 16th to 18th century European earthenwares, stained glass.

Terry is Hon Secretary of Bucks Historical Association and Secretary of The British Beatles Fan Club!

Stained glass – Beaupré arms, c.1570



Medieval tiles – reused 14th century Penn tiles in late 16th century building

Then on **Saturday 22nd September**, there will be a Chalfont St Peter Graveyard Walk & Talk with Denise Beddows. Meet 10am Church Lane Car Park SL9 9RS

St Peter's Memorial Garden in Chalfont St Peter is about to undergo major landscaping. The people buried here, and in the village's other cemeteries, include the worthy, the famous and, indeed, the infamous, as well as many ordinary folks who made unique contributions to the life and prosperity of the village. These include:

- A number of aristocrats and be-knighted people, including a direct descendant of William the Conqueror and another of Lord Elphinstone, Governor of Bombay & Madras.
- A significant Victorian poet who was a friend and benefactor to George Bernard Shaw.
- One of the Duke of Wellington's most trusted generals of the Napoleonic wars.
- Decorated war heroes including one of the village's two VC recipients and an 'Old Contemptible', decorated during WW1 and later trained as one of WW2's brave auxiliaries (saboteur-assassins).
- A family of wealthy benefactors who endowed the village's schools and hospital but were also slave owners and traders.

- A millionaire game hunter, father to a famous actor, grandfather to a well-known writer and critic, and great uncle to a famous living actress and rights campaigner.
- An unlucky industrial baron who was a business associate of, and horse dealer to Friedrich Engels.
- A governor of the Indian province of Assam whose family were prominent in tea.
- A big-time crook and swindler with connections to The Krays and whose son is a world-famous spy thriller writer.
- Various people connected with the television, music and film industry.

Who are all these fascinating people and how did they come to be buried in this village? Join local researcher and author Denise Beddows on a walk and talk in St Peter's Garden to learn more about our late, local 'celebrities'.

Denise, who retired from government service after thirty-seven years working in the UK and overseas, has a background in research, investigation and intelligence analysis. Nowadays, she is a volunteer researcher for *The Celfunde Inheritance*, Chalfont St Peter's local history and heritage group. Her publications include: *Buckinghamshire Spies and Subversives*; *The Famous and Infamous of the Chalfonts & District* and *The Chalfonts and Gerrards Cross at War*

### **BRITAIN'S TREE STORY 8pm Saturday 6th October 2018**

Julian Hunt will present a talk on the history and legends of Britain's ancient trees. Julian Hunt appeared as a judge on Channel 4's 'Tree of the Year' with Ardol O'Hanlon last year and will bring along copies of his books *Britain's Tree Story* and *World Tree Story*.

### **LONDON CANAL MUSEUM & TUNNEL CRUISE 11am Sunday 14th October 2018**

Discover the story of London's canals at the London Canal Museum on the Regent's Canal a short walk from King's Cross Our combined ticket to the Museum includes a boat trip through London's longest canal tunnel. Tickets are £7. Further details from John Lovelock 01753-647187 / [jdlovelock@btinternet.com](mailto:jdlovelock@btinternet.com)

## **Beaconsfield & District Historical Society**

Preserving the history of the Town

### **Winter Talks 2018/2019**

**13 October**

**A40 A Road of History**

**Colin Oakes**

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### **AUTUMN LUNCH & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE IN THE CIVIL WAR 12noon Saturday 27th October 2018**

Enjoy a 2 course hot lunch with wine/soft drinks before Professor Ian Beckett describes Bucks in the Civil war.  
Lunch £17.

Hedgerley Historical Society meet at Hedgerley Memorial Hall Kiln Lane Hedgerley SL2 3UZ.

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

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# YOGA CLASS — *SUITABLE FOR BEGINNERS*

*Yoga is an ancient form of exercise that focuses on strength, flexibility and breathing to boost physical and mental wellbeing. The main components of yoga are postures (a series of movements designed to increase strength and flexibility) and breathing.*



- ALL SESSIONS SUPERVISED BY A FULLY QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR
- SESSIONS COST £3—Paid for as a block
- CLASSES SUITABLE FOR BEGINNERS OR PEOPLE WANTING TO TRY FOR FIRST TIME

**EVERY MONDAY 1.30PM—2.30PM**

Chalfont Leisure Centre,

Nicol Rd, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 9LR

*Yoga mats provided for FREE*



South Bucks  
District Council



For further details and to book call **01895 837 334**

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