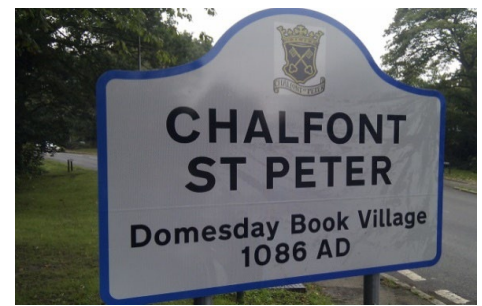
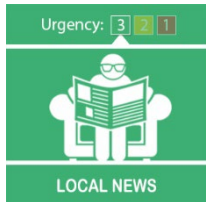


Chalfont St Peter Village Voice – March 2025

Founder Editor: Elaine Quigley elainequigley@sky.com



The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:



International Women's Day Event

There will be an event for international Women's Day at Bucks new university that TVP will be supporting along with other partners.

It is free and open to everyone. It will be focused around supporting and empowering women in the fight against violence against women and girls.

We look forward to seeing you there 🚔🎈

📅 **Thursday 6th March**

🕒 **4pm-8pm**

📍 **Buckinghamshire New University, Queen Alexandra Rd, High Wycombe HP11 2JZ**

Please refer to the poster on the following page for further information

Celebrate International Women's Day

Thursday 6 March 2025 | 4pm-8pm

Bucks Students' Union

Supporting and empowering women in the fight against violence against women and girls

Inspiring talks from Lisa Squire – It Does Matter Campaign and the Suzy Lamplugh Trust.

Information and support from:

- Wycombe Women's Aid
- Thames Valley Police
- Community Safety
- Buckinghamshire Family Information Service
- Wycombe Mind
- Young Minds
- Roshni Women's Peer Support Group
- Wycombe Youth Action
- Mama Bee
- Gods of War
- Aurora New Dawn
- Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Service
- Plus music and FREE refreshments



Everyone is welcome! Let's come together to create a community where everyone feels safe and valued.

For more information contact:

hwcb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or call 07738 501325

Visit the It Does Matter camapign website: itdoesmatter.org.uk

Hosted by



Community Board
High Wycombe



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The following article has been kindly submitted by Helen Light:

Chiltern Open Air Museum is reopening!

Chiltern Open Air Museum, in Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, is re-opening for the 2025 season on **Saturday, March 8th**. After a winter break, the museum will once again invite visitors to explore its quirky collection of historic buildings, immersive exhibits, and beautiful natural surroundings.

The museum provides an opportunity to take a journey through time to experience living history, with over 30 historic buildings, including an earth cottage, 1940s post-war prefab, blacksmith's forge and historic farm. Visitors can discover how people lived and worked in the past.

This year there are a number of exciting new and returning events, including a Medieval Festival over Easter from the 19 to 21 April with living history displays, knights, archery and Medieval court. Medieval Jousting will be returning on the 28 and 29 June. The epic Napoleonic Weekend on the 31 May and 1 June will be returning with a bang of canon and gunfire as 200 re-enactors take over the site with spectacular battle displays, living history and cavalry horses.

‘We’re thrilled to welcome back visitors to Chiltern Open Air Museum for the 2025 season,’ said Helen Light, General Manager at the museum. **“Our team have been busy creating new interpretation and carrying out conservation works. We’re excited to be launching a new digital guide, we will be hosting The Longest Yarn exhibition throughout August, and we have a spectacular events programme planned.”**

Tickets and further information, including event programme, can be found at www.coam.org.uk

Please refer to related images below:









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The following items have been kindly submitted by Anita Wallace of the Chalfont St Peter Community Library:

Chalfont St Peter Community Library



Needs You!

Chalfont St Peter Community Library runs on the power of volunteers, and right now, we have an important

important role to fill—we're looking for a Treasurer to join our committee!

Why is this role vital?

The Treasurer helps keep our library running smoothly by managing finances, ensuring we can continue providing books, events, and a welcoming space for the community. If you're organised, good with numbers, and passionate about supporting your local library, we'd love to hear from you!

Not a numbers person?

We're always looking for general volunteers too—there are plenty of ways to get involved, even if you only have an hour to two every now and then.

Interested? Drop us a message, pop into the library, or email us at:

enquiries@csp-communitylibrary.co.uk

to find out more! Let's keep our community library thriving together.

Mid-Month Classic Film Shows – Now with Evening Screenings!

Exciting news, film lovers! Our evening film screenings are BACK, starting **Monday, 10th March at 7:30pm with The Critic** – a gripping, star-studded drama you won't want to miss!

For our afternoon crowd, we've got a true classic lined up – **at 2:30pm**, we're showing **Rebecca (1940)**, featuring the legendary Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine in this haunting Hitchcock masterpiece.

Join us for a fantastic film experience at Chalfont St Peter Community Library. Tickets are free and available

from the Library. Donations on the day very welcome. All money raised goes towards the running costs of the Library.

Monday, 10th March

2:30pm – Rebecca

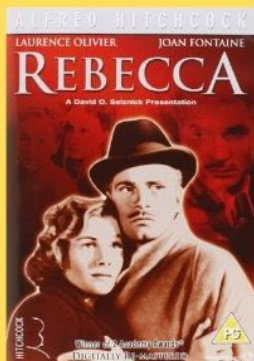
7:30pm – The Critic (evening screenings are back!)

See you at the movies!

Please refer to the poster on the following page

Mid-month Classic Movies in March CHALFONT ST PETER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Monday, 10th March



**2.30pm
Rebecca**



**7.30pm
The Critic**

**Tickets free, available at the Library
Donations welcome on the day**

Midweek Treat Alert!

Fancy a cuppa and a biscuit in a cozy setting? **Every Wednesday from 2pm to 5pm**, you can enjoy a hot tea or coffee + a tasty biscuit at **Chalfont St Peter Community Library** – all for just a £1 donation!

Relax, have a chat, or simply take a break with a warm drink in hand – all while supporting your local library!

Pop in on Wednesday and make your afternoon a little sweeter!

Please refer to the poster on the following page

WEDNESDAYS, 2PM-5PM

Chalfont St Peter Community Library

Tea / Coffee and biscuits of Champions!!!!



Suggested donation: £1

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Matthew Barber
(Police & Crime Bulletin February 2025 by Matthew Barber, Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley):

[Police & Crime Bulletin Feb '25 - antisocial behaviour; drug dogs and more...](#)

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Martin Tett (leader of Buckinghamshire Council):

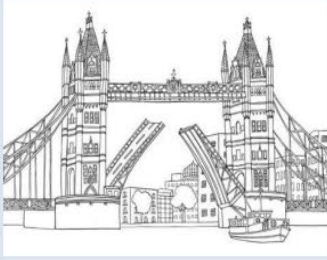
[Buckinghamshire Council Update](#)

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The following article has been kindly submitted by David Powell:

NOTE: If you are not a Chalfonts u3a member then you can visit www.chalfontsu3a.org.uk and sign up there

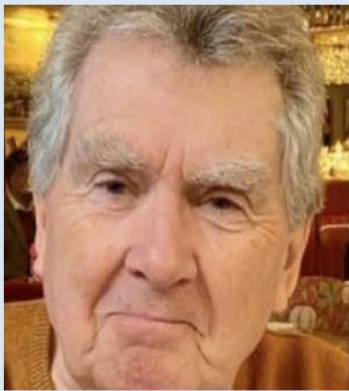
Please refer to the poster on the following page



The Lost Rivers of London

A talk on Wednesday 12th March 2025 at 2.00 pm by Alan Fitzgerald
at CSP Community Centre, Gravel Hill, Chalfont St Peter SL9 9QX

(For members unable to attend, a zoom invitation will be sent 48 hours in advance; log in will be from 1.45pm.)



Alan trained as a Mechanical Engineer as an apprentice. He continued as a designer in the Machine Tool industry, writing control systems software. This led on to success in the IT industry and Mergers and Acquisitions. He retired for the first time in 2002. After 6-months of boredom, he discovered Academia and returned to work full time for Kingston and Aston University.

I do intend to retire again this year!



Everyone is probably familiar with the river Thames in London, but how many know of the multitude of other rivers that flow through and under London? Alan will examine some of these 'lost' rivers that still exist but are largely unseen. Most of these rivers join the Thames somewhere along its banks in central London; where they can still be seen today.

Both North and South of the Thames have many of these fascinating lost rivers, that together have interesting stories to relate. From floating coffins to the Temple of Mithras - the lost rivers of London have stories to tell.

Photos courtesy of Alan Fitzgerald , Emma Farrarons

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

Wednesday 19th March 2025 8pm Hedgerley Memorial Hall

Hidden Histories – a Spotter's Guide to the Landscape Mary-Ann Ochota

Wherever you go in Britain there's history woven into the landscape around you – in the shape of a field, the wall of a cottage, a standing stone or churchyard, even in the types of grass under your feet. And there are thousands of sites waiting to reveal their secrets.

In this talk, TV presenter and archaeology author Mary-Ann Ochota will celebrate the joys of being a 'landscape detective' – spotting clues and telling the stories written into the countryside around us. From chambered tombs to churches, tumuli to turnpikes, ancient yews to ridge and furrow...the British landscape is endlessly exciting, and ours to explore.

Mary-Ann's books *Secret Britain: Unearthing Our Mysterious Past* and *Hidden Histories: A Spotter's Guide to the British Landscape* will be available to buy.

In order to reserve a place for the Zoom meeting then please contact John Lovelock – Secretary Hedgerley Historical Society

jdlovelock@btinternet.com

www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org

Please note You will see the slides and hear (but not see) the speaker. During the presentation your microphone will be muted but will be unmuted at the end offering you the opportunity to ask questions. Alternatively use the chat facility and your question will be read out to the speaker and the zoom audience.

Mary-Ann Ochota is a broadcaster and author, specialising in archaeology and anthropology. She's President of CPRE, the Countryside Charity, Patron of the Ridgeway National Trail, and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Her books, *Hidden Histories: A Spotter's Guide to the British Landscape* and *Secret Britain: Unearthing Our Mysterious Past* have introduced thousands of people to the wonders of Britain's ancient archaeology, and revealed some of the treasures hidden in plain sight pretty much everywhere you go. www.MaryAnnOchota.com

Mary-Ann's Front page interview with the Telegraph on the future of the countryside – new homes, solar panels, inclusion and

agriculture: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/environment/2025/01/19/mary-ann-ochota-interview-green-belt/>

Rebuilding a roof on the 'Roof of the World', at Tibet's Samye Monastery. My Wonder of the World for the Guardian:

<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2025/jan/21/why-samye-monastery-tibet-is-my-wonder-of-the-world>

Mary-Ann is on the new episode of Care Fully Considered podcast: From infants to infantilisation – the anthropology of care: <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/caring-in-society-from-infants-to-infantilisation/id1754549520?i=1000682921912>

Your chance to stake your place in the History of Hedgerley!

In 2026, The Hedgerley Historical Society will itself mark an historical milestone when it celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Founded by a small group led by Harry Kirby, the Society has gone from strength to strength and is to today one of the most vibrant and active local history societies in the country... the more remarkable given the size of the village.

In celebration, we will publish a completely revised edition of the history of the village. A first edition of such a history was produced in 1980 in paperback. This was added to by a second instalment in 1982. And then consolidated into a hardback edition in 2007. All of these were edited by then chairman, Michael Rice.

But history doesn't stand still. At least, our understanding of it. Since then, considerable additional research has shed new light on matters we had taken for granted. New technologies, such as LIDAR, have improved our understanding of what the fields around us reveal. So, we thought it apt to celebrate our 50th Anniversary with a completely revised and updated edition of the book. And I'm delighted to say that Julian Hunt, our most distinguished local historian, has agreed to re-write parts of it and add the latest research. In addition, Michael Rice has agreed to act as overall Editor, once again.

Our aim is for the new book to be published in March, 2026, in time for our anniversary.

Needless to say, the cost of this is considerable and will be underwritten by the Hedgerley Historical Society. However, we would like to invite all existing members, and the residents of Hedgerley and the surrounding villages, to be 'founder subscribers'. For the price of £25, you will receive a copy of the book on publication. ((I'm sure we can prevail on Julian and Michael to sign it, as well!)) And you will have your name listed within the book as one of the 'founder subscribers'. More importantly than all of that, you will help us all and future generations to understand more about the history of our village.

[To pre-order a copy please complete the attached Order Form](#) (pdf file is attached to the email)

HHS Web Site - Appeal for Help

Dear Members,

Our website www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org is an increasingly important tool for us. It contains the up-to-date information about our forthcoming talks and events. But it could do far more. For instance, we would like it to become the home for a great deal of our research about the history of Hedgerley and the surrounding villages. And its design, whilst okay, could certainly be greatly improved upon. I say that as the person who 'designed' it! Kevin Langford, one of our committee members, and I have managed the site, but we have neither the time nor the expertise to improve it as we would wish.

So, we're looking for help. It may be that one of our members could help and has a background in web development. Or, it may be that you know someone – perhaps a son, daughter or grandchild, who would have the skills and the interest in taking this on as a project? Perhaps a sixth former, with an interest in both IT and history, would welcome it as a school project? We would be willing to pay a nominal fee. Or we would of course, if it was a school project, be happy to provide a write up about how this has helped us as a community.

The site uses WordPress as the design tool, and we have no desire to change that because we find it quite cost-effective, so some knowledge of this platform would be desirable.

Hedgerley Historical Society is one of the most successful societies of its types in the country, with a tremendous programme of talks and events and a thriving membership. As we approach our 50th anniversary, let's together ensure that our website properly reflects this. Your help will be hugely appreciated.

Please contact John or myself with your thoughts and contacts.

Best wishes,

Peter

Peter Phippen

Mob: 07764 922552 Office: 01753 662499

peter@phippen.org

'Oak Acre', Templewood Lane, Stoke Poges, S.Bucks, SL2 4BG

SLOUGH MUSEUM - GUIDED TOUR 11am Wednesday 12th March 2025

I have arranged a Guided Tour of the new Slough Museum (located on the Slough Trading Estate) <https://sloughmuseum.co.uk/>

Places limited to 20 people Cost - £10 per person (donation to the Museum).

If you would like to join us please e mail me jdlovelock@btinternet.com

STOKE PARK ANNUAL HISTORY TOURS - Spring 2025

If you would like to go on one of the free Annual History Tours at Stoke Park you will need to e mail Nick Downie ndownie@stokepark.com

Tour 1: Saturday 5th April 2025 at 11am

Tour 2 Saturday 26th April 2025 at 11am

Tour 3: Sunday 27th April 2025 at 11am

Spaces are limited

Alternatively join us on an HHS tour on Thursday 29th May at 7pm. Spaces Limited HHS members only Booking Required - please e mail John Lovelock jdlovelock@btinternet.com to reserve your place(s)

POSTAL MUSEUM and MAIL RAIL Phoenix Place London WC1X 0DA 11am Saturday 26th April

I have arranged a Group Booking and the Group Rate per person is £14.85. Bookings close Wednesday 16th April 2025

For more details of this Museum see <https://www.postalmuseum.org/>

STUDY DAY 2025

Sat 10th May 10-4 Our Lords and Masters: who owned Hedgerley (The Templars to the Stevensons) Julian Hunt **Bookings open £15**

Each year for the past 3 years we have run what is becoming one of our most popular fixtures in the calendar: our annual 'Study Day'. All villagers, whether members of the Society or not, are welcome. Subjects to date have included how to research the history of your home, the history of farming in Hedgerley, and last year, the very popular history of brickmaking in the village. Each study day combines some talks, the opportunity to examine documents and to learn a little about the process of historical research, a lunch, and weather permitting, a walk around the village to visit the sites relevant to the subject of the day.

This year, on Saturday, 10th May, the subject will be "Our Lords and Masters: who owned Hedgerley?" This subject, like some of the previous ones, ties in well with the publication of our new History of Hedgerley book, because some of the answers are to be found within it. You will know that most villages, with Hedgerley no exception, were occupied by the tenant farmers of landowners who might live at some distance.

Our objective in May is to learn more about the Manor of Hedgerley and the adjoining manors, and the many great landowners who at various times owned them. You will learn more about the role of Eton College in the affairs of the village, the Knights Templar and

their involvement, and some of the other great Lords who over the centuries laid claim to the village.

Speakers are still to be finalised, but as in previous years, will include Julian Hunt.

MIKRON ARE BACK! 7pm Tuesday 17th June 2025 Memorial Hall

Hush Hush

A Bletchley Story

In a non-descript mansion house, in a non-descript town, a group of extra-ordinary men and women worked to provide intelligence that would help to win the war. But shhhhhh, you'd better keep it under your hat, because as far as the rest of the world is concerned, Bletchley Park doesn't exist

Peggy Valentine arrives at Bletchley in 1940, 18 years old, headstrong and gifted. Finding herself in a world of boffins, soldiers and debutantes, Peggy has to shoulder the burden of high pressure war work whilst navigating a new world of feuds, friendships and growing up in a frame of absolute secrecy.

But what of the world beyond Bletchley? As the war rages on in Europe, the stakes are raised for Peggy and her friends as they work to protect their loved ones fighting abroad.

Mikron invites you to enter a world of secrets, songs and cyphers as we get to know the heroes of Hut 3.

Mikron Box Office now Open [Hush Hush - Hedgerley](#)

[Memorial Hall | Mikron Theatre](#)

WOTTON HOUSE OUTING 2pm-5pm Saturday 21st June 2025

Members who attended Julian Hunt's talk on John Adams and Thomas Jefferson's Tour of England in 1786 will recall that Adams and Jefferson visited two landscape gardens in Buckinghamshire, designed by Capability Brown (during the ownership of the Grenville family), namely Stowe and Wotton House. The Pleasure Grounds at Wotton, currently undergoing restoration, were laid out by Brown between 1750 and 1767. A series of man-made features on the 3 mile circuit of the 50 acre lake include bridges, temples and statues.

I have arranged for the Estate Manager to lead a guided tour of the grounds and a short tour of the house followed by Tea and Cake. Therefore join us on the Summer

Solstice as we explore this historic landscape at Wotton Underwood near Aylesbury. Tour and Tea £20. Bookings open now.

CRANFORD PARK GUIDED TOUR (Free) - 11am Friday 4th July

We enjoyed a fascinating talk on the 15th January by Paul McGarrity on the extensive history of this site and recent findings from archaeological digs. Paul has kindly offered to lead a Guided Walk around the site of the old Manor House and hopefully we will also see inside the Church.

More details to follow but in the meantime please put this date in your Diaries.

Future HHS Outings

Wednesday 28th May 11am St Paul's Walden House & Garden (Hertfordshire) Caroline Bowes Lyon **Bookings Open £16**

Thursday 29th May 7pm Stoke Park Heritage Tour Nick Downie **See details above**

Wednesday 11th June 11am Tour of Taplow Court House and Garden Kim Upton **More details shortly**

Saturday 21st June 2-5pm Wotton House Garden and House Tour plus Tea/Cake. Michael Harrison **Bookings Open £20**

Wednesday 4th July 11am Guided Tour of Cranford Park **More details shortly**

Wednesday 16th July 7.30pm Social Evening at Hedgerley Park Frances and Norman Grundon **More details shortly**

Wednesday 30th July 10.30am Quainton Windmill Tour and Bucks Railway Centre Steam Day **Bookings Open £20**

Wednesday 6th August 8.30am Coach Outing to Bristol (from Hedgerley) **Bookings open £27**

Sunday 17th August Time TBC Harrow School Tour and Afternoon Tea **Bookings Open £23**

Saturday 6th Sept Vache Baroque Summer Festival and Guided Tour of The Vache Chalfont St Giles **Bookings open shortly**

The Vache, which stands on the site of a medieval residence built by the Norman lords of the manor (de la Vache) on land granted by William the Conqueror. Later owned by the Fleetwood family and forfeited at the Restoration of 1660 because Fleetwood had signed Charles I's death warrant, it became the home of the Pallisers, friends of Captain James Cook, mariner and explorer, to whom the family erected a monument to him which can be seen in the grounds.

Wednesday 1st October Frogmore Paper Mill Hemel Hempstead **Bookings open £15**

Note - other outings are being planned and will be announced in due course

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

www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org

Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust Winter 2024/25 Programme



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Venue for talks: Aylesbury Methodist Church & Centre - Buckingham Street, Aylesbury HP20 2NQ. Parking: disabled only at venue, see town plan for other sites within 5/10 minutes. The venue has excellent facilities including wheelchair access and toilets for disabled. It is near the centre of the town with a choice of restaurants and cafes, including The Kings Head, a C15 coaching inn owned by the National

Trust.

Booking: Tickets from <http://ticketsource.co.uk//buckinghamshire-gardens-trust> or turn up & pay by cash, card, cheque. Doors open 2.00 pm. Members **£10.00**, Guests **£12.50**. Includes refreshments.

Saturday 8th March 2.30pm The Gardens and Wildflowers of Corfu: Jackie Hunt, Turn End Head Gardener



Jackie Hunt, Turn End's Head Gardener, shares her photographs and research from a study trip to the Greek island of Corfu, in April 2024. She will talk about the stunning gardens and landscapes she saw and how gardens are managed including plant selection, pruning and irrigation. Jackie joined the trip to learn more about Mediterranean wild flora and also cultivated plants grown in gardens. Corfu is the wettest of the Greek islands and tours led by expert local guides, head gardeners, garden designers and owners, as well as the knowledge of fellow travellers, provided a unique opportunity for Jackie to investigate plants potentially

suitable for cultivation in the UK. The trip was run by international plant and garden interest organisation *Mediterranean Plants and Gardens*.

Saturday 29th March 2.30 pm Cliveden, the History of the Gardens. Speaker from Talks Service of the National Trust



Nestled high above the river Thames with panoramic views, Cliveden gardens capture the grandeur of a bygone age. Over the course of 300 years, each family that fell in love with Cliveden added their own extravagant touch, creating a series of distinct gardens. This illustrated talk will take you on a journey through four of our famous gardens from their development to present day journey of climate change and sustainability.

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ALYCE CHAUCER FESTIVAL - EWELME

16-18 MAY 2025

Dear John

It was a pleasure to show the Hedgerley Historical Society around Ewelme Church last June and tell them about Alyce Chaucer, the Duchess of Suffolk. This May we are holding a Festival to mark the 550th anniversary of Alice's death and I attach the Festival leaflet ([pdf file is attached to the email](#)) which lists all the events and talks which I hope might be of interest to your members. We would be most grateful for your help in spreading the word. If you would like some copies of the paper version of the leaflet, do please let me know.

Kind Regards,
Ann Sayer
sayerann863@gmail.com

FARNHAM COMMON COMMUNITY LIBRARY EVENTS 2025

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Please find attached our list of activities and events for the remainder of this year, including coffee mornings, Open Gardens, craft events, quiz and Christmas Lunch.

Other events, including details of the library lunches and children's activities, will be issued nearer the event.

We hope to see you at many of the events,

Best wishes,

FCCL Team

Please refer to library event dates on the following page



Library Events 2025

6 th March	Create Craft & Chat
20 th March	Craft Morning
3 rd April	Create Craft & Chat
5 th April	Coffee Morning
1 st May	Create Craft & Chat
5 th June	Create Craft & Chat
22 nd June	Open Gardens
26 th June	Craft Morning
3 rd July	Create Craft & Chat
5 th July	Coffee Morning
7 th August	Create Craft & Chat
4 th September	Create Craft & Chat
11 th September	Craft Morning
19 th September	Quiz
2 nd October	Create Craft & Chat
11 th October	Coffee Morning
6 th November	Create Craft & Chat
27 th November	Craft Morning
4 th December	Create Craft & Chat
7 th December	Christmas Lunch

Children's Activities and Lunch Club dates to be advertised nearer the time.

SAVE THE DATE Buckinghamshire Local History Network Conference 2025 - Saturday 4th October 2025 10am - 4pm

Theme - Buckinghamshire Burning - 2025 marks the 300th
Anniversary of the Great Fire of Buckingham
Venue to be advised

HHS 50th Anniversary 2026

The first meeting of Hedgerley Historical Society was held in February 1976 and to mark this important milestone in our own history a number of special anniversary events will be held next year including:

50th Anniversary Lunch

25th April 2026

The Bull Hotel Gerrards Cross

More details soon.....

Kind regards

John

John Lovelock

Secretary

Hedgerley Historical Society

www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org

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The following information has been kindly submitted by Fiona Brewer:

Project Groundwater are happy to announce that our Flood Experience Questionnaire is now live!

If you have experienced flooding in Chalfont St Peter, your insights are incredibly valuable to us. Your feedback will help develop solutions to increase your community's flood resilience.

Plus, by completing the questionnaire, you may qualify to receive a FREE Property Flood Resilience Survey.

Select this link to take you to the Flood Experience Questionnaire page: <https://orlo.uk/eLKAF>

We're working to understand how best to support residents, businesses, and communities in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from these floods. Your input is crucial. By completing our Flood Experience Questionnaire, you'll help us better understand how resilient your community is right now. Your feedback will directly influence our research and help design solutions that boost your community's ability to withstand future groundwater flooding.

Visit [Project Groundwater](#) to learn about the project

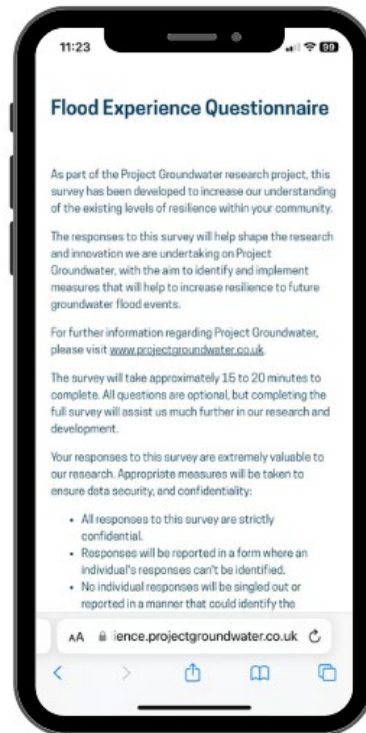


Project Groundwater
Are you flood resilient?
Chiltern Hills & Berkshire Downs

Have you experienced flooding?

You may be eligible for a free Property Flood Resilience Survey

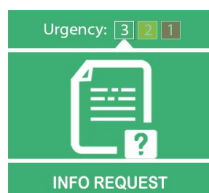
Take our Flood Experience
Questionnaire to find out



WWW.PROJECTGROUNDWATER.CO.UK/FEQ

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:



Appeal for witnesses following serious injury collision – Gerrards Cross

We're appealing for witnesses to a serious injury collision in Gerrards Cross.

Between 6.50pm and 7.30pm on Thursday (6/2) on the A40 at Gerrards Cross between Potkiln Lane and Crowne Plaza, a Jaguar XJ has been involved in the collision with a pedestrian.

The pedestrian, a girl aged in her teens, remains in hospital with serious injuries.

If you have information, please call 101 or make an online report via our website quoting 43250062500.

For more information, please visit our [news page](#).

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:



Social Media Summary - 10/02/25

Please see links below relevant to the weekly social media summary:

[AMENDED: Appeal for witnesses following serious injury collision – Burnham | Thames Valley Police](#)

[Appeal for witnesses following serious injury collision – Gerrards Cross | Thames Valley Police](#)

[Appeal for witnesses following attempted robbery – Denham | Thames Valley Police](#)

[Appeal for witnesses following thefts – Taplow | Thames Valley Police](#)

Resources linked on post about Sexual abuse and sexual violence awareness week:

[Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Service South Buckinghamshire | RSASS | High Wycombe, UK](#)

[Home - Aylesbury Womens Aid](#)

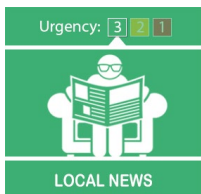
[Wycombe Womens Aid | Women supporting women against domestic violence](#)

[Aurora Aurora New Dawn | Support for domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking](#)

[Rape Crisis England & Wales](#)

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:



Social Media Summary - 17/02/25

Please see links below relevant to the weekly social media summary:

[Man sentenced for drug offences – High Wycombe | Thames Valley Police](#)

[Appeal for witnesses to fatal road traffic collision – M40, Buckinghamshire | Thames Valley Police](#)

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:



TV's Matt Allwright needs your doorbell footage for an upcoming BBC production!

The BBC are looking for Doorbell Detectives: communities who've come together to use their home CCTV or smart doorbell footage to help the police.

Matt Allwright has shared a special message for Neighbourhood Watch volunteers: [click here to watch!](#)

If you'd like to find out more, or if you've got video clips that you can share with us, please email the team on: doorbelldetectives@purpleproductions.co.uk or WhatsApp them on 07386695758.



Thank you for your support with this upcoming production!

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:

Please note that this is valuable free service offered which will be especially useful for any high value, high performance vehicles.



Vehicle Crime Project

Due to a reported increase in vehicle related crime, Buckinghamshire Council's Community Safety team are running a vehicle crime project across Buckinghamshire, to raise public awareness of how to protect vehicles from being targeted.

One of the planned activities includes partnering with eight garages across Buckinghamshire with the aim of reducing number plate theft.

Visit any of the below garages and ask to have anti-tamper proof number plate screws installed for **FREE** on your vehicle. You will also be provided with crime prevention products and leaflets.

Head to the following garages and ask about the scheme*:

Aylesbury – Tyre Pros, Park Street, HP20 1DX Aylesbury – Kwik Fit, Wynne Jones Business Centre, Walton Road, HP21 7RL Buckingham – Eurolane MOT, Swan Business Centre, Unit 5 Osier Way, MK18 1TB Chesham – Tyre Pros, Amersham Road, HP5 1NG Iver – Kwik Fit, Shredding Green Garage, Langley Park Road, SL0 0JG Amersham – Kwik Fit, 2A-2B St Georges Industrial Estate, White Lion Road, HP7 9JQ High Wycombe – Kwik Fit, 97 London Road, HP11 1BU High Wycombe – Kwik Fit, 511 London Road, Wycombe Marsh, HP11 1EP

**whilst stocks last*

For further details visit [Community Safety | Buckinghamshire Council](#), or email communitysafety@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Facebook: @BucksCommunitySafety

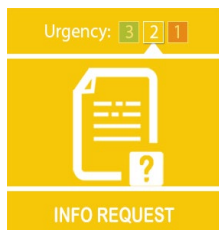
Instagram: @bucks_safety

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Sign up to our quarterly [Community Safety Newsletter](#)

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:



Appeal for witnesses to assault – Chalfont St Peter



We are appealing for witnesses after a child was struck with a small ball-bearing at the recreation ground on Cordons Close, Chalfont St Peter, just after 1.45pm on Thursday afternoon.

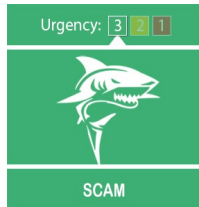
The offenders are described as four teenage boys; one of them was seen to be wearing a blue tracksuit.

Anyone with information is asked to call 101 or make a report on our website quoting reference **43250086053**.

[More details are available on our website.](#)

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:



Protect yourself from Holiday fraud: don't let fraudsters trip you up this summer.

People looking to snap up online holiday deals ahead of the summer are being warned to stay extra alert and do their research before booking their getaways, as new data reveals victims lost a total of over £11 million to holiday fraud last year.

Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting service, has launched a [holiday fraud campaign](#), urging the public who are looking to snap up their next holiday deals online to look out for suspiciously enticing offers online, including on social media, and do their research before booking their getaways.

New data shows there were 6,066 reports of holiday fraud made to Action Fraud last year, with July recorded as the highest month of reporting with 647 reports.

Holiday makers lost a combined total of £11,183,957 in 2024, which is comparatively less than the £12.3 million lost in 2023. Despite, the drop in reported loss, the average loss per victim remains at similar levels, with £1,851 the average in 2023 and £1,844 in 2024.

What can you do to protect yourself from holiday fraud?

Check the travel company is legitimate: about to book a holiday? Do some research first to check that the company is legitimate, especially if you haven't used them before. Use consumer websites, or reviews from people (or organisations) that you trust. **Look for the logos:** look for the [ABTA](#), [ABTOT](#) or [ATOL](#) logos on the company's website. If you're unsure, you can use the links below to verify membership:

- ABTA - <https://www.abta.com>
- ABTOT - <https://www.abtot.com/abtot-members-directory/>
- ATOL - <https://www.atol.org>

Use a credit card to pay: use a credit card for payments (if you have one). Many of these protect online purchases as part of the [Consumer Credit Act](#). **Only provide required details at checkout:** when making your payment, only fill in the mandatory details (often marked with an asterisk) such as your address. Unless you think you'll become a regular customer, **don't** create an account for the store. **Keep your accounts secure:** create a strong and unique password for your email. If 2-step verification is

available, always enable it. **Watch out for suspicious links:** whether it's in an email or social media post, be wary of promotions for unbelievably good holiday offers. If you receive a suspicious email, report it by forwarding it to: report@phishing.gov.uk

Find out how to protect yourself from fraud: <https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk>

If you've lost money or provided your financial information to someone, notify your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040. In Scotland, call Police Scotland on 101.

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Alan Parrott:



Trading Standards newsletter



In this edition we highlight the dangers of Lithium-ion batteries and how we worked with Surrey Fire and Rescue service to identify the battery and get it removed from sale.

There is also a warning to residents about home insulation cold calls, and scams relating to WhatsApp, Boots, Just Eat and the digital switchover.

It's essential reading so please do share!

[You can read the newsletter here](https://news.comms.surreycc.info/pa2/send/jj8-4je87) or copy and paste this url into your browser: <https://news.comms.surreycc.info/pa2/send/jj8-4je87>

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The following article has been kindly submitted by Bob Older:

Dear All

It's a little early for Mole (of Wind in the Willows fame) to be on the move but here's a gentle update to begin the year.

Our annual dinner at The Ivy House in December was an excellent “do”, much enjoyed by all. For 2025, we again have Mel Barnet as Hon Sec, Dave Cooper as Hon Treas. plus Maria Branton as the all important Social Sec.,and me.

Rainfall totals from September have been less than 2023/24 so, while groundwater levels remain very high they are a little below same time last year. The floodplain areas remain very wet and there is strong flow all the way from Mobwell Pond. It seems likely that we will have a good stream throughout the year but with slightly less risk of disruptive flooding.

Thameswater continue to work hard to reduce infiltration of groundwater into the sewer network and have completed a project to enable tankers to remove excess at Chalfont St Peter without closure of the High Street. Work to seal pipeline leaks and manholes is continuing up the valley; surplus from Chesham is now being tankered to Maple Lodge rather than transferred to the Misbourne area; local surveys and cleaning of the system is in hand; extra filtration and other improvements are part complete at the Amersham Balancing Tanks. The budget for improvements in the catchment has been increased to £10m and studies are looking at long term opportunities.

The CStP tanker facility was briefly used during two January storms. These came and went too quickly for the surge in additional flow in the sewers to be due to raised groundwater levels but demonstrated the huge amount of water entering the system from domestic roofs and hardstandings etc., which all ought to be going into soakaways or other SUDS. A residents group has begun highlighting this issue. It has produced a flyer - see attached - and is looking into potential areas for absorbent planting and other measures.

The Chiltern Chalkstreams Project Board has circulated a draft “Mending the Misbourne” action plan to various stakeholders for comment and expects to publish at the end of March. It has recently submitted an application to the HS2 Additional Projects fund for a 5-year, £1.7million project to involve dedicated staff and funding to the catchment, working on a similar model to the very successful Chess Smarter Water Catchment project. The plan prioritises improvements in water quality, management of flow, integrity of wildlife corridors and involving people with their local waterbody. It highlights some “big wins” including work to avoid sewage contamination at Amersham and Gerrards Cross and two major watercourse restoration projects as well as tackling invasive species of flora and fauna, an education programme and engagement with the development planning process.

A team in Affinity Water is also looking at possible restoration projects.

Concerns have arisen that plans to enlarge Heathrow airport might involve diverting 4 rivers into 2km-long tunnels and a fifth through a landfill site. This would disconnect the internationally-rare chalk streams of the Chilterns from the Thames. For Eels and other migratory fish on their way to St Albans, Hemel, Chesham, Amersham etc etc (or back to the Sargasso Sea) this would be catastrophic. I understand a shorter third runway might avoid this issue and the need to divert the M25 underground and move the incinerator station seems like something to encourage?

Chiltern Society volunteers and others are working to improve the watercourse through GX Golf Club, next Tuesday 18th February. Please contact me if you would like to know more and/or be involved.

In just a few weeks time, we will be looking for help with work parties - particularly at Chalfont St Giles and through Amersham. To set dates for these and chat about any or all of the above, we will have a not-a-meeting at The Greyhound on Thursday 26th Feb from 7.15 pm. All welcome!

Our WhatsApp group has also been busy in recent weeks with updates on Thameswater progress, details of bird and butterfly recognition events, latest pictures and more. If you would like to join the group, just let me know.

I look forward to seeing you soon, by or in the river,

Best wishes

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Village flooding: how **YOU** can help!

We can all contribute to reducing flooding by managing the water discharge from our properties. Keeping excess water out of our sewers and drainage systems is critical to preventing overloading and flooding. **While the authorities work toward a long-term solution, every small step residents take counts. The actions we take at home influence how much water enters the sewage and drainage systems—and, ultimately, how severe flooding becomes. By working together, we can all help build flood resilience.**

Why reducing runoff matters

Rainwater that runs off from roofs, driveways and patios at the top of the village ends up in the sewers, drainage system and river, where overflows cause severe damage to homes and businesses. By managing the water discharge from our own properties, we slow the flow and reduce the pressure on drains & sewers.



Average usage for a four-resident home generate around **568 litres of water discharge per day**, which is all that should enter the sewage system.

Mis-connections of roofs and driveways can create an additional 5,500 litres per hour in intense storm conditions*

Simple water management to reduce load on sewage system during heavy rainfall



Avoid Running Water: Delay using dishwashers, washing machines, or taking long showers. Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or washing hands.



Run Full Loads: Wait until your dishwasher or washing machine is full.



Limit Toilet Flushing: And use half flush when possible.

Long-term water discharge management to reduce load on drains



Ensure Proper Drainage: Ensure that rainwater from your downpipes, patios and driveways is not illegally flowing to the sewer system or onto streets. Surface water drainage should adhere to local Building Regulations.



Install Water Butts: Collect rainwater by installing water butts on your downpipes. This reduces the volume of water flowing into drains and provides an alternative water source for your garden. In winter, drain water butts during dry periods ready for the next storm.



Use Permeable Surfaces: If renovating, opt for permeable materials like gravel or porous paving for your driveway. This allows rainwater to soak into the ground. Avoid creating large impermeable areas like tarmac or concrete that increase runoff.

Practical Steps for Flood Resilience



Clear Leaves and Debris: Regularly clear leaves and debris from drains around your home.



Green Up Your Garden: Planting shrubs, hedges, and trees helps absorb excess water and reduces pressure on drains and sewers.

Community Action - Working Together to Slow Flooding

Report Issues Promptly: Report blocked road gullies, leaking manhole covers, or drainage and sewer issues. Advise the Parish Council of any issues and incidents. Contact details overleaf.

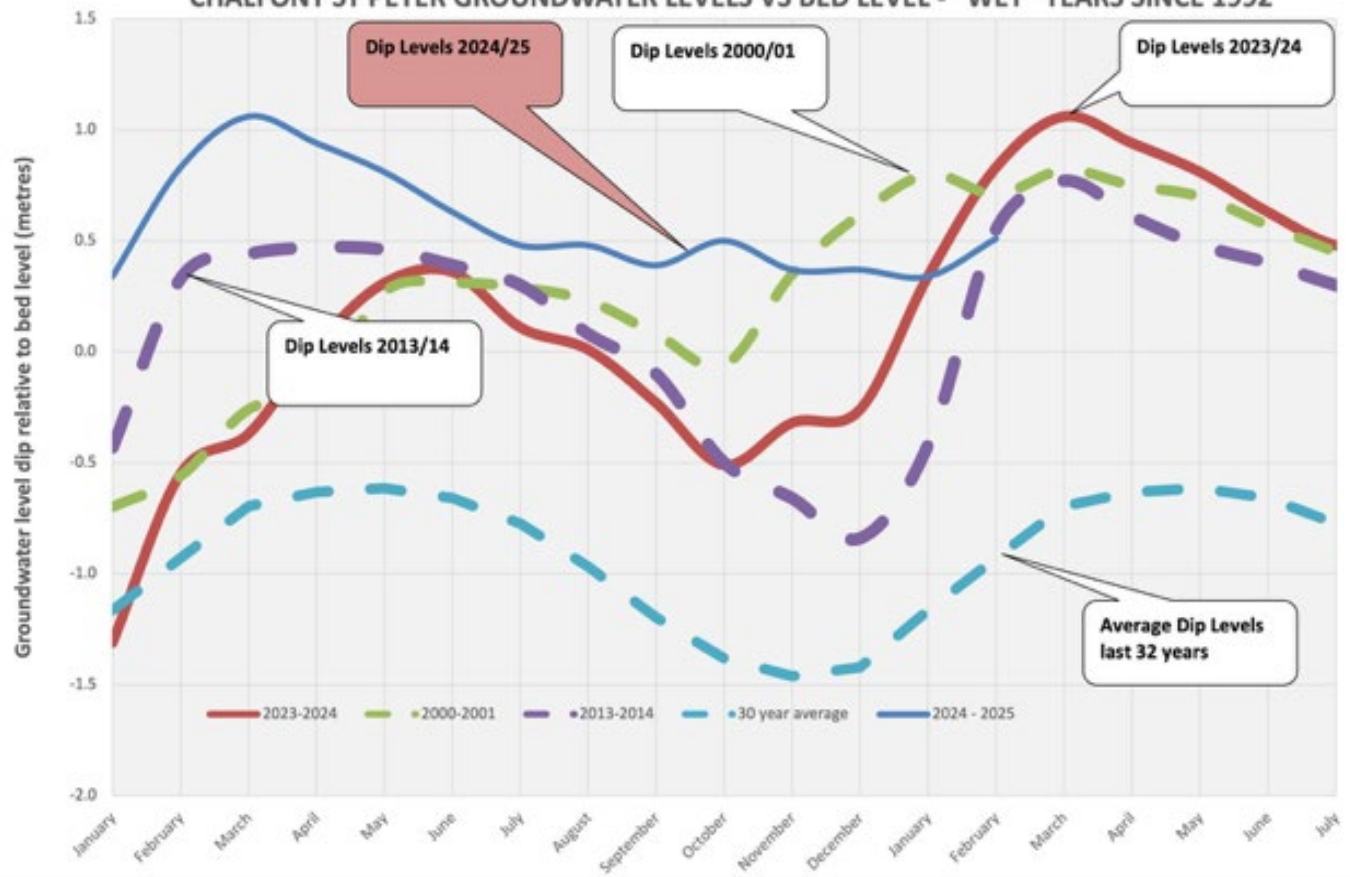
Get Involved: Volunteers are needed to raise awareness and to also help keep drains clear of leaves and debris.

Share Water-Reducing Tips: Talk to your friends & family about these easy water-reduction practices.

Stay Informed: Follow local news and community bulletins.

*Misconnections of surface water (rainwater) flowing into the sewerage system rather than soakaways. Information supplied by Thames Water on October 1st 2024. Thames Water is happy to take questions on its data collection. Please email eir.requests@thameswater.co.uk

CHALFONT ST PETER GROUNDWATER LEVELS VS BED LEVEL - "WET" YEARS SINCE 1992



January 2025 Julia Bradbury bridge



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The following article has been kindly submitted by Stewart Walker:

[National Garden Scheme Opening - Cornfield Cottage - 19/06/25](#)

Not only is it a lovely day out but raises money for charity as well!