



## GX Fun Run 20th May 2018 – an amazing event

The GX Fun Run team are delighted to announce that the 10th Gerrards Cross Fun Run raised a staggering and incredible £40,000! This is the most the Fun Run has raised, and it could not have been possible without YOU! Read all about it in the middle spread.

## West Common Ponds

At the beginning of this year Gerrards Cross Town Council carried out extensive rejuvenation of Latchmoor Pond plus reed clearance and overhanging branch removal at New Pond. Since then we have had a lot of rain which helped to restore water levels and the churned up shores. As mentioned at our Annual Town Meeting in April we have consulted with and commissioned an ecologist specialising in aquatic science to survey both ponds with a view to improving water quality, aquatic vegetation and habitats and ultimately the development of a Ponds Management Plan to enhance and maximise the ecological health of both ponds. By this programme we plan to improve our ponds not only for wildlife but also to improve the visual appeal for the local community and visitors to the Common.

The first survey took place in April (you may have seen a small dinghy on Latchmoor Pond...) to sample and analyse water quality and invertebrates. Further surveys will take place in August and later in the year to give a full annual picture of our ponds. Water sampling and analysis will also be carried out regularly.

Latchmoor and New Ponds are an important part of West Common and provide a visual and conservation interest to us all.



Latchmoor Pond – survey



New Pond – lilies

# Neighbourhood Plan progressing at pace!

Work has been underway for almost 18 months on the Gerrards Cross Neighbourhood Plan which enables all local people to have a say on the future of their local area.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, made up entirely of local volunteers, has been working hard on the following key areas;

- Town Centre
- Housing
- Traffic & Transport
- Environment & Leisure
- Community & Health

Contributions have already been received from a number of residents following recent activities arranged by the Steering Group, but we need more help.

The principle behind the Neighbourhood Plan, is that all people in the town contribute their thoughts and ideas on how to shape the future of Gerrards Cross. This applies to residents, those whose businesses are in the town and people who work here. All views are welcome, indeed vital, because without a wide range of thoughts, the Neighbourhood Plan will not

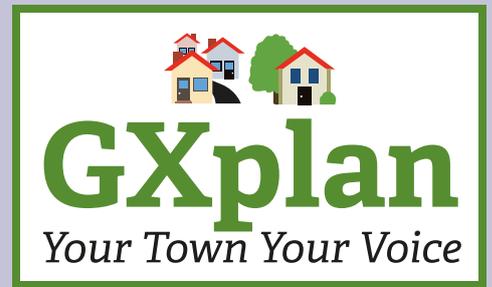
fairly represent Gerrards Cross in the best way possible.

To date, input from businesses in the town has been limited, so the Steering Group would welcome more thoughts from people who own businesses and/or work here.

In the near future, the Steering Group will be sending a questionnaire to all residences and businesses showing how work is progressing and asking for more input.

Eventually, once all views are received and evaluated, the draft Neighbourhood Plan will be proposed to all in Gerrards Cross in the form of a local referendum, following which, after external examination, it passes into law.

If you would like to know anything about how the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing, would like to offer suggestions based around any of the categories listed above or would like to offer help, please contact the Steering Group on its website; (go to the 'Help Us' section): <https://gxplan.co.uk>



## Unitary Council Submission

Residents will be aware that plans have been submitted to the Secretary of State for Local Government for the reorganisation of our County and District Councils into one or two Unitary Councils. We currently have Buckinghamshire County Council that runs Transport, Social Services and Education, and four

District Councils (South Bucks, Chiltern, Wycombe and Aylesbury Vale) that run Planning, Environment and Waste Collection. Creating a Unitary Council means that all these responsibilities will come under a single Council.

Gerrards Cross Town Council's response to the consultation on this matter is as follows:

The Single Unitary (Bucks CC) option requires the localisation of the existing district councils' functions in the form of Community Hubs and Planning Committees.

The Two Unitary option requires the creating of a Combined Authority to undertake Bucks County Council's Transport, Education and Social Services.

This means that each of the two options involves the recreating of the existing structure. We believe that the existing structure should remain in place and continue until the evolution of the districts can work together as a Two Tier Unitary Authority.

Surely keeping to the Status Quo until a well thought out business case is fully developed and approved by Government will then ensure successful implementation of change.

This is such an important matter, affecting the lives of so many people and for future generations that it is important not to rush but to ensure careful consideration is given to all aspects of the issues involved and Government should make sure this happens.

Also it is imperative that any plans should incorporate the involvement of town and parish

councils which are at the heart of localism, a commitment encouraged and endorsed by Government. Town and parish councils can offer so much commitment to ensuring the needs of the community are made known and for work to be carried out to meet these needs in a cost effective way. Town and parish councils are a key factor to ensure the needs of society are fulfilled and perhaps to date this resource has been underused

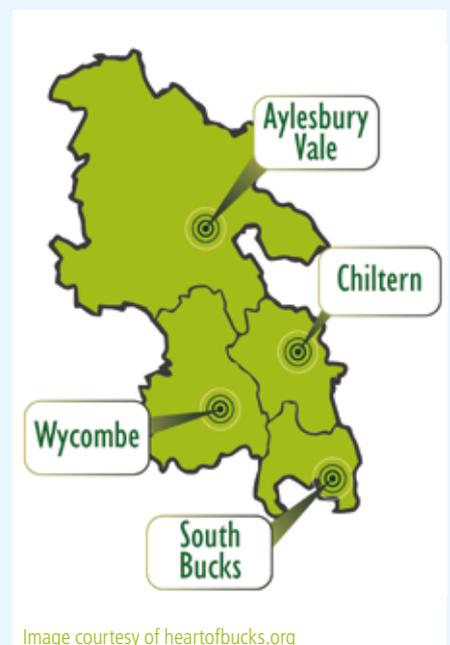


Image courtesy of heartofbucks.org

# Bulstrode Camp

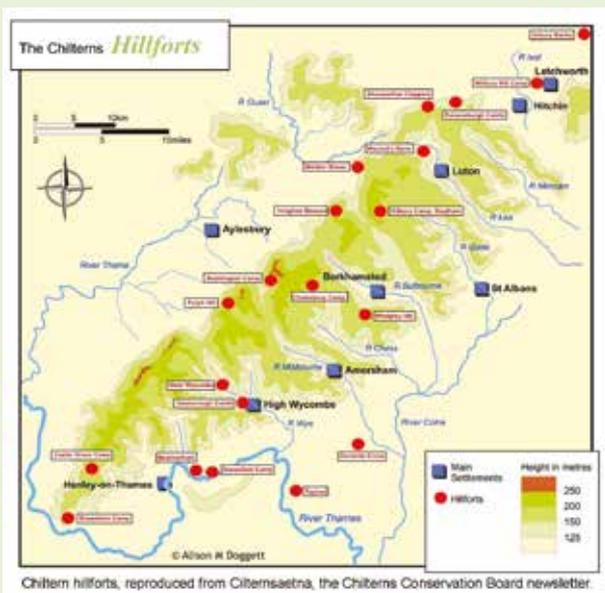


Members of Gerrards Cross Town Council met recently with Dr Wendy Morrison, Project Manager for The Chilterns Conservation Board at Bulstrode Camp for an initial survey.

The Chilterns Conservation Board, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, is delivering an exciting project which will engage and inspire communities to discover, conserve, and enjoy the Chilterns' Iron Age hillforts and their prehistoric chalk landscapes. Ancient hillforts have fascinated historians and archaeologists for centuries. Enduring and prominently situated, they have sparked the imaginations of generations through the glimpse they give us into our history.

As the largest hillfort in the Chilterns, Bulstrode Camp will be included in this project as well as The Fosse, a large set of banks, ditches and earthworks which comprised the defensive boundary of the site. Many of these earthworks pass through back gardens of residents living adjacent to the hillfort and they are fortunate to be the stewards of such a significant and enduring ancient site.

The whole site is protected as a Scheduled Ancient Monument and it is a prosecutable offence to damage – intentionally or through neglect – any Scheduled Ancient Monument. This includes removing, altering or adding to the earthworks or interior, metal



Chiltern hillforts, reproduced from Chilternsaetna, the Chilterns Conservation Board newsletter.

detecting anywhere on the site, or tipping of any kind (even garden waste) into the Fosse.

For more information about this exciting project: <http://www.chilternsaonb.org>

The project will need volunteers, if you can help please email Ed Peveler at [epeveler@chilternsaonb.org](mailto:epeveler@chilternsaonb.org)

# Community Policing Newsletter Denham and Gerrards Cross



## Neighbourhood Priorities

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) are decided by the Community Forum for the whole of South Bucks. This steering group is made up of members of the community and representatives from organisations across the area. The forum is not run by the Police although we do play a part. This allows us to speak to a good cross section of society and find out what you want us to do and how you want us to police your area. The top three priorities are chosen by the forum every three months and are actioned by your Neighbourhood Policing Team.

### Priority One – Burglary

During the last three months there have been twelve reported burglaries in the Gerrards Cross, Denham, Hedgerley and Fulmer areas. These include two counts of domestic burglary, two attempted burglaries, one garage break, one shed break and two reported burglaries to buildings under construction. If you see anything suspicious or out of place, please call us. Can you please ensure that your property is locked and secure when you leave, as some offences can be prevented by having secure premises? Now the better weather is coming (hopefully!), if you go away, ensure you cancel newspaper & milk deliveries, and make neighbours you trust aware that you'll be away, so they can keep an eye on your property as well.

### Priority Two – Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

Following an increase in reported ASB incidents in both the Gerrards Cross and Denham areas patrols will be increased in reported locations and offenders have been identified. We will be working in partnership with Housing Authorities and reminding tenants of their obligations under their tenancy agreements. If you do witness any Anti-Social Behaviour, please contact us so we can deal fairly, robustly and promptly to prevent escalation.

### Priority Three – Speeding

Speeding is an area that has been highlighted and we will be working with colleagues from Roads Policing on Operations to highlight the dangers of driving at excess speed. We are now collating information received from members of public and will be expediting operations in various roads.

If you have any information in relation to this message, please contact us via the 24-hour **non-emergency number 101**. To find out more about Thames Valley Police in your area - please go to our website.

If you do not want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online**. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.





# THE GERRARDS CROSS FUN RUN 2018

All 1500 places for the 10th Gerrards Cross Fun Run were sold two weeks prior to the day, proof of how successful it has become, the biggest community event in the local area.

The 1500 runners aged eight upwards, included 67 teams and 37 dogs, with their owners, and was attended by approximately 3500 spectators.

The 5K race started at 12 noon from the Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre, followed local roads and finished on East Common.

Following the race, runners and spectators gathered on East Common and wandered amongst the many stalls, manned by the local business Gold Sponsors.

These included a very large roving dinosaur, guess the name of a puppy, donkey rides and Beat the Goalie, plus children's sprints for four to nine year olds.

The BBQ filled hungry tummies with locally-sourced meats and veggie options. Not forgetting the Pimms and Beer tent.

Live music was provided by four local bands, playing something for everyone to enjoy, and the festival began!

Who needs Glastonbury!



Local **MP Dominic Grieve** at the GX Town Council stand

The GX Fun Run Team would like to give a huge heart felt THANK YOU to the wonderful and generous local business sponsors, who provide financial or service support, every runner, spectator and families, who took part, enjoyed, and were part of this fabulous day.

We would also like to thank the Lord of the Manor, for use of East Common, The Gerrards Cross & Chalfont St. Peter and The Misbourne Matins Rotarian Clubs for marshalling, and St. James Church Volunteers.

The money raised will be donated to this year's chosen charities which are Medical Detection Dogs – Reg. Number 1124533 and National Society for Epilepsy – Reg. Number 206186. Both these charities are local worthwhile organisations where our donations will really make a difference.

**Go to [gxfunrun.org.uk](http://gxfunrun.org.uk)**

For lots of photos of the day

**GERRARDS CROSS FUN RUN ORGANISING TEAM WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS AS WELL AS EVERYONE WHO RAN, WALKED, CLAPPED, CHEERED, VOLUNTEERED, JOINED IN THE FUN AND MADE THE DAY SUCH A SUCCESS SEE YOU IN 2020!**

Thank you to GX resident **Martin Baker** for the photographs.



# Chiltern Cheshire Home 50 years in Gerrards Cross

50 years ago on 12th June 1968 Leonard Cheshire Disability opened a home in North Park, Gerrards Cross. It was opened by HRH the Duchess of Kent and was home to 7 residents.

Sadly this home was destroyed by fire in 1988.

On 12th June 1990 and after much fund raising Chiltern House was opened on the Packhorse Road, coincidentally again by HRH the Duchess of Kent. Today Chiltern House is home to 22 residents and a big part of our Gerrards Cross Community, providing support for physically disabled adults in a friendly and safe environment.

To Celebrate 50 years a Tea Party was held

at Chiltern House on 12th June 2018. Congratulations and here's to another 50 years!

Contact: Leonard Cheshire [info@leonardcheshire.org](mailto:info@leonardcheshire.org)



## Listed/De-listing Buildings

Gerrards Cross is fortunate to have a number of listed buildings – defined as 'those considered to be of special architectural or historic interest' according to Historic England guidance.

The list is maintained by Historic England and can be viewed on their website at [www.historicengland.org.uk](http://www.historicengland.org.uk).

It is also possible for these buildings to be de-listed if they no longer meet the criteria for listing. Applications for de-listing are made to Historic England. The District Council and owner of the building are consulted on the application. Unfortunately the consultation does not extend to Town Councils or neighbours.

This type of application was recently made for a property in Gerrards Cross. As it had been allowed to deteriorate into such a poor condition it was eventually delisted. It is now proposed for the building to be demolished and a new development built in its place.

The Town Council only learnt about the de-listing after it had been completed, when raising the current condition of the property with the District Council. The Town Council strongly believes that it should have the same right to comment on such proposals as they do with normal planning applications, before a decision is made.

We are also disappointed that the District Council did not step in, using statutory powers it possesses, to stop the deterioration of the building over the years.

In future, we would request that residents inform us and the District Council if they feel a listed building is being allowed to fall into disrepair in a similar way to this case. We would also be interested to hear from residents with their views on if they believe there should a change in the procedure for how the de-listing process is handled.

## Anti-Social Behaviour & Crime Reporting

Following recent problems with Anti-Social Behaviour and drug dealing in Gerrards Cross we would strongly encourage all residents to report any incidents they witness to the relevant authorities. Only by reporting incidents can the Police and Bucks County Council build up a picture of what is going on and act accordingly.

- For emergencies that require immediate police action, **call 999**.
- For incidents or Anti-Social Behaviour that are not quite so serious but need to be reported immediately, call 101.
- For incidents such as drug dealing that need to be reported as they can be defined as a crime, but not necessarily immediately, fill out the form that can be found under [www.thethamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thethamesvalley.police.uk). You will be given an incident number which is important for any follow on action that may be required.
- For less serious incidents or Anti-Social Behaviour that don't require a 101 call, fill out the reporting form on the South Bucks District Council under <http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/article/7329/Anti-social-Behaviour>. You should get a reply and the incident will be logged and an incident number allocated.

If all residents report anything they witness we may be able to maintain our quality of life in Gerrards Cross.



# Snow White is coming to town!

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs will be the stars of the Gerrards Cross Pantomime this December, with matinee and evening performances – dates to be confirmed soon. Watch this space and our website, and the GX Community Association website for details.



## Jumble Sale

The famous Gerrards Cross Jumble Sale is coming soon. Friday 28th September 10am–2pm, and Saturday 29th September 10am–1pm. There will be bargains galore, so put the date in your diary now, and plan to get there early. Outside tents and indoor halls will be open on both days with the sale of toys, clothes, sports gear, curtains, household items, furniture, shoes, handbags, children's wear, and much more. The designer stall will be open only on Saturday. Refreshments and free parking are available, and the venue is the Gerrards Cross Community Association, East Common, Gerrards Cross SL9 7AD.



## GERRARDS CROSS



## SUMMER SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

**23rd JULY – 3rd AUGUST 2018**

**THE MEMORIAL CENTRE, EAST COMMON,  
GERRARDS CROSS, SL9 7AD TEL: 01753 883759**

**[www.gxca.org.uk/summer-school](http://www.gxca.org.uk/summer-school)**

Gerrards Cross Summer School has been a part of the Community for 35 years and is organised by a group of dedicated volunteers. From July 23rd to August 3rd you can book a day course on a variety of subjects ranging from Music to History, Craft to Personal Development.

Why not come and hear about Victoria and Albert (D50), Charles I (D29) or perhaps Pageant to Pop: The History of Music in London (D22)...maybe Photography in the Garden (D48) is your interest or Embroidery of nature's images (D69) or possibly a day learning from Charles Crawford about conveying your message in a memorable and convincing way (D37).

We have lots of choices but spaces are filling up very quickly. All details are on the website (<http://www.gxca.org.uk/summer-school/>) and you can access hard copies of the brochure from the Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre reception desk. We look forward to welcoming you!!

## Four

The annual Gerrards Cross Charity Golf Day organised by the Rotary Clubs of Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St Peter and Misbourne Matins is coming up soon. Book now if you would like a place. Four balls will cost £320 per four ball, including dinner. Tee time 1pm, and the date is Friday 31st August at the Gerrards Cross Golf Club.

Contact Desmond Hall at [dlhall@doctors.org.uk](mailto:dlhall@doctors.org.uk) for details and reserve your slot. For more information about the course, go to [www.gxgolf.co.uk/course\\_description](http://www.gxgolf.co.uk/course_description)



**GERRARDS CROSS ANNUAL  
CLASSIC CARS AND MOTORCYCLE EVENT**

**Wednesday 8th August from Midday**

Bring your family and friends to see an amazing collection of vintage cars and motorbikes. Light refreshments and a licensed bar will be available. Spectator entry is just £2 (children under 14 are free), and all funds go local charities. The Abbeyfield, the Gerrards Cross Community Association and the Rotary Club of Gerrards Cross & Chalfont St. Peter have teamed up to organise the event in the GX Community Association grounds.

The venue is Gerrards Cross Community Association, East Common, Gerrards Cross SL9 7AD. For further information please visit the website – [www.gxclassiccars.co.uk](http://www.gxclassiccars.co.uk).

# Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Location	Time	Cost
<b>Book Fair</b>	Saturday 14th July	GXCA. Thousands of books for sale, and refreshments are available.	10am to 4pm	£1
<b>Colne Valley Festival</b>	Sunday 22nd July	Denham Country Park UB9 5PG. Food, local interest and craft stalls, live music and locally brewed beer!	11am to 4pm	Free
<b>GXCA AGM</b>	Tuesday 24th July	GXCA – Colston Hall. AGM for members of GXCA	7:30pm	Free
<b>GX Summer School</b>	23rd July to 3rd August	GX Community Association, East Common. Details available now on <a href="http://www.gxca.org.uk/summer-school/">http://www.gxca.org.uk/summer-school/</a>	All day, typically 10am-4pm	£50 per course
<b>Classic Car Show</b>	Wednesday 8th August	GXCA. The GX Classic Car Show will be back for its 10th successive year ! Details on : <a href="http://gxclassiccars.co.uk/">http://gxclassiccars.co.uk/</a> For more information, call 07715-561604	Midday onwards	£2 adult, U14 free
<b>Friday Night Live Music</b>	Friday 10th August	GXCA Bar. Live music with local band "Just Kidding"	Bar opens 7:30pm	Free
<b>Beaconsfield Country Fayre</b>	Monday 27th August	Old Beaconsfield. Details to follow on <a href="http://beaconsfieldcountryfayre.org/">http://beaconsfieldcountryfayre.org/</a>	Midday to 3.30pm	Free
<b>Charity Golf Event</b>	Friday 31st August	GX Golf Club. A Charity Golf Day organised by Rotary. Contact Desmond Hall for more information <a href="mailto:dlhall@doctors.org.uk">dlhall@doctors.org.uk</a>	1pm Tee off	£320 per Four Ball
<b>Dog Show</b>	Sunday 2nd September	GXCA. Lots of dog competitions and agility. BBQ and beer tent. Bouncy castle and children's games, food stalls and refreshments.	Midday, dog show 1pm	£1 adult, children free
<b>Amersham Heritage Day</b>	Sunday 9th September	Old Amersham - Amersham Heritage Day Fantastic activities and exciting attractions on offer. Stalls, vintage cars, mini funfair, street food and lots more.	11.30am to 5.30pm	Free
<b>Jumble Sale</b>	28th & 29th September	GXCA. Bargains galore. Tents and indoor halls selling Toys, Clothes, Sports Gear, Curtains, Household items, Furniture, Shoes, Handbags, Children's Wear, and much more. Refreshments and Free parking	Friday 10am-2pm Saturday 10am-1pm	TBA
<b>Bollywood Night</b>	Friday 12th October	GXCA – Colston Hall. Indian buffet, Bollywood dance shows, workshop. DJ to finish. Tickets and details from <a href="mailto:office@gxca.org.uk">office@gxca.org.uk</a> 01753 883759	7pm	£35 pp
<b>Fireworks</b>	Saturday 3rd November	GXCA Memorial Centre – Family Firework Display. BBQ, Bar and Music. Details and tickets from <a href="mailto:office@gxca.org.uk">office@gxca.org.uk</a> 01753 883759	Gates open 5:30pm Blast Off 6:30pm	Adult £7 Child £5 Family £20 (2 adults, 2 children)
<b>GX 100 Remembering our Fallen Heroes 1914-1918</b>	9th to 11th November 2018	GXCA Garden Room. An exhibition remembering those in GX who were involved in World War 1. The Fallen Heroes, and others who were involved.	Fri 12-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 12-4	£1 or a donation. U16 free.
<b>Chiltern American Women's Club Christmas Bazaar</b>	Sunday 11th November	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Oxford Road, Gerrards Cross HP9 2XE. CAWC Bazaar with dozens of high quality stalls. More info on their website <a href="http://cawc.co.uk/activities/">http://cawc.co.uk/activities/</a>	10am to 4pm (TBC)	£3 entry (TBC)
<b>Comedy Night</b>	Friday 16th November	GXCA – Colston Hall. 3 Award-winning acts and a compere. Tickets: <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/GXCA">www.ticketsource.co.uk/GXCA</a> Please note: this show may contain strong language.	Bar open 7:30pm Showtime 8:00pm	£15 plus booking fee
<b>Cheshire Home Christmas Fair</b>	Saturday 24th November	GX Cheshire Home, 82 Packhorse Road. Fun Christmas Fair afternoon with collectables and Bric-a-Brac stall, cake stall, Residents stall selling gifts, cards and Christmas decorations. Raffle and 'guess the weight of the cake'.	2.30pm to 4.30pm	Free
<b>GX Christmas Festival</b>	Wednesday 5th December	Station Road, Packhorse Road and Oak End Way. Even bigger and better than before. Who will be the 2018 Celebrity switching on the Christmas Lights next Christmas?	5:30pm to 8pm	Free
<b>GX Christmas Pantomime</b>	TBA	Colston Hall, GXCA. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. What fun! Details to follow. Important to book early. This year will be the 10th panto, with a cast again led by Professional West End performers.	TBA	TBA

Note GXCA is the Gerrards Cross Community Association, 8 East Common SL9 7AD

For more information, visit the GXCA website [www.gxca.org.uk](http://www.gxca.org.uk), e-Mail [office@gxca.org.uk](mailto:office@gxca.org.uk) or call Michaela Dean on 01753-883759.

GXCA also includes the Memorial Centre and Colston Hall [www.colstonhallgx.com](http://www.colstonhallgx.com)

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