

GUIDE THROUGH
THE PETER CHELČICKY
MUSEUM IN CHELČICE

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The Peter Chelčicky Museum is situated in the historical center of the village Chelčice. 49°7′19.676″N, 14°10′11.737″E

Welcome to the Peter Chelčicky Museum.

Go with us in the footsteps of ancestors of Chelčicko-Region and of the historical complex of the cultural landscape of Libějovicko-Lomecko; touch the medieval period of Peter of Chelčice and get to know his personality and work.

On the ground floor of the Museum find you the regional exposition (the information on page 4-18 and 35), in the 1st floor than the thematic exhibition about the personality of Peter Chelčicky (the information on page 36-45). In the brochure also find you information about the origin of the Museum and extensive photo documentation.

Chelčicko-Region is a positive compromise Microregion. of the informative and entertaining concept of museum exposition.

designed in atypical form with the contemple, on which the museum is focused. porary spirit, they are simple and purpose-Peter Chelčicky, his bequest in the work Net of Faith.

On the ground floor, the focus is presentation of the Regional Museum of Chelčicko, Monument Zone of Libějovicko-Lomecko and Chelčicko-Lhenice-Micro-region.

The ground floor of the Peter Chelčický-Region (with the name "Chelčicko through František Bílek, J. V. Dušek or J. Lain.

Peter Chelčický-Museum and his legacy in the significance of Chelčicko-Lhenice-

The other important part of the Museum are play (interactive) elements, appealing The elements of the exhibition contents are the target group of children and young peo-

ful with a high accent on the main idea of On the first floor, the meaning of the personality of Peter Chelčicky is explained. The historic life and institutions, basic facts of the life and ideas of Peter Chelčický are presented with focus on the main idea of his work Net of Faith.

The exposition of the 1st floor contains also the artistic and aesthetical representation of Peter of Chelčice, e.g. by the painter Museum focuses not only on Chelčicko- of Slavonic epopée by A. Mucha, sculptors

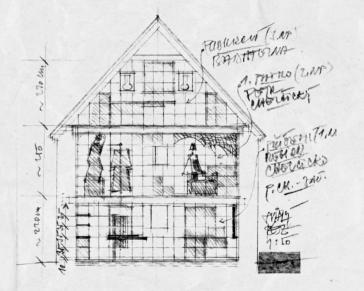
time"), but also on the whole Monument Also here the interactive elements of the Zone of Libějovicko-Lomecka and on medieval time of Peter Chelčický are situcrops grown in the time of Peter of Chelčice Chelčický also in this way. and the film document concerning the personality of Peter Chelčický.

In the Research Room, there are besides the interactive element of writing by quill on the replica of the medieval pulpit other two plates concerning the legacy of Peter Chelčický in the literature: Rediscovery of Chelčický and Selected titles from the literature about Chelčický.

In the reference library, selected titles of works by Peter Chelčický, literature about Chelčický and the regional legacy to this important personality are located.

Here we find also the space for broader context of historic information concerning the life and teaching of Peter Chelčický being presented in the digital form. The visitors

ated, .e.g. fashion, tools and equipment, the have the oportunity to lezen about Peter



1. PRESENT TIME OF CHELČICE

for several centuries local landlords to ciation Bušavá and football club Chelčice. growing fruit. Chelčice is also known all over the country by its development and application of biological methods in the protection of orchards. And apples from Chelčice are a synonym for health which tastes.

About the rich social and cultural life in the village take care local organizations, for example Citizens Association Mája - creative Chelčice, which connects several amateur association - children's theater group Chelčice luck, Club of wellbeing and en-

Chelčice village is situated in the pictur- tertainment, volleyball club VC Chelčice, esque landscape of Bohemian Forest Hills for mothers and children is here maternity and the Basin of Českobudějovicko, where center Klubíčko. In the village are also acthe natural and climatic conditions allow tively fire brigade Chelčice, hunting asso-



2. HISTORY OF CHELČICE

In 2000, the municipality was awarded as In Chelčice, the settlement existed already Program of Rural Areas Renewal.

meditation.

South-Bohemian Village of the Year in the in the early Middle-Ages, the oldest written reference dates back, however, to the year 1357. The municipality came into be-With the support of village was in com- ing near the trade path leading from the pound of the former rectory established Austrian border through Netolice and Chelčice home St. Linhart, which operates Vodňany to the interior of Bohemia. At social therapeutic workshops for people the end of the 14th century, the noble famwith mental or physical disabilities. Rec- ily of Hrůza settled here, the members of tory garden is gradually transformed into which held high functions in administraa natural garden, a place for meeting and tion of estates of mighty magnates Ulrich of Rosenberg and George of Poděbrady. In the second half of the 15th century, Chelčice was transferred into the ownership of the knights of Malovice.

> Peter Chelčický, an important medieval thinker and reformer lived in Chelčice.

3. ST. MARTIN CHURCH IN CHELČICE

St. Martin's Church was built in the Romanesque style about 1240. From this period, the Romanesque portal on the Southern side and two embrasures on the Northern side in the toner remained preserved. At the end of the 17th century a presbytery and the church tower were added to the original church – present church nave. From 1725 to 1740 the church was finished and acquired the present outlook. The whole church is distinguished by the harmony of the Baroque and rococo style elements. The Baroque idea to accentuate the impression of the largeness of the church by the perspective of ceiling paintcel with apsid is implemented very well. and nice place.



The rococo clear white decorated with fine ing and the painted frontage of the chan- gold ornaments made this church a cosy

4. LIBĚJOVICKO-LOMECKO

12th and 14th centuries when also the culti- form of a mighty four-row-alley which connoble families in the South Bohemia were: South. family of Malovec, Rosenberg, Eggenberg, Schwarzenberg, Černín and Buquoy.

Fundamentals of the landscape around Libějovice were laid in the Baroque time during the reign of Buquoys; at that time,

The Baroque landscape of Libějovicko is in-significant architectural as well as landscape tentionally remodelled landscape unit rep- interventions were made in Libějovice doresenting the historic cultural landscape. main. The new castle in the centre of the Essential changes in the outlook of the composition was connected with important landscape were carried out first of all dur- Baroque buildings in the landscape through ing the colonizing of the territory in the a significant composition axis. This has the vation of the landscape developed and was nected the castle with the Spa and with the influenced considerably by the activity of Mary Magdalene's Chapel on the Norththe mighty aristocratic families administer- ern side, with the pilgrim church of Virgin ing extensive domains. The most important Mary's Name on the hill of Lomec in the



5. RESPONSE TO PETER CHELČICKÝ IN VODŇANY-REGION

The Association for building Chelčický-Monument was founded 100 years ago in 1906 on the incentive of students from Vodňany and surroundings. The main effort of the association was to collect a sufficient financial fund for the construction of Peter Chelčický-Monument in Vodňany.

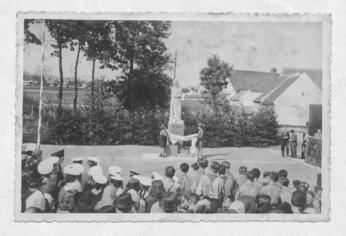
The monument started to be built in 1914, when the property of the association amounted 2600 crowns. After the long-lasting effort, the monument of Peter Chelčický by the sculptor František Bílek was unveiled solemnly at the beginning of the World War I in August 1914.



6. RESPONSES ON THE WORK OF PETER CHELČICKÝ IN CHELČICKO-REGION

The Peter Chelčický-Association had functioned here in the municipality from 1925 to 1950, when it was violently cancelled by ČSM (Czechoslovak Association of Young People). The goal of the Peter Chelčický-Association was to finance the construction of Peter Chelčický-Monument by the sculptor from Tábor J. V. Dušek.

For this statue, the association collected the author is the carver from Krušné Hory Jiří money from theatre performances played Lain. In 2004, the first year of Days of Peter in the municipality as well as the surroundings. In 2002, Chelčice municipality cel- ised by the Municipality of Chelčice togethebrated 650 years from its foundation. At er with the Unity of the Brethren Baptists, this opportunity, a public collection was Czechoslovak Hussite Church and Roman-



had a new statue of Peter Chelčický created, located in this museum on the 1st floor. The Chelčický took place in the village, organorganised from which the municipality Catholic Parish in Chelčice every two years.

7. LIBĚJOVICKO

connection to Malovec comes from the year present. 1264). In 1559, the manor was bought by Wilhelm of Rosenberg and after him the domain was owned by the family of Švamberk and after 1620 by Buquoy.

In 1801, Libějovice were sold by Jan Earl of Buquoy to the duke Joseph Schwarzenberg.

Under the reign of this family, Libějovice flourished significantly. The new castle was founded in 1696 by the earl Philip Emanuel Buquoy. In 1924, the owners became

The ancient origin of Libějovice municipal- redemptorists who founded here a private ity is proved by two castles - the old and grammar school of the order. After the war, new one. The old castle was built in place of this building was owned by the state and a fortress, the seat of the family of Malovec since 1950 it was utilized by the border (the first written reference to Libějovice in guard. Both castles are in private hands at



To the south from Libějovice, there was a fortress and manor of Nestanice, the property of Malovec family. The fortress was in the place of present farmhouses No. 12, 13, 14 and 42, a well and a cellar are preserved in the No. 12. On the village square, there is a square St. Linhart's Chapel (with a belfry) built of bricks in the simple style originating from the 1st half of the 19th century.

Černěves lies 7 km to the South-East from Vodňany. On the village square, we are captured by a small chapel from the year 1827, the architecture of which is influenced by the construction of the church on the near Lomec.

On the wooded hill of Lomec, there is a pilgrim church of Virgin Mary's Name.



8. CHELČICKO-LHENICKO-MICRO-REGION, ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES

The micro-region of Chelčicko-Lhenicko; the association of municipalities came into being in 2003 and it associates the villages: Chelčice, Lhenice, Malovice, Mičovice, Truskovice and the village of Libějovice, which entered the association in 2008. Through the micro-region, the events are organised supporting and developing the common traditions of the region.

The micro-region is the organiser of the traditional spring Festivities of Flowers and autumn Festivities of Fruits, moreover it provided for marking of cycle tracks and it built the common information system. In the development strategy of the territory, the micro-region of Chelčicko-Lhenicko postulated as its main goal the



complete development of the social region and it concentrates on the support of the following: development of co-operation, business and employment of inhabitants,





development of rural infrastructure and the support of tourism, utilisation of the cultural and natural heritage, development of human resources and stabilization of inhabitants, environment protection.

9. CITIZEN ASSOCIATION BLOSSOM OF SOUTH BOHEMIA'S GARDEN - LOCAL ACTION GROUP

The area of interest LAG Blossom of South Bohemia's Garden is created by 25 villages (in July 2012) - villages from microregions - Chelčicko-Lhenicko, the part of microregion Blata (all villages microregion except the town Hluboká nad Vltavou) and villages Nákří and Dasný, which are situated in area Blata, but they are not members of microregion. And then villages in Šumava mountain Nová Pec, Želnava, Křišťanov, Ktiš, Černá v Pošumaví and Horní Planá, in continuity with military training Boletice, which concluded with LAG partnership agreement.

LAG in March 2004). The current area of activities of the area LAG (in 2007).



interest LAG Blossom of South Bohemia's Garden was created by entry of neighbouring microregion Blata in 2006 and other expansion was after the realization the project The center of LAG is microregion LEADER+ c) acquisition of skills, when vil-Chelčicko-Lhenicko (from establishing lage Nákří agreed with involvement in the

LAG took place in the first half of 2012 in develop the collective region. the area Šumava mountains. Villages in this and its strategic plan and they have an in-



Another "wave" expansion the territory terest in future work together and further

operates as a civic association on the basis of local partnerships. The target is to participate in the creation and implementation of the integrated strategy of the development of the rural region and to lead the participants of the partnership on the local level to the higher utilization of the potential on their territory. The intention is first of all introducing new forms of improving the quality of life in the rural areas, strengthening the economic environment, local economic development and valuation of the natural and cultural heritage.

10. MALOVICKO, LOMECKO, TRUSKOVICKO

gion in ancient times. Malovice village is there is a tetragonal fencing named Na the original seat of Malovec from Malovice sancích, proving the social and spiritual family. The settlement was referenced in life of prehistoric Celts. written sources in 1314. In 1559, Malovice The building of the former castle of was bought by Wilhelm of Rosenberg; by Poděhusy is a part of Podeřiště village. The founding the pond, he split one settlement castle had been the property of Rosenberg in two villages, Malovice and Malovičky. family since the 13th century. In 1421, it At present, the fortress is preserved in the was burnt down by Jan Žižka and had not Southern part of Malovičky, where it pro- been renewed any more. It is a protected trudes into the pond as peninsula.

To the North-West from Malovice, in Krand groves; some of them originate from ic time of early Middle-Ages.

Malovicko proves the settlement of this re- In the neighbouring village of Hradiště,

archeological monument at present.

Truskovice village is located on the edge telský Forest, there are cairn burial grounds of the freely composed Baroque landscape of Libějovicko-Lomecko. The oldest referthe middle Bronze Age, most of them date ence to the village is connected with the back to the Halstatt time and into the Slav- names of lower noblemen Rudolf and Budislav from Truskovice as witnesses on the

















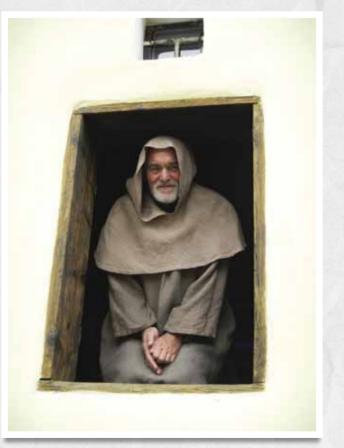




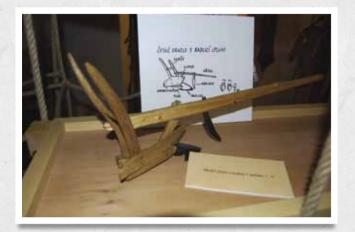




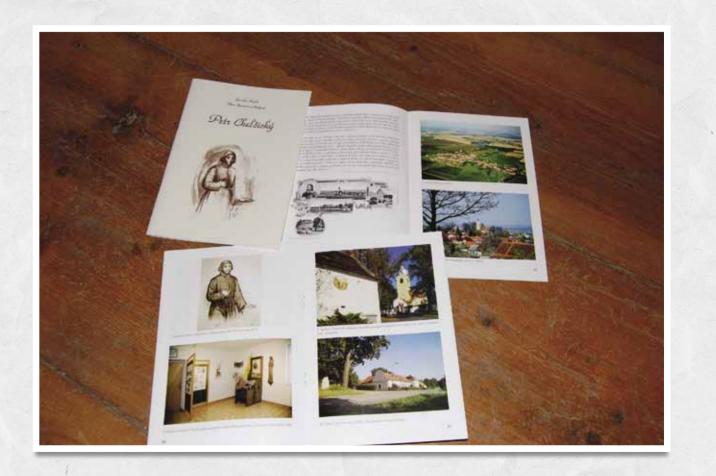






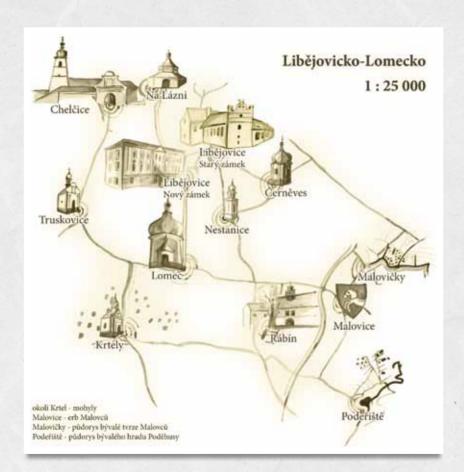












Certificate of Foundation coming from pilgrim places in South Bohemia and to-1274.

church of Virgin Mary's Name built under tors the rest and meditation. the peak of Lomec in 1695-1702 as thanks for the rescue of his father's life. A speciality of this central construction is the main altar in the form of baldachin, of the type of St. Peter's sanctuary. Into the church, the family Buquoy's monument was placed statue of Virgin Mary Lomecká. The small hunting castle, built next to the church in 1709-1710 served to its purpose only up to 1714, then it was utilized as vicarage and now it functions also as convent for the Grey Nuns Congregation of St. Franziskus III. Order. At present, the church of Virgin Mary's Name is one of the most known

gether with the Meditative Garden of Vir-Philip Emanuel Buquoy had the pilgrim gin Mary and Way of Cross it offers to visi-



1. PETER CHELČICKÝ

Peter Chelčický lived an essential part of his life in Chelčice. Only incomplete information remained preserved about him making a figure with mysterious identity of him. He was born sometimes around 1380, he died probably in the 50-ies of the 15th century. Already during the Hus' life, he became an enthusiastic adherent of the reform movement, demanding a remedy and resurgence of the church. After 1420 he separated from all the Hussite parties and set out for his own journey to fulfil the God's law. During his life, a group of his adherents collected around him, they were named "Chelčice Brethren".



PETR CHELCICKY

2. PETER ZÁHORKA OF ZÁHORČÍ

In view of the misteriousness surround- Peter Chelčický was born in the situafind here only the rests of walls.

3. FOR A NEW, BETTER CHURCH

ing the person of Peter Chelčický, refer-tion, when the Western Christians startenced minimally in the historic sources, ed to realize the especially strong crisis the historians tried to determine closer his of the church and the necessity of its reidentity. The most interesting hypothesis form. The requirement of the church remidentifies Chelčický with the squire Peter edy resounded louder and louder/spread Záhorka from Záhorčí, having lived in also in the Bohemian countries and here the same time as Chelčický. Peter Záhor- it achieved a remarkable social resonance. ka came from the noble family who had It addressed also Peter Chelčický, who its seat in Peterův Dvůr near Netolice in stopped to believe that the existing church the time of his birth, however, later on he is able to show to the man a reliable way to moved to the fortress in Záhorčí, which is his salvation, and he got fixated to the bia part of the present Chelčice village. The ble and especially to the New Testament, in fortress does not exist any more today, we which he wanted to find reliable instructions to act like a real Christian.

4. AGAINST VIOLENCE

After the death of the king Wenceslas IV. in 1419, the fights between the Calixtines and the adherents of the king Zikmund broke out. The armies of the crusades, however, met with the decisive resistances of the armed Hussite troops.

enemy.



From the tractate On Spiritual Warfare Chelčický followed the development of "As the Apostle does not lead you to bodily events with fright and he repeatedly ad- fights, which the people start due to conflicts dressed his Hussite co-religionists with an and the human souls decease in them and insistent appeal that they shall preserve the are damned, but he teaches and leads you to fidelity to the God's law and adhere to the the spiritual fight as the souls get salvaged example of Jesus Christ, who did not ap- in the truth from damning. Think of the ply the violence even for his defence and protection and safety of body to preserve the on the contrary accentuated the love to the health; nobody can avoid the death and nobody can escape it by fight, more probably he suffers the death through fight."

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Peter journeys to Prague and to Taborites towns with challenges to put away the weapons, however, ended without a positive response.

Chelčický than lied up into his rural refuge and tried to address with his works also those of his contemporaries who identically as him understood the Christianity as the effort to meet the high demands imposed on by the Christ his followers.

Peter put extraordinary emphasis on the principle of non-violence.

5. FOR THE NEW SOCIETY

Rejecting the violence played a principle role also in Peter's political thinking, by which Chelčický broke up with the most part of his contemporaries - he rejected the then arrangement of the society which was most illustratively expressed in the church teaching on the triple division of the society.

this reason it is not compatible with Christianity.



Based on Peter's persuasion the Christian Chelčický is considered to be the first im- society shall head towards the enthroning portant European thinker who abandoned of the spiritual and social unity, equality of this teaching and rejected it clearly. He all the people and their subordination to showed in many insightful analyses that God's law. The importance of Chelčický the society is based on the violence and for sociological explanations consisted also in the fact that they put also an increased emphasis on the individuality of each human

6. WORK OF PETER CHELČICKÝ

Peter Chelčický is the author of approximately 50 writings which remained preserved up to this time. All these works are written in Czech and they are the proof of the then successful penetration of the Czech language into also very demanding fields of the theological thinking. Up to this time, his writings are considered a jewel of the Medieval literature. His first precisely dated tractate On Spiritual Warfare dates back to 1421. Later on, further works followed; the most important are: On the Holy Church, On the Triple Division of Society, Replica against Mikuláš Biskupec, Report on Sacraments, Replica against Rokycana, tractate cycles Of Beast and Antichrist and first of all both his most important writings - Postil and the Net of Faith.

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7. CHELČICKÝ – TEACHER OF UNITY OF BRETHREN

The attraction of Chelčicky teaching kept growing, mainly the group of resolute Prague utraquists under the leadership of brother Gregorius took a fancy for Peter' works and they also came to visit Chelčický to listen to his opinions. The adherents of Řehoř moved to Eastern Bohemia in 1457 and they settled on the domain of George of Poděbrady in Kunvald in Orlické Mountains, to found here, ten years later, a new church - Unity of Brethren. Although around 1500, after a considerable transformation of Unity Peter lost his unique position of a respected teacher of the new church, the Unity professed his opinions up to its dissolution in the 17th century.





8. REDISCOVERY OF CHELČICKÝ

In the period after the White Mountain Peter' name was not referenced to any more in Bohemia, Chelčický was mentioned only as the writer of the banned books. The interest in the almost forgotten thinker was not enlivened until the middle of the 19th century when František Palacký devoted to Chelčický a profile with twenty pages in his History. Also Thomas G. Masaryk appreciated Chelčický very much and he saw in him nearly an ideal and the model of a Czech man.

The renewed respect to Chelčický, however, remained not limited to the Czech environment, it penetrated also abroad.

9. SELECTED TITLES FROM THE LITERATURE ABOUT CHELČICKÝ

The most interesting proof are the state- The book by Nikolaj V. Jastrebov Etjudy able books which have ever been written.

ments and texts of the Russian writer Lev o Petere Chelčickom i jego vremeni rep-Nikolayevich Tolstoy, who considered The resents the most important contribution Net of True Faith one of the most remark- of the Russian historiography on the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries to the cognition of the life and work of Peter Chelčický.



One of the German writers studying Peter Chelčický was the priest from Thuringia Carl Vogl who published his monograph about Chelčický in 1926.

The basic manual for each expert dealing with the life and death of Peter Chelčický remains all the time the valuable bibliographical list published by Eduard Peterů in 1957.

In the second half of the 20th century, several important works about Chelčický were published in the USA as well as in Canada, of which the most extensive is the monograph by Murray L. Wagner from the year 1981.



Bohemia's Garden, which also supported the grants South Bohemian County. the project of reconstruction by financial amount a few hundred thousand.

LAG realized a reconstruction of the historic granary and the establishment of Peter Chelčicky Museum within the project "HERITAGE OF THE REGION: in the footsteps of ancestors", in cooperation with LAG Chance In Nature. This project is cofinanced by the EU from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development under the measure: III.2.2 Protection and development of rural cultural heritage, IV.2.1 Implementation of cooperation projects Rural Development Programme.

Present Museum was created by an exten- Operation of the museum provides and sive reconstruction of the granary, owned the retrofit finances LAG Blossom of South by village Chelčice, which gave this object Bohemia's Garden. Part of interactive exto long term lease LAG Blossom of South hibition was also financially supported by



The reconstruction of the constructional part consisted in removing the unsuitable concrete floor and replacing it by the brick pavement on the ground floor of the building including the associated dehumidifying measures. Moreover the total reconstruction of the truss structures including the additional thermal insulation, soffits and the exchange of the roofing was carried out preserving the original "oxlike eyes".

Also some elements of wood ceilings and tion in the former granary are designed as plaster were renewed. New installation of atypical, simple and purposeful elements electricity was implemented in the build- in the present spirit, with accent on preing respecting the needs of the museum. serving the character of a monument/mu-The whole reconstruction took place un- seum and simultaneously on the crucial der the supervision of the experts from the ideas of Peter Chelčický, his bequest in the National Institute for the Protection and writing The Net of Faith (modules of hemp Conservation of Monuments and Sites.

The elements of the contents of the exhibi-



networks and wooden plates with a system of lights).

We plan the exposition...

The originators of the idea as well as the The first visitors who could view the Peter-Chelčický-Museum.

Many excellent professionals as well as ing by... craftsmen from our region participated in the interior equipment, production of exhibits, interactive elements, enlightenment or manually produced hemp networks.

The exposition lives...

implementation of the architectural de- whole exposition on three floors of Peter sign are two architects, i.e. acad. arch. Pe- Chelčický-Monument with interactive eleter Kovář and Ing. arch. Dora Kovářová, ments, the regional as well as historic part the libretto of the exhibition and the his- of the exposition and the document about toric guarantee of the exposition of Pe- Peter Chelčický were the bikers at the Fester Chelčický were provided by Jaroslav tivities of Flowers on May 1, 2010. Since Boubín, Ph.D., the project co-ordinator is that time, the monument serves to the Ing. Marta Krejčíčková; Klára Kavanová wide public, person interested in the his-Mušková, M.A. and Markéta Cinádrová, tory, in religionistics, in Peter Chelčický, to M.A. dealt with the implementation of the the researchers of the writings of Peter of Chelčice and also to casual tourists pass-

> The ceremonial opening this Museum took place within the fifth year of Days of Peter Chelčicky on 4 and 5 September 2010.

seum is not fixed, the operation is solved Chelčicky Museum! Go with us in the according to the interest of visitors. The footsteps of ancestors, touch the medieval sightseeing of Museum is always advisable period and get to know the personality of to arrange in advance by phone or e-mail. Petr Chelčicky. On request and for larger groups LAG offers the possibility to present the Museum On the Internet, you can view a video exhibition by specializing guide.

ic art local circle for kids as well as adults past and present. creations of special courses or work users local social therapeutic workshops from Chelčice home St. Linhart.

Regular daily operating time of the Mu- So accept the invitation to the Peter

presentation of our Museum, but this is only the beginning of a small adventures Except the normal operation of Peter that you can here experience. A personal Chelčicky Museum it is also a place for visit will bring you many other interestcultural and social events, there are take ing things, the opportunity to experience a place for example an exhibitions of ceram- medieval suit and calm to reflect on times

Photos from regional exposition:

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