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Grey Wagtail

In late January I received an email from Janice Murraille who lives at Cannock House asking if I could help with her daughter's homework which was to observe and identify the birds that came into her garden. Attached was a photo of a grey wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*): see below. It was difficult to tell whether the bird in question was a female or a male as the winter plumage (predominantly grey) of the male is very similar to that of the female (although I suspect it is female). The summer plumage involves a lot more yellow.

As a matter of coincidence, I was staying with friends in South Wales when I received Janice's email and my friend's location was the only place I have ever seen a grey wagtail before. My friends live in a very long, narrow and steep valley and at the bottom of the valley is a very fast flowing but small brook: in fact the village is called Whitebrook after the stream. There's also a local Redbrook, named after the fact that historically the river ran red due

to the effluent from local iron mining/smelting that took place in Tudor times. As an aside, whitebrook was the first place in Britain to industrially manufacture wire and German craftsmen were bought to Britain by Henry the VIII for that very reason. Nowadays the stream looks too small for such a purpose but the remnants of the buildings can still be seen - but I'm getting off the subject !

To give the reader a feel for the kind of environment the grey wagtail is likely to be found in I went to the brook (literally ~ 150 yards away) and took the attached photo.

As you can see, fast moving water is this bird's idea of heaven. As the

west and north of the UK is increasingly hilly and consequently has fast moving streams, this bird's population density falls off as you move east across the country. Having said that, these birds can be found in the east and I have heard of them being seen in Chelsfield before. Dave Griffiths mentioned having seen them in the village in the past and others have seen them in Shoreham. One particular incident that occurred in that village many years ago over a period of about 3 months involved a grey wagtail repeatedly attacking its reflection in the wing mirror of a friend's car. The car's owner even phoned into a radio



Typical grey wagtail environment

wildlife show to ask why it should do this. The answer was that the bird perceived its reflection as a territorial threat by another wagtail and was attempting to see it off! So, grey wagtails have been seen in the local area but they are certainly not common and Chelsfield is not this type of bird's favourite environment, we don't even have our own stream!

The grey wagtail is related to the far more commonly known pied wagtail and both have the habit of repeatedly wagging their tails: a characteristic that gives this family of birds their collective name. The grey member of the family however has the longest tail but all have the habit of spending a lot of time on the ground which Janice mentioned in her email. I always think that this bird's name suggests a rather dull looking bird but when seen in summer the most striking feature of this bird is its yellow plumage. There is a species called the yellow wagtail that can be found in the UK but it is rare and is strikingly yellow so the subject of this piece could not in all honesty take the name 'yellow',



Cannock house grey wagtail – Janice Muraille

leaving our hero to receive the less exciting moniker of 'grey'. There has been some debate as to why these birds should make such rapid tail movements which would logically draw attention to themselves and lessen their survival prospects. In the case of the grey wagtail

there is a theory that the rapidly moving tail will break up the birds profile when seen against the fast moving water that often makes up this bird's natural environment. I found a rhyme on the internet that I thought was quite nice so I'll use that to wrap up this month's piece:

*Wee Mister Wagtail, hopping on a rock,
Daddy says your pretty tail is like a Goblin's clock.
Wee Willie Wagtail, how I love to see,
Wee Willie Wagtail, wag his tail at me.
Wee Mister Wagtail, running by a pond,
Daddy says your pretty tail is like a Goblin's wand.*

Old Irish Rhyme

Should anybody else find, see or photograph anything unusual or interesting then I would be happy to receive an email from you and it may then become the subject of a future short article in the 'Village voice'. My email address is Srfuller@sky.com. Alternatively you can contact Dan via the contact details in the Voice to find me.

Steve Fuller April 2016

Mutterings From The Millers

Great news. As you may have seen, our remaining fields have all been ploughed, drilled and rolled with spring barley or peas. Although it was a little sticky a first, the ground was ploughed in great conditions and the plough soon polished up and turned the soil beautifully. With plenty of moisture and a little warmth, it was ideal. We hope within the next few days, we will see signs of the spring barley starting to grow. We roll the ground to conserve moisture in the spring.

The field next to the house with the footpath in may look a bit different this year. We are helping out a company with spring barley trials, so are growing three different

varieties of spring barley with three different seed rates and three different amounts of fertiliser. So little spring barley has been grown in the last few years throughout the country, that all data on seed and fertiliser rates are 20 years out of date. This trial will give us some valuable information to share with other growers.

The boys visited a farm at Snodland to discuss the direct drilling method against ploughing. It was very interesting to listen to a farmer who has soils similar to ours. They saw and discussed the problems and benefits of this method of planting cereals. Still gathering information, especially over which type of new

equipment will need to be purchased and the selling of our existing machinery, which will be obsolete if we change.

A quieter time on the fields now, just fertiliser to be applied and keeping an eye out for weeds and disease.

Spring is on its way, plenty of bird song and great to hear the skylarks, yellow hammers, thrushes and even had a siskin visit our bird feeder. We eagerly await the return of the swallows any day now, although we didn't notice them until the 13th April last year. Always feel as if spring has arrived when we see them flying in and out of our barns.

Chris Miller

HRH Birthday Celebrations

Street party celebrations

Traditionally, Bromley has more street parties than most and we'll always try and help if you'd like to hold one in your neighbourhood.

If you're thinking of having a street party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday or the Big Lunch in June, you'll need to apply for permission by April 1st.

It's free to apply – the usual road closure application fees are being waived for these events. However, we need to

ensure the day will be safe for everyone including party goers, pedestrians and motorists. The road may need to be closed and other safety measures, such as warning signs, could also be required. Once we've received and processed your application we'll be able to give specific advice.

For information and application forms, visit www.bromley.gov.uk/neatstreet or call 0300 303 8658.



Wonderful Memories of Chelsfield

I can't remember exactly when I began going to St. Martins after attending Sunday School at St. Marys, Green St. Green, for some years. However, by the time I was eleven or thereabouts I was attending classes at St. Martins with my close friend Lois Gillah prior to confirmation. The Rev. Mackay was the Rector and I think the classes were held in the church.



The ladies of the W.I., drama group dressed for a pageant in (I think) the late forties or early fifties

My Mother cut up her satin wedding dress to make my confirmation dress, and on the day, we girls were shepherded through the white gate opposite the church porch and into Court Lodge, there to have our veils put in place. Sadly I have no record of who officiated or even the date - maybe someone could help me there? It would be around 1943 I think.

Lois and I belonged to the St. Martins Guild (later the Young Martins), cycling up Warren Road from 'new Chelsfield' to the old village hall in Skibbs Lane every month. Occasionally the Rev. John Ellingham

would come to our meeting and read poetry to us - a great treat as he put plenty of drama into his performance.

A few years later, if Lois's two elder brothers had joined us for morning service we would sometimes walk home via a lemonade in the garden of the Five Bells, thence back to Church Lane (as it then was), past the ducks on the pond in front of Julian Brimstone farm and home via the path beside the railway.

My Mother, Mabel Stebbings was a long-time member and

secretary of Chelsfield Women's Institute and along with close friends Mesdames Blatcher, Bolton, Chandler, Ellingham, Knox-Cunningham, Wade and others enjoyed amateur dramatics, singing and handicrafts etc.

During the war Mrs. Ellingham acquired a machine for canning surplus fruit. She gave my mother a demonstration and offered to lend it, but mother stayed with her tried and tested Kilner jars.

Some of these ladies

raided their gardens for flowers to decorate the church on my wedding day in May 1954 - very different from the professional arrangements one sees in the church these days, but pleasing to my husband John and I. John was born in Chelsfield, and his father Ronald Francis ran the Chelsfield Scout Troop in

the 1930s.

After the war the W.I. held occasional Socials in the village hall where we played games such as 'passing the hat', 'Fan the kipper' and one involving straightening the pages of a muddled newspaper while sitting in a tightly packed ring. We danced the Valleta and the conga I think. These evenings

were great fun with a warm and friendly atmosphere.

I have done my best to remember these events though my memory may well be a bit faulty. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who shares similar memories.

*Pam Francis,
nee Stebbings
pamfran@talktalk.net*

Flying At The Fair 2016

The 2016 Chelsfield Village Fair planning is well underway and has been since November last year. We were delighted with the 2015 Fair and so we are sticking with what we hope is a winning formula.

My focus, as ever, is our now legendary flying displays and this year we hope will be no different. The extraordinarily popular and skilful aerobatics performed by Mark Jefferies in the Extra 330SC will return and he will have a new aircraft (G-IHHI for all you spotters!) with better streamlining and consequently less drag and an uprated engine;

as if he needed any more performance than last year! In addition we are paying for his pyrotechnic display which involves what are essentially fireworks on the wingtips; I've seen it, it's superb!

And we will have, as ever, the amazing Dan Griffith flying his peerless display in a Spitfire from the Biggin Hill Heritage Hangar. Not a dry eye in the house. Of course there is a major change from last year and that results from the tragic Hawker Hunter accident which killed eleven people at Shoreham last August. Despite British airshows being some of the safest in the world, this accident has had

major repercussions, mainly as a result of the Civil Aviation Authority's regulation changes and huge fee increases which have hit airshow organisers fairly hard. Even a modest show such as ours is not unaffected. The doubling of the CAA fee to nearly £400 is something we could do without but the extensive risk assessment now required is probably not a bad thing in order to focus our minds on the safety of not only those attending the Fair but those outside.

We are fortunate that the area is very open and largely uninhabited and our display axes deliberately keep the

Chelsfield Village Fair

Saturday 16th July 2016

Gates open 12 noon
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Music till 6:30pm

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aircraft manoeuvres pointing away from buildings/roads. However it's a great deal more work and we hope it pays off. Our new paperwork is at the CAA but I would appreciate it if you could you all cross your fingers from now until the Fair. Unless you're operating heavy machinery or you are a neurosurgeon - that'd be foolish...

And while I doubt that many people deliberately avoid paying the entrance fee to stand outside and watch the flying, we would request that this does not happen; if a pilot sees a group of people under the display area, he/she may abort their

display. I'm sure that all the Village Voice readers will be at the Fair enjoying the day but if you hear of anyone who fancies waiting outside for 6 hours to see 16 minutes of flying at unadvertised times (why?), then perhaps you would be good enough to ask them not to. It's only £3.50 to get in and we have fabulous entertainment which can only be enjoyed on the site so why would anyone want to wait outside!

As ever we will be launching the Chelsfield Flying Club to help pay for the displays as they did so splendidly last year. At the moment I

think that the souvenir might be an exclusive T-Shirt as we have done in previous years but keep an eye on our website and our Facebook page for news on that.

Thank you all for your continued support and before I go, a reminder of the date: Saturday 16th July, our website: chelsfieldfair.com and our Facebook page: [facebook.com/chelsfieldfair](https://www.facebook.com/chelsfieldfair). And I hope you like the first draft of our poster, it took me ages!

*Dave Griffiths
Vice-Chairman and
(hopefully) Flying Display
Director.
Chelsfield Village Fair*

Report on Orpington's New Odeon Cinema

By now some of you will have visited our new cinema in Orpington. It's certainly more impressive than our last one. This one has 960 seats and 7 screens. There is no box office, all tickets are either booked on line and picked up at the cinema from machines using the card originally used for the booking, or bookings can be made directly from the machines. As this was only the second

week that the cinema had been open, a number of the public were wary of using the machines and needed a little help, but they were in fact very straight forward and easy to use.

For those older residents there is the 'Silver Cinema' where a number of new films can be viewed during the day for £3 including tea/coffee and biscuits, an excellent

deal.

Disabled residents are provided for with spaces for wheelchairs, and guide dogs. Many films also have an audio description.

In all - good facilities with comfortable chairs with plenty of leg room, so much in fact that people can get by without you getting up.

April 16th - 45 Vinyl Record Night

I have started choosing some of the records I will be playing on the 16th April at the Five Bells.

There will be something in the evening to cater for all tastes. I have some requests which I will try and find before the evening. There will be

plenty of opportunity to dance and boogie as well as just listen and reminisce.

The retro lamps have increased and will change throughout the evening to vary the show.

Bruce Cocks



Local History Group - London Statues

Paul Rason presented an illustrated tour of London statues. Paul pointed out that we should look above the shopfronts to observe the statues on many old buildings. He guided us around over three dozen statues but obviously I cannot include all descriptions and certainly not all the photographs. The first ten were of queens from Boadicea (or Boudica if you prefer) with her two daughters on a horse drawn chariot at Westminster Bridge to the Queen Mother in The Mall.

At the base of the latter is a brass frieze depicting scenes from her life such as visiting the East End during the Blitz, family scenes and horse racing.

Elizabeth I (the earliest statue from 1586) and Mary Queen of Scots were both located in Fleet Street and Queen Anne is to be found at, not surprisingly, Queen Anne's Gate. Queen Victoria featured twice, her statue at Kensington Palace having been sculpted by her daughter, Princess Louise. Paul also showed us two statues of Queen Alexandra, one at the Royal London Hospital of which she was a great supporter. More statues of women included nurses Florence Nightingale at Waterloo Place and Edith Cavell at St Martin's Place. There were women from the literary or entertainment world. At 32 Cornhill

there is a panel on the door depicting the Bronte sisters visiting their publisher. There is a bust of Virginia Wolff in Tavistock Square. Actress Sarah Siddons is to be found in a suitable pose at Paddington Green and, on top of the Victoria Palace Theatre, balances a delightful



replica statue of Anna Pavlova. The original was removed for safekeeping during WWII and was lost.

Two recent busts of women from the SOE, Violette Szabo and Noon Khan, both by Karen Newman, are to be found on the Albert Embankment and Gordon Square Gardens respectively. Paul showed us another statue sculpted by a woman, that of Captain Scott, sculpted by his wife, in Waterloo Place.

Other statues of women were Lady Somerset, offering a bowl of water on behalf of the Temperance Movement in Embankment Gardens, Emmeline Pankhurst in Victoria Tower Gardens, suitably close to the Houses of Parliament, and Mrs Booth with her husband General Booth of the Salvation Army at Denmark Hill.

There were three statues with an educational theme: the Alleyyn Memorial at Dulwich depicting a master and pupil in Tudor dress, a statue in Portland Place commemorating Quintin Hogg, founder of what became Regent Street

Polytechnic, now the University of Westminster and the third, a modern statue, is of a mother and child called The Lesson, showing a child taking its first steps.

Finally, I detected a theme of statues at or near stations. At St Pancras is the "Meeting Place". This shows an embracing couple, reportedly an English man and a French Woman, representing the coming together of the two countries on

completion of the Channel Tunnel. The sculptor was Paul Day of Beckenham. A plinth was added later depicting scenes of the area. Brixton Station has three statues of commuters, sculpted from life. Paddington Station has a statue of Paddington Bear and near Liverpool street Station is the voluptuous reclining Broadgate Venus and my personal favourite at the station itself, the Kindertransport Memorial.



Commemorating Chelsfield's Casualties from The First World War

As you may have read in February's Village Voice, I'm planning to write something to remember each of the men on the War Memorial in the church porch, in the month marking the centenary of their death. As the idea only occurred to me last November, there are some whose centenary has already passed, and that is the case for these first two as it is 101 years since they died.

JOHN COLLINS

10022 Private John Collins, of the 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, is recorded as the son of John and Bertha Collins of 'Bo Peep', Chelsfield, Kent. He was 35 when he was killed in action on 14th March 1915, during the 'Action of St Elois' following the Battle of Neuve Chapelle. He has no known grave, but is listed on a panel of the memorial at Le Touret in Pas de Calais, France. He was awarded the Victory Medal, British

War Medal, 1914-15 Star, which are the standard three medals awarded to soldiers who served in WWI. The medal card record reveals that Private Collins was sent to France on 24th February 1915, which means he died only three weeks after going to the front for the first time.

John Collins was a career soldier, he was already in the army in the census taken in 1901. He was born in Pembury and his parents lived in that area for the next few years, Mr Collins working as a carter on Horseshoe Farm at Tonbridge. By 1901 they are living in the 'Bo Peep' area of Well Hill, near the 'White Hart' pub, as the Bo Peep was then known. In 1911 the family were living in Hewitts Cottages and Mr Collins is listed as being a 'waggoner on farm', presumably Hewitts.

ANDREW SYMONS

233064 Able Seaman Andrew H Symons was serving on HMS Lion when it was involved in

the Battle of Dogger Bank on 24 January 1915.

Fighting was fierce and HMS Lion was hit several times, and at some point Symons was hit in the head by shrapnel. He was transferred to HMS Vivid, a land-based Naval establishment, and died of wounds on 29 April 1915. He is buried in the Woodlands Cemetery at Gillingham, and his memorial includes the words 'our beloved shipmate'. Andrew Symons is listed as the son of Henry Herbert and Annie Symons of 2 Prospect Place, Green Street Green, which is probably Prospect Cottages, Pratts Bottom.

Andrew Henry Symons was born in Wexford in 1889, and in 1901 he is still living in Ireland, Trabolgan, Corkbeg, Cork with his parents. The census shows father Henry is a Chief Boatman of the Coastguard, aged 43, and was born in England. His wife Annie was born in County Cork, Ireland, and they have three other children living with them, as well as

Henry's mother Ann who is 75 and was also born in England. Trabolgan is right on the peninsula south east of Cork – if you look on a map you can see why the presence of a coastguard was very important in this area.

Andrew Symons joined the Royal Navy in 1909 aged 18 – his record says he had brown hair, grey eyes, was 5ft 7.5in tall and had scars on his right knee. In the 1911 census he is registered as an Able Seaman at Keyham Barracks in Devonport and his birthplace is given as Kilmuckridge, County Wexford. His Royal Navy record is very detailed and he wasn't always a model seaman!

In 1911 his parents are living in Falmouth where Henry is the Chief Officer of HM Coastguard, presumably quite an

important position at this time. His mother is still living with them at the age of 84. What I can't discover is what brought them to Pratts Bottom (Prospect Cottages are at the bottom of Rushmore Hill) less than 4 years later.

On the church memorial Andrew's surname has a 'd' in it (Symonds), but it is Symons on all records. He is also commemorated on the new war memorial at St Margaret's, Green Street Green, made in 1996, as is his brother Herbert Henry. Herbert was also in the Royal Navy but isn't on our memorial, perhaps because he didn't die until 1921, presumably of wounds sustained during the war.

If you have any information on John Collins, Andrew Symons, or any of the WWI

casualties listed on the war memorial, I'd be very interested to hear from you. Please contact me through the details below: Philippa Rooke
Email: pjrooke@hotmail.com
Tel: 07826 516481

For more information on the war memorial mentioned visit www.cwgc.org

For more details about the battles visit www.longlongtrail.co.uk

For more information on the Battle of Dogger Bank, including pictures of HMS Lion, visit <http://www.naval-history.net/WW1Battle1501DoggerBank.htm>

For more information on this research project please see the church website at www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk



Anyone For (Table) Tennis?



Bored with Wednesday nights Telly, why not come along and play Table Tennis?

Players of any standard are invited to join a group of (more senior) players on

Wednesdays evening from 8 pm to 10.00pm at the Scout Building, its more than a hut! Highfield Avenue, which is off Glentrammon Road, Green Street Green.

Three tables can be in use

so there is a good opportunity for a game, mostly doubles but singles can be played as well.

For more information contact Peter Greaves 01689 857458.

Broadband Update

1. What has happened over the year ?

This is a summary of the last year's activity (or inactivity) on trying to get fast broadband for rural Bromley. As a reminder, the campaign covers Downe, Cudham, parts of Keston and Old Chelsfield. (1400 properties, 4,000 residents, and over 100 businesses). I've been running this campaign for two years and have not achieved much – despite over 2,000 e-mails filed in my “broadband” folder !

In April last year, Bromley Council refused to match fund a Government offer (£360,000 was offered on a match-fund basis for an Openreach upgrade). Since then, I've contacted many other companies eg Virgin Media, Vfast, CallFlow, Boundless, Hyperoptic, Buzz, Sugarnet, Relish, Quickline, B4RN etc – none were interested. The CEOs of O2, Vodafone, EE and Three had been written

to with no luck. I've been in contact with “Airfast” (Crockham Hill) – the radio broadband provider – however it was very slow progress (they were overloaded).

I then started the process of collecting as many e-mail addresses as possible across the villages - to keep people in touch, and so that I would have accurate information on the level of demand

2. Where are we now ?

There are three fast broadband possibilities for the area:

Openreach (fast broadband over the telephone lines) - I met with Openreach again (in January), and an in-depth analysis has been carried out of our area. Sadly, Openreach will only offer a community funding option (ie the community must find half the cost). I have asked Openreach to provide the community costs of upgrading approx 550 properties (via three green cabinets in Downe, Old Chelsfield

and part of Keston), as they indicate this could be a large “bite of the cherry” for a manageable sum of money (see below)

Airfast - Airfast have found a “friendly” business outside the airport at Biggin Hill. It is proposed to share their fibre optic service, providing business discussions go well. Airfast want to transmit radio broadband to Downe (initially) from this location.

Satellite - everyone is free to order this themselves if they wish (even a government grant is available if your download speed is less than 2mb)

3. What happens next ?

I've had several discussions with Cllr Peter Morgan (at Bromley Council) and this has resulted in a (in principle) grant from the Council. If things work out, the Council grant may well cover the cost of the Openreach work described above (serving

550 properties), as well as getting a radio broadband service started. If this goes ahead, this would be an ideal starter solution with options for both the populous areas and the harder to reach areas.

Airfast hope to start tests in April 2016. If successful, this would be followed by implementing infrastructure in May/June, and if all goes well, they could be connecting subscribers in June / August (Downe

only at the moment). If we get agreement with Openreach, this would take longer (maybe 9 months I'm told).

Meanwhile, I'm still chasing Jo Johnson MP and the Government for assistance. PLEASE bear in mind there will still be hurdles to surmount, and anything can still go wrong! I hate raising hopes only to see them dashed (as so many times before). Fingers crossed we can get something going at least

by late summer.

Steve Barnes

As a post script, I continue to urge all village residents to register with Virgin Media's Cable My Street initiative. It is interesting that 3 properties have unique post codes and 10 share theirs with just one other property, something I shall be pointing out to Virgin Media when they are assessing interest in the village.

Catherine Gandolfi

The Proposed Changes to The Bus Service



Having read Freda McClorey's contribution to the last Chelsfield Village Voice, I find myself wondering why she is making such a fuss.

Maybe she hasn't lived long in the area but if the proposed changes go ahead, to reach Orpington Station, she only has to stay on the bus and get off at the next stop where it is only

a matter of yards downhill to the pedestrian crossing to go across to the station's Crofton side so no need for a "nice uphill walk from The Maxwell".

On the return journey, the bus stop is right outside the station (and the station has lifts to other platforms if stairs are a problem).

Had the suggestion been for a reduced service to Chelsfield and no bus on a Sunday, I could have understood her concern but there will still be a half hourly service on weekdays with an hourly service on a Sunday as it

is at present. The buses will also continue to run late into the evening.

There are many areas of the country where residents would love to have the bus service we enjoy in the Orpington area in general - and I don't just mean villages such as Chelsfield.

Services in many major towns only run hourly and in some cases, only every two hours the last bus leaving at 7pm and no service on a Sunday. Now that would be something to complain about!

Janet Gould



Village Defibrillator

Each group using the hall will be asked to put forward at least one member for defibrillator

training. All residents are also invited to participate. This training is provided by London Ambulance

Service, there is no limit on numbers and is free. Contact cvhlettings@gmail.com

Pony Days

Pony Mini Morning Tuesday 5th April
Pony Day Wednesday 6th April

Contact Jan Blumire
01689 855603

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Stockwell Close,
Bromley, BR1 3UH

Reporting Problems to the Council

Can be reported via the
CVS website, or if urgent by
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Emergency Duty Team
020 8464 4848.

Neighbourhood Watch

John Leach 07711304965.

NHS Non-Emergency 111

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0845 9200800

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Service 0800 111999

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Suitable for Beginners

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Chelsfield Village Hall and
Brass Crosby Room

Chelsfield Housemartins

Monday Afternoons, for local
people who are unable to go out
without help Contact Anne on
01689 826349

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

6.30pm-7.30pm

Contact Francesca on

07791073445

EVERY TUESDAY

Brass Crosby Room

St Martin's Toddler Group

10.30am-12.00 midday

Now also 13.00 - 14.30

Contact Sarah Ford:

01689 853415

stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com

EVERY TUESDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

09.00am - 10.00am

10.00am - 11.00am and

11.00am to 12.00 midday

Contact Francesca on

07791073445

EVERY TUESDAY

The Chelsfield (Windsor Dr)

Quiz Night

From 7.30pm

Contact 01689 600656

EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells

Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

EVERY WED & FRI

Pilates Classes

Chelsfield Methodist Church

Hall, Windsor Drive

Wed 8.00pm -9.00pm

Friday 9.35am-10.35am

Contact Bethany Lucas on

07415 638546

bethanylucaspilates@gmail.com

EVERY WED THURS & FRI

Pilates & Pre & Post Natal

Pilates Classes

Chelsfield Methodist Church

Hall, Windsor Drive

Wed 6.50pm & 8.00pm

Thursday 8.20pm

Friday 9.35am & 12 noon

Post Natal Pilates 10.45am

(Babies Welcome)

Contact Bethany Lucas on

07415 638546

bethanylucaspilates@gmail.com

Further classes at:

www.bethanylucaspilates.co.uk

EVERY WEDNESDAY

(from 13th January 2016)

Christ Church Hall

(Charterhouse Rd)

Pilates Class

09:00am-10:15am

Private classes by appointment.

Contact Sally 07786 035640

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am

Contact

Pam Keeper on 01732 458930

EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Art Class

10.00am -12.00 midday

Contact Leo 07583777065

leo77ok@hotmail.com

EVERY THURS until 21st April

Chelsfield Recreation Ground

Dog Training

11.00am -12.00midday

Contact Lyn 07773 626665

EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Class Street Dance

4.30pm-6.00pm

Boys & Girls All Ages

Info: Clare 07960 865518

www.class-streetdance.co.uk

EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

6.30pm-7.30pm

Contact Francesca on

07791073445

EVERY FRIDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

3.00pm-4.00pm

Contact Francesca on

07791073445

EVERY SUNDAY

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

Live Singer

5.00pm-8.00pm

Contact 01689600656

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday 3rd April

(1st Sunday Each Month)

Chelsfield Equestrian Centre

Unaffiliated Dressage

Intro to Elementary

Phone: 01689 855603

Tuesday 5th April

Chelsfield Equestrian Centre

Pony Mini Morning

Contact 01689 855603

Wednesday 6th April

Chelsfield Equestrian Centre

Pony Day

Contact 01689 855603

Wednesday 6th April

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

So all you budding musicians out
there, come along and have a go!
Starts at 8.30pm

Thursday 7th April

Five Bells

Jazz Night - Just Friends

Great Jazz Sextet

Starts at 8.30pm

Friday 8th April

Five Bells

Race Night

Come and have a flutter!

Starts at 9.00pm

Wednesday 13th April (2nd Wednesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Afternoon W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

Contact Irene 01689 835143

Saturday 16th April

Five Bells

Bruce's Vinyl Night

Discs Start Spinning at 8.30pm

Tuesday 19th April

(3rd Tuesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Evening W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

From 7.45pm

Contact Madeline 01689891533

Wednesday 20th April

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

So all you budding musicians out
there, come along and have a go!
Starts at 8.30pm

Thursday 21st April

(3rd Thursday each month)

Brass Crosby Room

Local History Group

10.30am

Tuesday 26th April

Five Bells

Special Charity Quiz

In Aid of R.N.L.I.

Starts at 9.00pm

Sunday 29th May

The Meadows, Chelsfield Park

Open Garden

From 10.30am

Children Very Welcome