



If you'd like to join us and give our lovely village a bit of a tidy-up, meet outside the Five Bells Pub on Sunday 10th April from 10:30am. Equipment and outfits provided!

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Safe Haven Animal Rescue

Easter Egg Trail

When: Sunday 10th April 2-4pm

Where: Sports ground at 37 Oxendenwood Rd BR6 6HP

Cost: £3 entry per child (under 3's go free)

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE MAY 2022 ISSUE TO:

chelsfieldvillagevoice

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**to arrive on or before
Tuesday 26th April 2022**

The Elm Tree

During the recent storms that pounded the country, all within a week or so, a number of trees were bought down in and around the village. A large bough came down on the grounds of the hospital while a small tree partially fell onto the road just outside the hospital entrance. On Maypole Rd, opposite Manor Hall, a small dead elm lost its footing and has toppled along the line of the hedge and is currently being supported by a horse chestnut tree but nearer to home, close to the stables a series of small dead elms supporting a large outcrop of ivy have collapsed. This ivy was always a hive of activity in the autumn with bees and other pollinating insects

making the most of the nectar available. The ivy would have acted as a large sale and the dead elms were not able to withstand the forces conspiring against them. I planned to take a photo of the hedge material in the lane but by the time I got around to it the council had arrived and cleared the vegetation from the road leaving only the gap in the hedge. This can be seen in the first photo and that made me think that the elm tree or more specifically the English elm (*Ulmus procera*) would make a good subject for this month's article.

The one abiding thought that comes to mind for somebody of my generation when

discussing the elm tree is Dutch elm disease (DED). I'll return to DED a little later but first lets reflect on this tree's historic position in the British countryside. Five hundred years ago these trees were not common but in the 17th century landowners took a shine to them and used them to mark out field boundaries in hedges and within country estates where they often stood in regal isolation. This tree is tall and bold and very different to that other British arboreal standard barer: the English oak which is a solid, stout tree with a more generally rounded shape. Being such an 'English standard', it often appears in classic landscapes by painters such as Constable: see the attached image of Salisbury Cathedral.

One of this tree's quirks is that they were known to lose boughs for no apparent reason and boy scouts (never was one myself) were taught not to set up camp below them for this very reason. Boughs falling, and the associated damage that could cause may well be the reason the tree is traditionally associated with melancholy and





death. That, and the fact that elm was a favourite wood used in the making of coffins. This story line reminds me of an event that occurred when I was hiking in Oregon about twenty years ago. It was late afternoon and the weather was fine with no wind and I was hiking through a clearing in a forested area when a huge rotted redwood a few hundred yards in front of me made a loud cracking noise and fell to the ground across my intended path. At that point I remembered the story of the boy scouts and camped well away from any tall trees that night!

So, back to DED. This disease is caused by a fungus that is passed from tree to tree primarily by the elm bark beetle although

other species also play a role. The disease is thought to be of Asian origin and was first identified in Holland in the early 20th century. Some species of elm (but not the English elm) have bark that is distasteful to the beetles and this is an effective defence. The disease progresses due to the tree reacting to the fungus by blocking its own moisture and nutrient distribution system with gum but this in effect starves the tree to death. The disease itself, like Covid, is not one variant and early versions that arrived in the early 20th century only killed a small proportion of trees. In the early 60s it is thought that a shipment of wood from Canada arrived with a more virulent strain and consequently 250 million

trees died during the following decades changing the English landscape for, at best, centuries. As mature trees primarily generate elm seeds this source of new elms is limited. However, elms also propagate by the roots sending up suckers and these new elms tend to remain free of beetles until they reach a height of 4 or 5m. Clipped elms in hedges however appear to have remained healthy for the full duration of the DED pandemic. Interestingly, one of the best places to see elms in Britain is around the Brighton area where elms may have been protected by the sea to the south and the chiefly tree free South Downs to the north. That, combined with the efforts of the local authorities to identify and destroy all trees showing signs of this disease. Further afield, cities in Holland physically vaccinate trees annually to radically reduce the number of cases although this can only be a realistic approach for a limited number of trees that have symbolic or ornamental meaning.

Happy spring to all.

*Steve Fuller
April 2022*

Mutterings From the Millers

March was in like a lamb and out like a lion. What do you think? Amazing temperatures and lovely sunny days but the end of the month reminding us that it is still too early to plant out tender plants. The cowslips on the Chelsfield Green have started to raise their heads and as you can see from the photo, the female larch rose flowers

You may have noticed our new “fruit cage” housing the hens as you pass us. Due to the Avian Flu, poultry still has to be kept away from wild birds and our hens in the greenhouse we’re getting a bit warm but they did seem to enjoy their daily walks around the garden. Steve came up with the idea of the fruit cage and we think it is perfect. Still

fertiliser very soon, hopefully when it warms up again we can apply it. Peter has been busy with more electrical and building work plus painting the big old barn! I’m glad I didn’t see him do that, it is so high up.

Think we may have to put some signs up at the start of the footpath from Warren Road to the church. So many people are now just wandering all over the field and we even had a couple having a picnic. I couldn’t go and speak to them as Steve and I both had covid. I understand that you needed to deviate a little when it was very muddy but I think picnicking is going a bit far.

You may have heard about farms being planted with trees for carbon sequestration. Don’t want to get into the politics of the future of farming but we continue to look at what we can do sustainably. The direct drilling is definitely beneficial and as I said before we hope to plant clover into the grass in autumn as this is a legume which extracts



have opened. The blue tits are busy bringing bedding into the new nest boxes and it is lovely to hear the sky larks, chaffs and chaffinches singing their hearts amongst the other birds. We will have to watch out for the swallows, as they could be arriving shortly.

have an electric fence around the outside of course due to the foxes but we think this is much better for the “girls” and they can stay there all year round.

The grass for hay is coming along ok but could do with some



If the spawn is in a sheltered spot near the edge, a wet and windy spring is expected. If it is out in the middle, it indicates a dry spring and early summer. It appears that frogs choose deep water for safety when they sense impending drought. Not sure how the saying can be applied when I found frogspawn in my watering can!

nitrogen out of the air and also works as a fertiliser. We are too small a farm to apply many new initiatives but will continue as best as we can.

weather saying before but I think it is great. The early appearance of frogspawn indicates a mild spring and early summer - suitable weather for tadpoles. The position of frogspawn on a pond is also significant.

*Chris Miller
Court Lodge Farm
April 2022*

I know I have quoted this

Chelsfield Community Cafe



Chelsfield Community Cafe is now in full swing on the first and third Weds of each month.

We are delighted to advise that some of the funds collected at each of these afternoons were recently donated to help Ukrainain refugees. Your donations for your tea & cake is helping others 🙏.

Please note the April dates are 6th & 20th of the month - in Chelsfield Village Hall from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

We will be having an Easter themed day on 20th April with a raffle which will include a large Easter Egg 🥚, an Easter quiz & possibly the opportunity to make an Easter bonnet.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Mags, Pam & the
Chelsfield Volunteers*

Plan Now for the Produce Show

Remember, the Chelsfield & Well Hill Produce show is on the 17th September, so it's

time to start sowing your vegetables for the show. Also start thinking about

what crafts or photographs you can get underway for entry in this wonderful village event.

Kent Heights Flower Club

KENT HEIGHTS FLOWER CLUB

Our next meeting will be on
Thursday 7th April 2022

7.30pm for 8.00pm start

At Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road, TN14 7EX

Everyone welcome, sit back, relax and watch our very skilled demonstrator, Kathy Stangaard, pick up some useful tips and discover new interests

Sales Table/Flower Raffle
Refreshments

Members £3 Visitors £7

For further information contact Sally Kemsley on 01959 534406

Toddler Group Need Help

We have a thriving, friendly, happy toddler group that meets in the Brass Crosby room at St Martin of Tours Church in Chelsfield on Tuesdays in term time from 10.30 - 12. We are in need of 2 extra helpers otherwise

we may well have to close which would be such a shame, as the group is valued so much by the children, mothers and carers. It is not an onerous task as a helper, the jobs are putting out the toys and

chairs, chatting to the adults and helping to clear away. If you think you may be able to help please email:

Jenny@stmartinstoddler@gmail.com

Bromley Green Hub & Library of Things Opens

'The Hub' from Greener and Cleaner Coming to Bromley's The Glades The Hub from Greener and Cleaner, hosting a Library of Things, is

coming to The Glades in Bromley. Founded by Greener and Cleaner, a local volunteer-run charity, the community-powered hub will be an

exciting and engaging space for people to come and learn more about how they can help protect our environment. The



founded by Parisa Wright to facilitate community engagement and local action in response to the climate crisis. Becoming a charity in 2021, this is their first Green Hub to launch, the organisation hopes it will become a Blueprint for other shopping centres and high streets.

Parisa said:

“We strongly believe that everyone doing one small thing, however imperfectly, is better than no one doing anything, and we want to create a space where everyone feels encouraged and supported to take a small step towards a greener lifestyle. And we know that receiving information from people who are on the same journey is often more impactful than words from those in power.”

Library of Things will also help Bromley residents to save and reduce waste by affordably renting out useful items like carpet cleaners, sound systems and sewing machines.

Thanks to funding from Bromley Council and support from local charity Greener and Cleaner, Bromley’s Library of Things will offer over 30 useful household, DIY and gardening items for residents to borrow for as little as a few pounds per day. Residents will be able to reserve items online ready to collect from a self-service kiosk in the Hub, at The Glades shopping centre in Bromley, a short walk away from Bromley South Station.

The Glades is at the heart of the Bromley eco-system and is committed to their role in helping

Bromley become greener and more biodiverse by being zero to landfill and working towards their long-term goal to be carbon neutral by 2030. In 2019 they made use of a previously disused area to create their Green Roof which received a Green Apple award and won The BIG Biodiversity Challenge in 2021.

Staffed by Greener and Cleaner volunteers, the Hub will also be used to host events, workshops, talks and local meet-ups, encouraging people to share practical skills like DIY and repair with others in the community. The Hub will be a vibrant community space where people can learn new skills, find information and advice, and borrow things to encourage a sharing economy.

Greener and Cleaner was

Library of Things was founded by Emma Shaw, Rebecca Trevalyan and Sophia Wyatt in 2016. Inspired by similar projects emerging in cities like Berlin and Toronto, this women-led social enterprise launched its first self-service kiosk in Crystal Palace in 2018.

Library of Things is now



open in five locations across London. Over 5,000 people have now borrowed items over 10,000 times, preventing approximately 40 tonnes of items from becoming waste and 88 tonnes of CO2 emissions. Through its partnerships with product manufacturers Bosh, Kärcher and STIHL, councils and community groups, Library of Things is creating an alternative ‘circular economy’ – helping to transform neighbourhoods into low-waste, community-powered hubs. Emma Shaw said:

“We’ve had lots of interest in Library of Things from Bromley residents and organisations – so we’re

excited that they’ll soon be able to borrow quality items like Bosch drills, Kärcher pressure washers and STIHL hedge trimmers for a few pounds per day. This is an important step for Library of Things, as we expand our work to create a community-led circular economy in neighbourhoods across London.”

Keen to support residents in leading more sustainable lifestyles, facilitating area-wide emissions reductions and addressing climate change, Bromley Council is funding the initial setup costs for the Library of Things, within the Hub.

Councillor William

Huntington-Thresher, Executive Councillor for Environment said, “We are very pleased to provide the initial funding for The Library of Things in Bromley and are excited about the impact it could make. For those of us who realistically only use a drill and other household items on rare occasions; it will avoid the expensive need to purchase the item and crucially lessen the environmental impact of unnecessarily manufacturing and transporting them too. Many of the household items which will be available to hire would previously need to be purchased, with the item then taking up much needed space in our homes, deteriorating unused and eventually being thrown away. This wasteful approach to resource use has a detrimental environmental impact and is an approach we are keen to assist residents in moving away from.”

You’ll find the Greener and Cleaner Hub, with the Library of Things kiosk inside, at The Glades Shopping Centre with step free access, and ample parking for transporting bulky items.



Chelsfield Village Hall,
Bucks Cross Road, BR6 7RL
Box Office-07549 012140



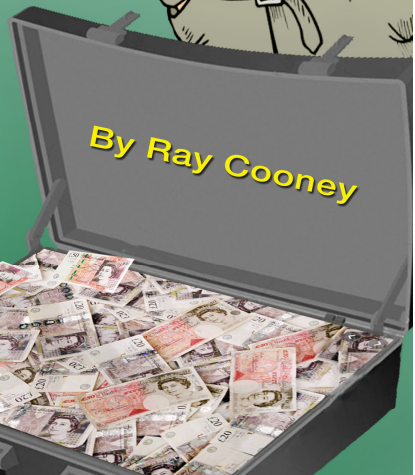
www.ticketsource.co.uk/chelsfieldplayers

The Chelsfield Players
presents

FUNNY MONEY

Thurs 7th- Sat 9th April
8pm-doors open 7.30pm

£8.50 tickets



This amateur production is produced by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. concordtheatricals.co.uk



Safe Haven Animal Rescue *Easter Egg Trail*

When: Sunday 10th April 2-4pm

Where: Sports ground at 37 Oxendenwood Rd BR6 6HP

Cost: £3 entry per child (under 3's go free)

Ways to pay:

- [Paypal friends and family only please-safehavenanimals@hotmail.com](mailto:safehavenanimals@hotmail.com)
(Please state your name as a reference when paying)
- Cash on the day
(Payments are non-refundable)

Activities: **Easter trail**, planting activity, **lucky dip**, meet some of our **chickens and rabbits**, drinks/treats for sale.

Have fun following the trail to find all the clues and receive your **chocolate egg** or **dairy free** alternative at the finish.



All proceeds to local charity; **Safe Haven Animal Rescue**.
Please come along to support us and have fun!

Dogs on leads welcome, but are not permitted within the animal area.



Local History Group - Orpington's Big Moment in Politics

Sixty years ago, on 14 March 1962, Orpington left an indelible mark on the political landscape. Eric Lubbock, the 33 year-old Liberal local councillor whose family had owned the High Elms estate at Farnborough since 1808, was propelled into parliament as Orpington's MP, having captured the true-blue constituency from the Conservatives with a sensational by-election victory.

That event still resounds today and Lubbock (who later became Lord Avebury and died in 2016 at the age of 87) will forever be remembered as "Orpington Man" who overturned a 15,000 Tory majority to take the seat by a margin of 8,000 votes, a massive swing for those days of 22%. By-elections now tend to be far more volatile and swings can be greater. Incredibly, over 80% of Orpington's electors turned out that chilly day in 1962 to put their Xs on their ballot papers, and Lubbock took 52.9% of all the votes cast. In comparison, the by-election won by the Lib-



Dems at Chesham and Amersham in June 2021 recorded a swing of 25.2% on a turnout of just under 52% while at North Shropshire in December, also taken by the Lib-Dems, the swing was 34.2% and turnout 46%. At Birmingham Erdington on 3 March this year, Labour held the seat on a meagre turnout of 27% – only 17,000 people bothering to vote.

Lubbock's Orpington victory was the first time since 1935 that the Liberals had won a seat in the London suburbs. It gave the party a grand total of seven MPs and the result was hailed as heralding a revival in the

Liberals' parliamentary fortunes – though that, of course, proved a false dawn.

Patrick Hellicar told the Chelsfield Local History Group's February meeting the story of "How Orpington shook the Political World" to mark the 60th anniversary of the event, revisiting a talk he gave in 2012 to the then very-much-smaller group on the 50th anniversary (reported over two editions of *Village Voice*, in April and May that year).

Flagged as "All the stuff you never knew about the Liberals' famous by-election victory of 1962", Patrick's February talk included some new information and illustrations as well as fresh anecdotes about the by-election campaign.

In the run-up to election day, dark elements emerged, including bigamy, suspected arson, shades of antisemitism in local hostility to the Tory candidate, and election posters being torn down almost as soon as they were fixed to trees and

fences. A planned three-way TV debate between the Conservative candidate Peter Goldman, Labour's Alan Jkinson and Lubbock never happened because Lubbock refused to take part, claiming his views on nuclear disarmament had been misrepresented by Goldman.

Orpington was regarded as so important by the three parties that nationally-known political figures beat a path to the constituency to lend their support. Among them were the Liberal leader Jo Grimond, Mark Bonham-Carter and the rising Liberal star Jeremy Thorpe. George Brown

and Bessie Braddock showed their faces for Labour's man while Iain McLeod and Enoch Powell stepped up for the Conservative candidate.

After the ballot closed at 9am on 14 March, the count was ground breaking – it was the first time TV cameras had ever been allowed to record such an occasion live. Watching from the TV studio, Jo Grimond was stunned when the voting figures were announced. "My God ... an incredible result," was his instant reaction.

Labour's George Brown, notoriously often seen drunk in public, was

carried shoulder-high by Labour die-hards from Orpington Civic Hall, where the count had taken place. Despite their candidate having lost his deposit, Brown was clutching a beer bottle and defiantly singing "The Red Flag". Eric Lubbock, meanwhile, emerged triumphant on the shoulders of his cheering supporters. He, too, clutched a bottle. But his was a bottle of Champagne!

He and Orpington had made history.

The Village voice archive is available at: www.greenstreetgreen.co.uk/villagevoice/

Learn, Laugh and Live the u3a Way

The members of the St Martin's Ladies Group would be delighted if you could join them in the Brass Crosby Room, at St Martins Parish Church, on Tuesday 5 April at 2.30 pm when Pauline Dawson, the chair of the Orpington u3a will address the Ladies Group. The title of her talk is entitled:

'Learn, Laugh and Live the u3a way'

The u3a is about to celebrate its 40th year of existence and the Orpington u3a has been running for over 20 years. The local interest groups and activities in which one can participate are very varied from, alphabetically, 'Ambling London - Women Achievers'.

I am sure it will be a most interesting talk on what the local u3a has to

offer. The local u3a has a whole host of different and varied groups with hundreds of members. Nationally the u3a runs summer schools as well as day courses.

We will serve refreshments together with a raffle for a small donation.

We would be pleased to welcome you.

Angela



St Martin's Toddler Group

Summer 2022



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

Here are our dates for the Spring term. We meet in The Brass Crosby Room at St Martin's Church, Chelsfield on Tuesdays during school term time, 10.30am – 12noon, £2 per child/baby which includes refreshments and craft resources.

We look forward to seeing you,

Toddler Volunteers:

Jenny, Peter, Mary, Val, Anne and Ally.

26th April

3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th May

31st May – Half Term so no Toddler Group

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June

July and August – Summer Holidays so no Toddler Group

Contact Details:

Toddler Group Leader – Jenny Wood

Email: stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com

Church website: www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk



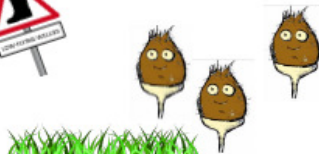
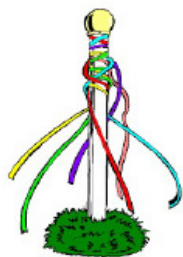
**St. Martin's Chelsfield
Summer Fete
Saturday 11th June**



12 noon - 4.30pm

Rectory Gardens, Skibbs Lane, Chelsfield BR6 7RH

**Opening by the May
Queen**



Fundraising event for St. Martin of Tours, Chelsfield

Registered charity no: 1131573



The Benefice of
Chelsfield with Green Street Green
and Pratts Bottom



**St Martin's Chelsfield & Well Hill
Calendar of Services – April 2022**

St Martin's

Sun 3 April	10.00am Family Communion	
<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	6.30pm Evensong	
Wed 6 April	9.30am Holy Communion - BCP	
Sun 10 April	10.00am Family Worship <i>with baptism</i>	
Palm Sunday	6.30pm Song Eucharist	
Wed 13 April	9.30am Holy Communion - BCP	
<i>Thu 14 April</i>	<i>7.30pm Benefice Maundy Thursday service at St Mary's</i>	
<i>Fri 15 April</i>	<i>10.00am Devotional Service at St Mary's</i>	
Good Friday	2.00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday	
Sat 16 April	8.00pm Easter Vigil (Benefice Service)	
Sun 17 April	10.00am Easter Holy Day Communion	
Easter Day	6.30pm Evensong	
Wed 20 April	9.30am Holy Communion - BCP	
Sun 24 April	10.00am Family Worship	
<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	4.30pm Annual Parish Council Meeting	
	6.30pm Evensong	
Wed 27 April	9.30am Holy Communion - BCP	

Well Hill*

Sun 10 April	10.00am Morning Prayer
Sun 24 April	11.15am Holy Communion

*NB these services have limited capacity – for more information please contact Anne Ireland on 07767 783189 / anneireland@icloud.com

As at 28 March 2022



Notice of APCM



THE PARISH OF CHELSFIELD NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at the church of St. Martin of Tours, Chelsfield on the **24th day of April 2022 at 4.30pm**

1. For the election of FOUR parochial representatives of the laity to the Parochial Church Council.
2. For the appointment of the Independent Examiner.
3. For the consideration of:
 - (a) a report on changes to the Electoral Roll since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 18th April 2021;
 - (b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the parish during 2021;
 - (c) the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2021;
 - (d) an Annual Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the churches of the parish;
 - (e) a report of the proceedings of the Deanery Synod; and
 - (f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

Signed: *S. F. Atkinson-Jones*

The Reverend Susan Atkinson-Jones

Rector of the Benefice of Chelsfield with Green Street Green and Pratts Bottom

Nomination forms, meeting papers and details concerning attendance and voting will be available on the church website at:

<http://www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk/report.html>

Notes

1. Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.
2. A person is qualified to be elected a parochial representative of the laity if:
 - (a) his or her name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and, unless he or she is under 18, has been entered there for at least the preceding six months;
 - (b) he or she is an actual communicant (which means that he or she has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding the date of the election);
 - (c) he or she is at least 16; and
 - (d) he or she is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3 of these Notes.
3.
 - (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).
 - (2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).
 - (3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with Rule 71(2) of the Church Representation Rules).
 - (4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.
 - (5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.

Notice for Election of Churchwardens



THE PARISH OF CHELSFIELD NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

The annual Vestry meeting for the election of churchwardens will be held in the church of St. Martin of Tours, Chelsfield, on the 24th day of April 2022 at 4.30pm.

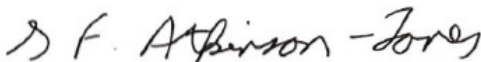
This meeting may be attended by:

1. All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish,

AND

2. All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence

In this Notice "parish" means an ecclesiastical parish.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S F. Atkinson-Jones'.

Signed: The Reverend Susan Atkinson-Jones

Rector of the Benefice of Chelsfield with Green Street Green and Pratts Bottom

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Guided Spring Walk



GUIDED SPRING WALK Saturday 30th April

**Circular Walk starting at
St. Martin's Church, Chelsfield
At 10.00am
Approx 4 miles - some stiles to cross**



**Teas and
coffees served
from 9.30 to
12.30**



**Breakfast buns
available at the
church from 11.30
to 12.30 - £5**



Part Time Care Assistant Wanted



ICARE Day Centre Trust Ltd

Part Time Care Assistant

Do you want to make a difference to the lives of people recovering from a stroke?

At the ICARE Day Centre Trust we are looking for a part time Care Assistant for three days per week (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) at our Centre in Green Street Green, Orpington.

We are a small charity providing quality rehabilitative day care for people who have had a stroke and support for their carers and families. Working flexibly in a small team under the direction of the Centre Manager, the Care Assistant will provide care and personal attention to the people attending the centre by, for example, assisting with communication and mobility therapies, providing personal care, preparing food and helping with other activities.

Salary will be £9.696 a year from April 2022.

Closing date Thursday 14th April 2022.

To find out more: email Sue Chown at admin@icarecentre.org.uk, phone 01689 862883 or write to ICARE at Old School House, High Street, Green Street Green, Orpington, Kent BR6 6BJ

School Facilities to Hire

Are you in need of classrooms, hall, playground or kitchen facilities to hire? Then Chelsfield Primary School may be able to help. Contact Stephanie at: stephanie.lavelle@solamat.co.uk to discuss your needs.



Chelsfield Village Society - March Meeting Report

Committee members met in March in the Village Hall, we were joined by our Ward Councillors Mike Botting and Angela Page.

Various topics were discussed, the plans for Orpington Town Centre, planning applications for Chelsfield, parking problems in the village, compounded by the installation of the new gas mains, and the chaos at peak times that caused.

We had feedback from Safer Neighbourhood for crime in 2021, Chelsfield had the lowest crime rate, followed by Farnborough / Crofton, Orpington.

We are arranging the first village clean up in mid April, the date will be displayed on the village noticeboard. Not only does this keep the village litter free, its a chance to meet your neighbours and members of the CVS, enjoyed by all, and often ends in the Five Bells! So come and join us any help will be much appreciated.

There is still no firm decision about the fate of

the R7 bus route, so watch this space.

Ward boundaries will be changing, and there are local elections taking place on 5th May for our Ward Councillors.

On a lighter note we can look forward to the Chelsfield Village Fair, a marvellous event and so well attended. The CVS will have our usual stall and raffle and we look forward to welcoming any residents of Chelsfield to join and subscribe to the CVS on the day. Funds raised have paid for flower troughs, the village Christmas tree, legal advice, every penny benefits Chelsfield village and we very much appreciate the subscriptions received.

MEMBERSHIP of the Chelsfield Village Society

Membership is open to all households within the vicinity of Chelsfield Village.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

We aim to improve the facilities and amenities of Chelsfield Village and preserve the rural

character of the area.

We encourage high standards of architecture and the preservation of the Conservation Area and Green Belt concept.

We pursue our aims and objectives by means of bi-monthly meetings, lectures and publications. Most of our time is taken up with planning matters, road issues, traffic and parking, making sure that we enhance and protect the village environment, whilst allowing it to grow and develop to suit the needs and wants of the residents.

We have elected representatives from the Committee who attend regular Borough-wide meetings to ensure that our voice is heard such that we are able to make a difference.

SUBSCRIPTION

Annual Subscription is £5.00 per household, or life membership £35.00 and is payable on joining the Society.

Subs to be paid to the treasurer Peter Gandolfi 01689 831826

Humanitarian Aid Collection in Chelsfield



Chelsfield Village Hall has been acting as a collection point for humanitarian aid for Ukraine, organised by some local residents who have family and friends out in Ukraine.

The hall has been open for collection on Mondays and Fridays 10-4, with the aid then being taken down to Maidstone by van to continue the journey by HGVs to move it on to the refugees.

In April the hall will be in use for the Chelsfield Players production of "Funny Money" but collections are planned to restart on Monday 11 and Friday 15 April.

The organisers to contact about donations are:

Olena 07432019585
and Alla 07876 063577

The list of articles that are required is as follows:

- Medicine: Pain killers (I.e. ibuprofen, Calpol, wound healing)
- Large bandages
- First Aid kits
- pasta, rice, oat porridge, flour
- Power Banks
- Tea/Coffee
- Thermo flasks
- Biscuits / energy bars
- Tinned food, tinned meats/fish
- Condensed milk
- Batteries: AA and AAA
- Torches
- Medicines
- Thermal socks/ gloves
- baby food
- Nappies
- antibacterial wet wipes
- baby wet wipes
- camping blow-up mattresses
- sleeping bags

WALK & TALK— Thoughts on Women's Safety

Ladies, might you be interested in sharing your thoughts on women's safety with your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team?

Team members will be making themselves available for a one-to-one

chat whilst walking through the Ward.

The Met is inviting you to share your experiences and concerns. For instance, if you feel unsafe in a particular area, let your Team know and it will work with

partners to improve safety on our streets. If you live or work in Bromley, Croydon or Sutton and wish to register for a 'Walk and Talk', please e-mail:

SNMailbox-Walk&Talk@met.police.uk

**Worlds End Music
presents:**



Concert for Ukraine

Saturday, April 9th, 7pm

ST MARTIN OF TOURS,
CHURCH ROAD, CHELSFIELD.
BR6 7SN

An hour long concert to raise money for the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine humanitarian appeal. Join your local professional musicians for a wonderful evening of classical music.

**To book, visit www.worldsendmusic.com
Call 07547 794870, or just turn up!
Donate below:**



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/worlds-end-music>

Bromley Trading Standards ALERTS!

Computer Fraud Harm-desk *not* help-desk

Alert 3.18

14 March 2022

Bromley Trading Standards are highlighting tactics used by scammers who phone to tell you that your computer has been infected with a virus. They may use the names of well-known firms to appear official and say they can help to solve the problem.

Software firms do NOT make unsolicited calls to help fix computer problems.

Trick you into installing software - this could 'collect' personal details including usernames and passwords e.g. for banking and email

Charge you for software to remove viruses which could be obtained free of charge from legitimate companies

Guide you to fraudulent websites where you are asked to enter personal and financial information including credit/debit card details



Persuade you to visit websites to download legitimate software that allows the scammers access and control of **your** computer from *any* location

Request credit card information and charge you for their services

Hang up immediately if you are called and asked to do any of the above

Solar Panels Be energy aware

Alert 3.20

21 March 2022

Bromley Trading Standards are advising that anyone interested in investing in solar panels seeks impartial advice first and to avoid the risk of dealing with rogue traders.

- > [South East London Community Energy](https://selce.org.uk/) can help with your energy bills and to 'green your home' visit <https://selce.org.uk/> or call 020 4566 5764.
- > Energy Savings Trust's website provides comprehensive guidance to solar panels <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/solar-panels/>
- > Simple Energy Advice gives government endorsed impartial and independent advice at <https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/> & by calling 0800 444202.

- < If you have paid, contact your bank as soon as possible. Call 159
- < Report scams to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk
- < Forward suspicious email to report@phishing.gov.uk.
- < Forward a suspicious text message to 7726.
- < Report a suspicious website [Report a suspicious website - NCSC.GOV.UK](http://Report.a.suspicious.website-NCSC.GOV.UK).
- < Contact Citizens Advice for help and advice on 0808 223 1133

If you would like to receive Trading Standards Alert! direct to your inbox please visit www.bromley.gov.uk/scams and complete the online form.

Trading Standards ALERTS!

Go to the website at:
<https://bnwa.co.uk/news-2/>

for the latest version(s) of Bromley Trading Standards, Alert! Newsletters.

Please circulate Alert!

around family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, groups and members.

You may know Bromley residents more susceptible to scams so sharing information could prevent them becoming a victim.

Remember, you can sign up to receive Alert! direct to your Inbox by visiting

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/scams>

and completing the online

COVID Spring Boosters

Bromley will begin invitations for a second Covid booster for those over 75 and any immune-suppressed individual aged 12 and over.

Housebound residents will be scheduled to have this at home. The NHS will contact those who are eligible for a Spring Booster, so residents

should wait until they are contacted.

The NHS will prioritise those whose clinical need is greatest, starting with those with a longer gap since their last dose.

Everyone eligible will be offered a top up between 3 and 6 months from their previous booster over

Spring and early Summer. Details of clinics covering the Spring Booster as well as first, second and first dose boosters in Bromley are available here:

<https://selondonccg.nhs.uk/in-your-area/bromley/working-together/covid-19-vaccination-programme-in-bromley/>

Cancercaremap.org

You may not be aware of the this website:

https://www.cancercaremap.org?gclid=CjwKCAjwopWSBhB6EiwAjxmqDcnlg7bfYnl3mtdvgHmR3QbthyATDPfAP5bQ4k1QXw_awgHIYAfETxoCKIsQAvD_BwE

but it's certainly worth sharing and checking out. Just upload the page and put in your postcode. You

will then find many local organisations listed and you can then look up more details.

For example: St Christopher's Hospice will show you a map, website, tel. no. email address and the actual postal address. (All the information you may need in one place).

From cancer care,

bereavement, citizens advice, travel insurance for people with pre-existing medical conditions, Teenage Cancer Trust, St Christopher's Hospice, Lymphoedema Services and so much more.

Certainly a starting point in one place if you are seeking help or assistance.

Anne Green

Free Tickets for The Platinum Beacon

As part of HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations this year Bromley Council are lighting a beacon in Crystal Palace Park. This is part of a national event with 1,500 beacons being lit across the country on the evening of Thursday 2nd June.

ticketed and numbers are being limited to 7000. tweet

Further information can be found here:

https://www.bromley.gov.uk/news/article/2854/get_your_tickets_to_the_platinum_jubilee_beacon_lighting

<https://twitter.com/LBofBromley/status/1508830220673073157>.

Please share this with your friends and relatives so they don't miss out on the chance to book

The event is free but

See also the related

Yet Another Scam Alert!



TRADING STANDARDS ALERT!

Offered cleaning at the door? Alert 3.19
Don't deal with doorstep traders!
15th March 2022

Bromley Trading Standards is, following reports, advising residents to be very wary of rogue traders offering patio, driveway, roof (etc.) cleaning services through cold calling at your door.



Test Patches are unsightly and whether done with or without your permission are aimed at putting pressure on you to have all the work done.

Dealing with doorstep traders risks shoddy work, having no recourse, and being substantially overcharged, as well as repeated visits in the future.



The Bo Peep
Hewitts Road, Chelsfield BR6 7QL
www.thebopeep.com
OPEN ALL DAY EVERYDAY-Check out our website
for times

DATES FOR THE DIARY



FRIDAY 17th APRIL –GOOD FRIDAY FISH FEAST



SATURDAY 18th –MONDAY 20th APRIL –EASTER WEEKEND



Seasonal Menu & chocolate treats

Check our website for more details and to make a booking call
01959 534 457

Dates For Your Diary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Tuesday
Brass Crosby Room
St Martin's Toddler Group
10.30am-12.00noon

Every Tuesday
Five Bells
CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
8.30pm

Every Thursday
The Chelsfield Pub
QUIZ NIGHT
from 7.30pm

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Wednesday 6th April
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.40pm

Thursday 7th April
Five Bells
Live Jazz with Just Friends
from 8.00pm

Thursday 7th April
Halstead Village Hall
Kent Heights Flower Club
7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Thurs 7th - Sat 9th April
Chelsfield Village Hall
FUNNY MONEY
(Chelsfield Players)
See Page 9 for details

Saturday 9th April
St Martin's Church
CONCERT for UKRAINE
See Page 23 for details

Sunday 10th April
Meet at Five Bells
VILLAGE STREET CLEAN
from 10.30am

Sunday 10th April
Oxendenwood Road
EASTER EGG TRAIL
from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Monday 11th April
Five Bells
KNIT & NATTER NIGHT
from 8pm

Monday 11th April
The Chelsfield Pub
Jam Session
Instruments Available

Wednesday 13th April
Five Bells
Open Mic Night
From 8.00pm

Tuesday 19th April
Chelsfield Village Hall
Evening WI
7.30pm-9.30pm

Wednesday 20th April
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.40pm

Saturday 23rd April
Coolings Garden Centre
Knockholt Farmers Market
10.00am to 3.00pm

Wednesday 27th April
Five Bells
Open Mic Night
From 8.00pm

Thurs 28th April
Chelsfield Village Hall
Local History Group
10.30am-12.00 noon

Saturday 30th April
Five Bells
Spring Walk starting
St Martin's Church
from 8pm

Monday 9th May
Five Bells
KNIT & NATTER NIGHT
from 8pm

Saturday 11th June
The Rectory Garden
St Martin's Fete
from 12 noon to 4.30pm

Recycling Bin Collection April 2022

Monday 4th April	Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste
Monday 11th April	Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste
Wednesday 20th April	Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste
Tuesday 26th April	Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste.
Monday 2nd May	Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste

Every week Batteries, Small Electrical Items, Textiles (please only present one small transparent bag each week, and re-present the following week if it is not collected)

Every 2 weeks (Mar-Nov) every Month (Dec-Feb) Green Garden Waste is collected fortnightly or monthly only from households that subscribe (£60 per annum) to the Bromley scheme (Telephone: 0300 303 8658 for advice)