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The Leopard Slug

This month I have an interesting, if somewhat slippery subject: the Leopard slug (*Limax maximus* – literally, ‘biggest slug’). It is also known by the name *great grey slug* and is only inferior in size to a few slugs across the planet, with a length that may on occasion reach up to 20 cm (8 inches). This slug gets its name from its colouration which is a grey, ash or brownish hue background with longitudinal streaks or black spots which resemble the markings of a leopard.

The reason I have chosen this slug this month is due to this year being such a good one – if you are a slug! Last winter was warm and wet and slug eggs laid during the autumn have survived the winter largely intact. Both the spring and summer have also been wet which again encourages the land based gastropods. Consequently this year has been very poor for any garden or allotment plants susceptible to slugs and snails.

Having found many plants in my allotment plot being attacked I decided one Saturday night on my way home from the *Five bells* pub that I would visit my plot to see exactly what was happening. The days before had been wet but this evening was a nice starlit evening with heavy dew so I opened up the gates and with torch in hand made my way to my little patch. I was truly shocked at the carnage that was taking place! Slugs and snails were everywhere from the grass around my plots to the plants themselves. One sunflower plant (which I grow for birdfood in the winter months) had a large slug on the yet to open flower bud while a leopard slug was stretched out along the length of the same plant’s stem covering maybe 6 inches .

Organic methods of discouraging slugs include watering in the morning rather than the evening as slugs are most active during the night although this approach is of little use in wet weather! Coffee

grains are said to be good and I have noticed that Waitrose are giving away ground coffee grains free due to a coffee promotion that they run. I have taken a few bags myself and mainly use it in my compost heap where it supplies nitrogen and speeds up the breakdown of vegetable matter. Do be sure to use plenty as being parsimonious can be ineffective. Another method that seems successful is to twist copper wire around the stems of plants. It seems that the slug slime acts as a conductor and the slugs themselves become mini batteries administering themselves tiny shocks!

When I first heard about the leopard slug it sounded like a great means of actually keeping the number of slugs on my allotment down as they are omnivorous (eat other slugs) and a detritivore (eating dead plants and fungi). It seems that when in hunting mode they can rattle along at about 6” a minute, running down any



It seems that these slugs have what is called associative learning. That is, they learn from their mistakes. I know a few humans who struggle to achieve that goal so that's quite an accomplishment for a humble slug. They also have a rather bizarre sex life. Having found the object of their affection, they climb a tree or bush and then, entwined together they suspend themselves on a long thread of slime while exchanging genes. Interestingly they are hermaphrodites, so both become 'pregnant' and both lay eggs.

escapee slugs. Unfortunately, they also like to munch on very young green shoots which rather defeats the purpose. In addition, I have placed bricks on my plot to act as daytime slug refuges so that I can easily find (and remove...) the slugs easily. However, it seems the other slugs are not exactly in fear for their lives as I often find them nestled up snugly alongside the leopard variety: so no joy there then!

It seems that these slugs, as with others I have heard of have a finely

tuned homing instinct. The purpose of this is so that after a night's foraging the slug can return to a safe and secure damp location and hunker down for the day. Consequently if you throw a slug out of your garden, the chances are that it will return. Quite how it does this I don't know. I can understand that a slug going about its business under normal circumstances would follow its own slime track back home but clearly the slug does not have a track to follow if it's just been lobbed 10 yards. Oh, the mysteries of the natural world!

As is so often the case, these slugs have managed to spread further afield than their original stomping ground of Europe and West Africa. Its introduction into the United States was first noted in 1867 when it was discovered in cellars in Philadelphia. Within a few years its presence was noticed at Rhode Island, Brooklyn and Pittsburgh and it is now common in many parts of North America as well as other parts of the world.

*Steve Fuller
August 2016*

Mutterings From The Millers

Hurray, the hay was made in that first week of July despite the odd shower of rain they sent us slightly crazy. The weather forecast was for a complete week without rain, which is just what we needed, but on the Tuesday and Wednesday morning early we had a few showers. Fortunately when the sun came out it was very strong so no damage to the grass. Steve cut the grass about 1" to 1 1/2" of stubble, which enabled the grass to lie without touching the ground. A super crop of hay, making plenty of large round bales ready for our customers. (We are pleased to say that all the bales have been sold already). As we have not had enough hay for our customers needs, we will be planting more grass for harvest 2017. This all

helps with our crop rotation, as grass will be in the ground for 4 years. It will give the worms a chance to enhance the structure of the soil too.

The next jobs are harvesting the peas, wheat and then spring barley, which should start around the beginning of August. The boys are cleaning the tractors, combine, loader bucket and trailers in preparation for the harvest. The barn bays where the grain will be kept before being loaded onto 30 tonne grain lorries to go to Weald Granary in Seven Mile Lane, Mereworth also have to be cleaned. All this information has to be recorded for our inspection later in the year.

The new drill is imminent

but it will be sad to see one of our tractors leave the farm. Hopefully I can give you a picture of the drill next month.

Our crop is growing well and hopefully with plenty of sunshine it should finish ripening well.

On Lammas Day, 1st August, farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop and gave them to their local church. Some reports of Lammas Day say that the bread was broken into four bits and placed at the four corners of the barn to protect the gathered grain.

*Rain around Lammas time
When corn begins to fill
Is worth a plough of gold
And all its shares there till*

Chris Miller

Browns School Community Action Day

On the 8th July 2016 Brown's School began their third "Community Day" where all the senior students from the school go out Chelsfield village and help anybody who may need some

assistance in and around their place of abode. It was a rather grey start to the day and all were hoping that rain would not present itself and ruin the pre-planned activities for the mornings work.

The aim of the community day is to enlighten, guide and engage all the students in the school, so that they get to understand the need to help others unconditionally. Thus, all



For all those involved it was a great opportunity for all the students to practise the necessary social skills in meeting new people, whilst also doing some good deeds for the local community. Students and staff of the school believe that helping others is an important life skill and value to have, and have always responded well to the call of assisting others. We already support charities such as “Cakes for Kids”, Bromley Homeless Shelter, Red Nose Day, Poppy Appeal, so we see the community day as just another extension in helping.

students and staff were allocated jobs, to do which some of the local residents have previously indicated would be helpful and make a difference for them. This year the students helped many of the local Chelsfield residents by doing jobs such as car washing, gardening, sweeping, general cleaning, fence painting, window washing, as well as painting part of the village cricket club house, and assisting the cleaning of the local pub “The Five Bells” One of the main jobs was clearing the rather overgrown local bus stop, which was just about recognisable from the road side. This involved

cutting down some parts of trees, removing rubbish, clearing the area of overgrown shrubbery and brushing away all the residue so that anybody waiting for bus could actually have somewhere to stand !!

Brown’s School believes



that it is the duty of everyone to help each other as much as possible and the Community Day is just one way of showing this. It is important that such an ethos also has a practical way of showing itself and what better way than to do little jobs to help others.

This year the management of the school decided to invite all the people we helped back to our school for a lunch time Bar B Q . It was lovely to see so many local residents as well as many parents of our students take up the offer and join all the school staff and students for a lovely meal with all the added extras one would expect to see on such occasions. Even the Ice Cream van turned up to add a final treat to the days proceedings, as well as the sun appearing over our lovely school grounds.

Around 2pm an assembly then took place where the students received certificates for their great days work, and a big thank you from the

school. During this assembly The Junior students were also “sworn- in” to the Rotary Club as “Rotakids” and given certificates and wrist bands as a mark of adherence to their mantra of helping others and doing charitable deeds for those that need help. We were especially glad to welcome three prominent members of the Bromley Rotary Society, who joined us for the meal, and led the Juniors in their “pledge” as well as giving out the certificates and wrist bands during the assembly.

The afternoon finished with all the students taking a well- earned break, and enjoying what

was left of the school day by having time for themselves and their family and friends.

May I take this opportunity in thanking all of Chelsfield residents who opened up their homes, gardens, village hall, public house, etc for us to help in some small way, and in also joining us for the afternoon’s celebrations.

Brown’s School looks forward to next year’s Community Day which we hope will be even bigger and with the idea of helping even more of the local residents in the future.

Many Thanks and Best Wishes

*C. Ponulak
(Deputy Headteacher)*



InsideOut Pilates

My Top 5 Pilates Training Tips to Stay Healthy and Help Avoid Knee, Hip and Back Pain While Gardening

It's that time of year again we are all outside pulling weeds, planting and cleaning things up so that we can enjoy a lovely garden and watch things bloom and grow.

In the last few weeks many of my Pilates clients I've seen come into class after a weekend of gardening complaining that their back hurts! And while I can't promise that you'll be able to completely avoid the possible soreness or awareness of new muscles when gardening, there are some things you can pay attention to, to help keep your body remain well-balanced while you're digging, chopping, raking and having fun working in the garden.

Here are my top five Pilates tips to pay attention to, so you can stay pain and injury-free as you get out and enjoy gardening.

- **Use Your Core MORE.** Not only do your Abs need to work as you're digging pulling, and lifting, but they need to stay engaged the whole time you're bent over to support your lower back!
- **Alternate the Leg You Squat Down With.** We tend to always put our dominate leg forward. This will overdevelop your strong side, and continue to weaken your weak side, shifting your hips, pelvis, and back out of alignment. Use alternate legs to work both legs evenly to get to the ground, and you'll find your body feels better when you're done in garden.
- **Alternate the Hand you're Using to Do the Work.** Again, balanced muscle development. It's important to think about strength training to develop both sides of your body evenly.
- **Coordinate Your Breath with Your Effort.** It's always easiest and you will have maximum support to exert on an exhale. So inhale, exhale, pull your abs in, pull your shoulders down, and then pull on the weed! Develop a Pilates-style breathing pattern that supports your efforts, whether you're pulling weeds, digging, pruning, everything you're doing and you'll be amazed at the difference.

- Take at least 15-20 Minutes and STRETCH when you're done.** I know you're tired; you've been getting a workout! You're hips and back will be tight and tired; you definitely need to do some Hamstring, Hip, and Calf Stretches. Give your lower back a break and stretch your legs – Hamstrings, Quads, Inner Thighs, Outer Hips, Calves, Ankles and Feet.

Incorporate these 5 Pilates training tips to help avoid knee, hip, and back pain while gardening. Enjoy every minute of your time in the great outdoors working in the garden and still be able to leap out of bed the next day with a healthy body and happy back! Happy Gardening!

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Orpington Priory Regeneration Project

The following content was taken from a recent talk in Bromley, given by Sally Pennington, chair of the board of trustees of the Orpington Priory Community Hub.

Sally was speaking on the plans for this building being used by the local community.

The 13th century Priory was rebuilt in the 15th

century, enlarged in the 17th century, and is the oldest and historically important building in Bromley.

In 1949 the former Urban



District Council brought the buildings and gardens for the people of Orpington, and it housed the Bromley Museum until September 2015. The council now intend to place the building and the surrounding land on the open market.

The proposal is that the Priory buildings are used as a business meetings and functions venue, which is also open to the Bromley community and general public. It is also proposed to use it as a heritage and arts centre, meeting educational and community needs.

Sally outlined the work so far. The steering group, setup in 2015 originally attempted to stop the closure of the museum. They then looked at how the building could be used for alternative

purposes. The group hurriedly setup and registered a company at the end of 2015 and only had 6 weeks to register their interest and put together a business plan to present to the council. They have also managed to get the services of a board of trustees with an impressive range of the skills that they need. Their business plan was submitted in May, and it is hoped that there will be a decision by this October. Private companies have also been invited to offer tenders for the building. A big hurdle is raising the money to refurbish the building, which is estimated at £1.7 million. The Heritage Lottery Fund are willing to consider a grant application.

Jo Johnson supports the

plans, and Sally thought that things looked promising at this stage. Sally said that their vision is: to ensure the future of Orpington Priory, and its conservation and restoration as an historic building, with increased public access.

Some of the proposed uses of the building are: Exhibitions and displays on local themes, Shops, Information centre, Tea room, Community hire for adult classes and local groups etc

More details can be found at:

www.orpingtonpriorycommunityhub.org.uk

Where their business plan can be viewed and residents can give their thoughts and views.

A Letter To Jo Johnson MP

Sent on 16th June 2106

Dear Mr Johnson,

In Chelsfield Village the community has raised enough money to purchase a public access defibrillator

(PAC) for our Village Hall, a facility used by many local groups located in an outlying part of the London Borough of Bromley.

It was suggested to me by London Ambulance

Service that, as a registered charity, the Village Hall could purchase the defibrillator free of VAT.

Investigating this further via the HMRC documentation I found

that the regulations are very strict and this is not applicable in our case as we are not a medical charity whose sole purpose is life saving. This has increased the overall cost by over £200.

In my searches I found that there is a campaign in Cornwall by a charity which raises money for PACs. This campaign has taken their cause to the government with the support of Andrew George, former MP for St Ives, but with no success. Reported in *The Cornishman*, November 10 2014, he said “ The VAT bill on charities trying to raise money for essential life saving equipment such as defibrillators is unfair, unjustifiable and should be lifted. I am asking Treasury Ministers to think again.”

In his latest budget the chancellor announced that government money will be made available for the purchase of PACs. Surely zero rating these devices which

have been purchased by public donation should be part of this initiative which has the Prime Minister’s full support as you can see from the Hansard extract below:

Hansard: 25 Mar 2015 : Column 1413Q3. [908294]

The Prime Minister

The Chancellor announced in his Budget £1 million for defibrillators, including putting defibrillators into schools. I want to see a situation where community buildings, schools, pubs, **village halls**—all of them—have defibrillators, because we can save lives in this way.....

I urge you to put the case before the treasury so that many more of these life saving devices can be installed. A retrospective refund of VAT paid would be very welcome.

Yours sincerely,
Catherine Gandolfi,
Secretary,
Chelsfield Village Hall

Reply

Dated 8 July 2016

Dear Mrs Gandolfi,

Thank you for writing to me regarding VAT on public access defibrillators. I was delighted to learn that residents in Chelsfield have raised enough money to purchase a defibrillator for the Village Hall. This is a tremendous example of community spirit which could help save lives in future.

I do appreciate your concern regarding the zero rating of defibrillators, and have written on your behalf to David Gauke MP, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, asking him to consider your request to exempt all charities from paying VAT when they purchase public access defibrillators.

I will be in contact again as soon as I have received a response.

Kind regards,
Jo Johnson

Chelsfield Village Fair



Once again the Village Fair was an outstanding success thanks to all the hard work of Peter Lamond, Dave Griffiths and the committee during the year and their numerous helpers who gave up their time on the day.

The Chelsfield Village Society bottle stall, which sported a new Banner, was very successful and we are so grateful to Alan Johnson's family

including his grandchildren with the assistance of Terry and Bernice Lloyd who collected bottles, numbered them, transported them to the stall and then manned our stall with help from others throughout the day. So a very big thank you to all concerned.

I personally was very appreciative of everyone's help and kindness as I was due to

go into hospital for my replacement hip the following Thursday and was no use to anyone.!

We hope to see many of you at the CVS AGM on 16th November in the Brass Crosby room , St Martins Church at 7.30pm when we hope to have an interesting speaker, more later.

Again Many Thanks to all

Pam Ames

More Red Birds?

Did any other residents spot our other red visitors on Saturday 11th June at around 4.30 in the afternoon. A number of the red arrows, came low over the village performing two tight loops over the village and church, and even turning

on their characteristic coloured smoke trails. These had been presumably involved in the Queens flypast, or the Biggin hill festival of flight air show.

I believe an ashes internment was taking

place over at the church, perhaps they ---.



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Commemorating Chelsfield's Casualties from World War I

This month we continue to see casualties from the Battle of the Somme, one of whom Maurice Asprey, whose family lived at Court Lodge. Geoffrey Copus has researched the family extensively so he has kindly written about him.

THOMAS HOPKINS

GUNNER T. G. HOPKINS.



106169 Gunner Thomas Hopkins of the 81st (Howitzer) Brigade Royal Field Artillery enlisted on 24th August 1915 and underwent only a brief training before sent to the war. He was an scholar of Pratts Bottom and Chelsfield Village Schools. He died of wounds aged 20 on the 2nd August 1916 and is

buried at the Carnoy Military Cemetery in France. He was the son of Thomas & Alice Hopkins of Station Cottages, Warren Road; father Thomas worked at Court Lodge Farm.

There are no records about where Thomas was injured but his brigade saw action during The Battle of Albert in which the Division captured Fricourt and took part in the Battle of Delville Wood, so it is very likely he was hurt during this and taken to the field hospital north of Carnoy, which had been established in July. In the 1911 census Thomas is 15 and a farm labourer, living with his parents and a younger brother and sister at Station Cottages; he was born in Carshalton. In 1901 the family were living in Ash Road, two doors down from a Frederick Theobald and his family. This Frederick Theobald is very likely to be the one on the war memorial in the church but I haven't found a link yet to a specific casualty. I will keep searching.

MAURICE ASPREY

George Asprey and his

wife Florence moved to the Court Lodge, Chelsfield, in 1892; a well-to-do silversmith, George later became Chairman of the family business in Bond Street.



Before his marriage to Florence he was a widower with a young son, Kenneth, while the family was soon added to by the births at Chelsfield of Philip, Maurice, Joan and Eric. Philip's son, also named Maurice, has very kindly lent me much family memorabilia for copying, including George's diary. That has daily entries from 1893 until his death in 1918, a

wonderfully detailed account of happy family life at the Court Lodge. This was in some ways a golden era, but it was not without tragedy for the Aspreys. Joan died of meningitis in 1907 and is commemorated by a stained glass window in St. Martin's church, where the family were devoted worshippers. On the evidence of the diaries they were also model employers to their numerous servants.

The outbreak of the Great War came as a sudden shock, and Maurice was soon serving in France as a Captain in the Buffs. George and Florence sent parcels of food, clothing and tobacco to him, to be distributed to the troops under him. Writing to his mother from France after Christmas 1915, Maurice thanked her for her present to him, a tiepin "...it was a topping one... The men enjoyed the pudding very much indeed,...I gave the men 50 cigarettes each on Xmas Day which I got from a Field Force Canteen in Calais ...I kept one box for myself, and they are quite good....[the men] are extraordinary in their tastes. Some would give a whole box of good cigarettes away for a few

wild woodbines..." He wrote reassuringly to Florence a few weeks before his death " am up for a few weeks in the trenches. Have quite a nice dugout, weather's good and the Bosche has not been too objectionable..." Nonetheless he was killed in action, aged 23, on 12th August 1916 when commanding a Trench Mortar Battery. I have a photo of the wooden cross which was originally erected over his grave. Later the Imperial War Graves Commission erected a gravestone over his final resting place in Bray Military Cemetery. He is commemorated also on memorials in St. Martin's church and churchyard. Geoffrey Copus The National Army Museum has an online microsite dedicated to Maurice Asprey, with photographs he took on front line online and excerpts from his diary, which is well worth a look: <http://www.nam.ac.uk/microsites/ww1/1562/news/captain-maurice-asprey/#.V4vvt7grKhc>

WILLIAM FATHERS

17681 Private William Edward Fathers of the 7th Battalion East Surrey

Regiment died of wounds, aged 22, on the 17th August 1916. He is buried in Puchevilliers British Cemetery in France. He was the son of Thomas and Susan Jane Fathers, of Hill Brow, Craven Estate, Chelsfield. William was born in Deptford, and in 1911 he is living there with his parents and seven siblings in Church Street.

He is a fishmonger like his father, and ten years before on the 1901 census they are living same address, but father is a boot repairer. It's not clear when William was injured but I have found an online Regiment war diary for his specific battalion which makes interesting reading: www.queensroyalsurreys.org.uk/war_diaries/local/7Bn_East_Surrey/7Bn_East_Surrey_1915/7Bn_East_Surrey_1915_07.shtml

If you have any more information on any of these servicemen, or any of the names on the war memorial, I'd love to hear from you. Please contact me using the information below.

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L'Ecole des Beaux Arts Exposition

ECOLE DES BEAUX ARTS, DE CHAMPFRAIS 2016

(Chelsfield)



Millais, and Mme Tricia de la Maraton showed their artworks on stage next to the photographic exhibition, overlooking the tea hall.

Les publique general were surprised and pleased by the range and quality of oeuvres on display. Undeterred by the muggy heat, flocks of art lovers and critics mounted the stairs to the stage to enjoy the first, (and possibly the last) exhibition by L' Ecole des Beaux Arts, Champfrais. (Coolfield in the ancient tongue.) before descending to the tea hall for a well deserved cup of tea and slice of fruitcake.

La Premiere Exposition de l'Ecole Des Beaux Arts, de Champfrais (Coels field) took place at the July Village Fair 2016.

Under the tutelage of Le Maître des Arts plastiques, Professeur Leonardo, the four best selected art students, Mme Brigitte de l'Odonnell, Mme Petra de la Coques, Mme Lyn de



Relaxed art classes are on Thursday mornings 10-12, £8.30 per session, no need to book, bring your own materials, beginners, the hopeless, and anyone unable to draw a straight line, welcome. Tea provided.

Call Leo on: 07583777065 for more info.

Leo Coleman

Defibrillator Training

Over the last month there have been two training sessions, with a total of over two dozen people now being trained in giving CPR and using the village defibrillator.

With a donation from the proceeds of selling ice cream at the Chelsfield

Fair the Village Hall has now purchased a Little Anne resuscitation manikin. This will enable all those trained to keep their skills up to scratch when they wish. We can also afford some more training of local residents. We have a list of those still wishing to be trained

and if any other local residents, and especially hall users, would like to be trained, let us know so that further sessions can be arranged.

Catherine Gandolfi:
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Broadband - Good News at Last!

After negotiations with Bromley Council, and with their assistance, this week I signed a contract with Openreach (part of BT) to upgrade Chelsfield village to fast broadband. The work will primarily be the installation of a fibre cabinet on the by-pass, which will enable the village to benefit from vastly greater internet speeds than the current ones. Once the service is available, you will be able to apply to your service provider to upgrade your property. Openreach currently estimate the work will be complete in June/July 2017, but I will be pressing them as hard as possible for an earlier date.

The campaign over the last two years has involved constant discussions with Jo Johnson MP, the government, Bromley Council, the Mayor of London's office and over 30 suppliers - all of whom have refused to help, until the Council were persuaded to help a little ! Let's hope there are no more roadblocks to us getting 21st century communications in the village!

In addition to Chelsfield village, Openreach will also be upgrading Downe and the Leaves Green Road area of Keston as part of a "special deal". Unfortunately, Cudham village is not covered by this upgrade due to the

expense, but I'm currently working with a company (Pine Media) and Cudham Residents' Association to provide a potential radio broadband service for the Cudham area.

I will keep everyone informed of progress as we go along.

Steve Barnes

I'm sure the residents of Chelsfield Village are very grateful to Steve for all his hard work.

I have recently been in contact with a group on the Chelsfield/Well Hill borders who have been having similar discussions regarding their poor broadband. They are on the 01959

exchange and get their telephone line form the same Openreach cabinet. I asked their co-ordinator, Tif Qureshi of Well Hill, if he could give me any news for this month's newsletter. His reply follows:

What has been confirmed is this:
KCC Broadband Project are proposing to put our

BDUK funded Cabinet at the junction of Rock Hill / Pump Lane. Delivery of this structure is proposed for this time next year (ie July to September 2017) and are being delivered by the KCC BDUK project and the funding has been agreed. So Fibre broadband is definitely coming to Well Hill !!

This is such recent news

that we are not yet sure of the outcome for Chelsfield residents in the Bo-Peep area.

Anyone interested can email Tif on:

tifqureshi@mac.com

Watch this space!

Catherine Gandolfi:
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Local History Group Takes a Summer Break

The Local History group takes a break during July and August. From when it resumes in September.

Meetings will be held on the LAST Thursday in the month instead of the third Thursday. Starting time

remains the same at 10.30 and the venue will be the Brass Crosby Room as usual.

The Coolings Highway 10K Run

Sunday 25th September Starts 10am

run along quiet undulating local roads and fields. It also includes a 2k family fun run.

www.thehighway10k.com

This run starts and finishes at the Highway Primary School, and is

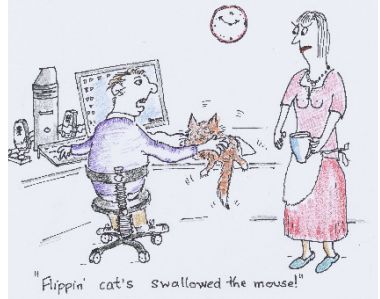
For more details visit:

or pick up a leaflet in the village hall, which has a **£5 Coolings voucher attached!**

Bar Lambs by Phil Lane

A proper glossy book of Bar Lambs (as seen by Adam Henson and enjoyed on Countryfile), is now available £5 postpaid from me (Phil Lane) or can be collected from dad in Chelsfield lane given notice.

I am at Sea Holly House, 13 Fairways Road. Seaford, East Sussex. BN25 4EL



Phil Lane

The Litter Pickers

The volunteer village litter pickers had their first meeting on the 18 July in the Five Bells pub. Only four of us could make it but the others had made clear the areas of road they intended to keep clean so it was all rather straight forward.

Currently the litter pickers includes: Dan Sloan, Chris Parsons, Tony Betts, Graham & Viv Parris, Gem Levick, Adrian Hulf and myself. We have allocated the roads and lanes according to the maps below. As you can see

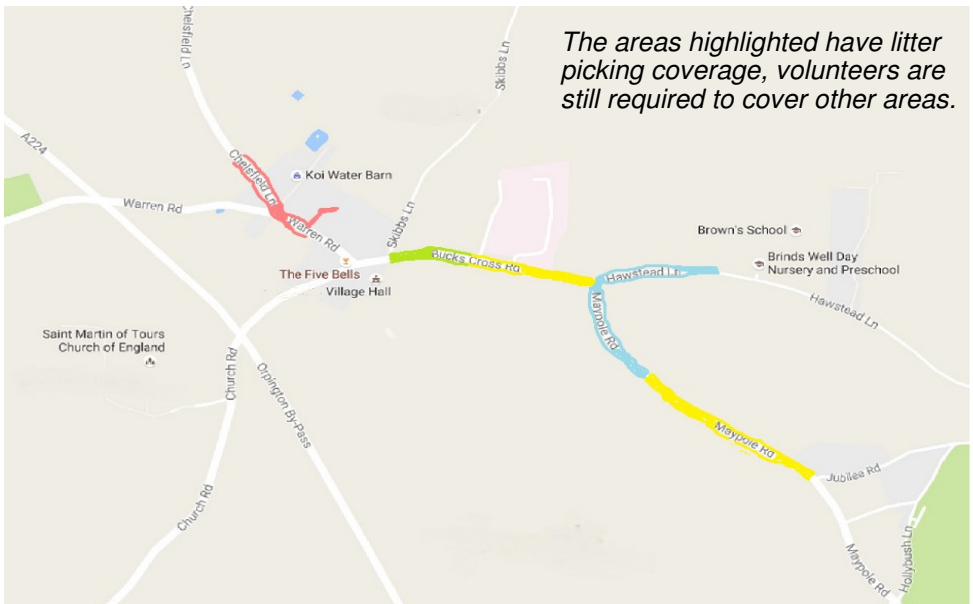
there are some areas of the village that would appreciate some extra help. The Maypole Rd-Jubilee Rd-Hollybush Lane triangle could do with a volunteer – please? Also, the centre of the village around the pub could do with some attention. It is expected that this will only be a short task every few weeks and it would be nice to live in a litter free village!

The current situation is that the council will supply litter pickers, bags and a pick-up service for

the collected rubbish although it may be easier if the bags are removed along with our own rubbish. Currently I am having trouble communicating with the contact at the council but I think this may be due to annual leave. I will keep everybody updated as and when I learn anything new.

So, if anybody would like to help us keep the roads and lanes around the village clear of litter then please let me know at srfuller@sky.com

Steve Fuller



The areas highlighted have litter picking coverage, volunteers are still required to cover other areas.

VE Day Street Party



My parents, Fred and Lou Cooper, moved into the newly built 44 Warren Drive in 1936, when I was 3. At the end of the War, to celebrate VE Day 1945, a street party was held, and I have these two photographs which were taken on that



occasion. I would be very interested to hear from anyone who was there, or who may be able to help

in identifying people.

*Brenda Copus
formerly Cooper*

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Bromley Council

Main switchboard:

020 8464 3333

E-mail:

csc@bromley.gov.uk

Opening hours Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm

Address: Civic Centre,
Stockwell Close,
Bromley, BR1 3UH

Reporting Problems to the Council

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

Neighbourhood Watch

John Leach 07711304965.

NHS Non-Emergency 111

BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital

Main Reception

01689 877855

Helpline

0845 6032932

Physiotherapy

01689 885914

Councillors

Keith Onslow

keith.onslow@bromley.gov.uk

Samaris Huntington-Thresher

020 8464 3333

samaris.huntington-thresher@bromley.gov.uk

Lydia Buttinger

lydia.buttinger@bromley.gov.uk

Chelsfield Village Voice

chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com

Chelsfield Primary School

01689 825827

BT Line Faults 0800 800151

EDF Electrical Power Failure

08007838866

Thames Water Emergencies

0845 9200800

Transco Gas Emergency

Service 0800 111999

Bromley Police Station & Police non emergency 101

Samaritans 01689 833000

Safer Neighbourhood

Team 020 8721 2605

chelsfield.prattsbottom.snt@met.police.uk

[@met.police.uk](mailto:chelsfield.prattsbottom.snt@met.police.uk)

Chelsfield Village Hall

(bookings) **01689 831826** or email to:

cvhlettings@gmail.com

Chelsfield Players

info@chelsfieldplayers.org

www.chelsfieldplayers.org



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Methodist Hall
Windsor Drive

Iyengar Yoga Classes

9.30am-11.00am
Suitable for Beginners
Contact Denise 01689 853215

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall and
Brass Crosby Room

Chelsfield Housemartins

Monday Afternoons, for local
people who are unable to go out
without help.

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

6.30pm-7.30pm
Contact Francesca on
07791073445

EVERY MONDAY

Christ Church Hall
(Charterhouse Rd)

Beginners Pilates Class

6.55pm
Contact Sally 07786 035640

EVERY TUESDAY

starting 13th September

Brass Crosby Room

St Martin's Toddler Group

10.30am-12.00 midday and
afternoon session 1.00-2.30pm

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 THURS & FRI

Pilates Classes & Pre & Post Natal Pilates Classes

Chelsfield Methodist Church
Hall, Windsor Drive
Wed 6.50-7.50pm & 8.00-9.00pm
Thursday 8.20-9.20pm
Friday 9.35-10.35am

& 10.45-11.45am
Post Natal Pilates 12-1.00pm
(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 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

Tuesday 2nd August

Five Bells

Ravensbourne Morris Men

Dance for us at 8.00pm followed
by our charity quiz at 9.00

Wednesday 3rd August

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

So all you budding musicians

out there, come along and have a
go!

Starts at 8.30pm

Wednesday 3rd August

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

Clarvoyance with Tara

See front cover

Thursday 4th August

Five Bells

Jazz Night with Just Friends

Swinging Jazz standards from
1920's onwards
Music from 8.30pm

Friday 5th August

Five Bells

"Something Else" Play Live

Popular Songs

Music from 9.00pm

Wednesday 10th August

(2nd Wednesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Afternoon W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

Contact Gwen on 01689 834879

or Sue on 01689 827407

Saturday 13th August

Five Bells

Five Bells Annual Dog Show

3.00pm for a 3.30 start
£5.00 registration per dog

All proceeds to PDSA

Tuesday 16th August

(3rd Tuesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Evening W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

From 7.45pm

Contact Madeline 01689891533

Wednesday 17th August

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

So all you budding musicians out
there, come along and have a go!

Starts at 8.30pm

Thursday 1st September

Five Bells

Jazz Night with Just Friends

Swinging Jazz standards from
1920's onwards
Music from 8.30pm

Sunday 18th September

Triangles Farm, Chelsfield Lane

Classic Car Show

Tickets £5.00

In aid of St Christopher's Hospice

Thursday 29th September

(Last Thursday each month)

Brass Crosby Room

Local History Group

Starts 10.30am