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THE FIVE BELLS ANNUAL
**CHARITY
DOG SHOW**
Saturday 10th August



This is a fun, and not to be taken too seriously dog show, purely because we love dogs. Registration is £5 per dog, which all goes to Foal Farm

Starts 3.00pm

Tell Us What's On

You tell us what's going on, or planned, or send us any interesting snippets, and we will share your information with the residents and friends of Chelsfield

Please send anything you feel suitable for the

September 2019 issue to:

chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com

or post to:

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Wednesday 26th August 2019

The Box Tree and Box Tree Moth

Before talking about the twin subjects of this month's piece I'd like to mention a flower that I initially had problems identifying in my back garden. It was over a metre high (1.3 m) and had many tiny purplish coloured orchid like flowers on each stalk. I thought it might be 'pale toadflax' but the flowers were too small. I asked my neighbour Mike who has spent many years as a gardener (just retired) if he had any ideas but he could not put a name to it.

Eventually I was looking out of my front garden window when I realised that the plant I was searching for was sitting in the small garden area under my window. It was simply lavender but it did not 'look' right! The reason why this plant had been so difficult to identify was that usually lavender spreads out covering the ground but the mystery plant in question was very different, growing high rather than wide giving it a very different look (see photo). Maybe better gardeners than I can



expand on this subject.

Twice now I have sat down to write a piece about the giant household spider and both times events have overtaken me. On this

occasion it was our resident lepidopterist, Lester Barnes who informed me via email that he had trapped two box tree moths (*Cydalima perspectalis*) in his light trap in a single evening.

The point of this is that this moth is invasive, currently rare but spreading fast. It comes from Asia (India to Japan and China) and can do a great deal of damage to box trees (*Buxus sempervirens*). It has spread rapidly since it was first noted in Europe in 2006. Two years later it was found in the UK. It was introduced into Sochi, Russia via box trees imported from Italy



for the 2014 winter Olympics and just this year has been found in Canada. It seems particularly prevalent in London and the surrounding area and the numbers reported are doubling every year. If you find one of these critters (see photo) you can report it to the following RHS website:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advise/profile?PID=760>

This will allow the good folks at the RHS to track the progress of this moth in the coming years. So, the moth's preferred food is the box tree after which it is named. This is particularly concerning as the box tree probably receives more of the gardener's attention than any other due to the effort required to coax the tree into the many and varied shapes seen via the art of topiary. The box tree is the archetypal example of a topiary tree. Its leaves are small and foliage is dense and evergreen while the tree will put up with a lot of pruning which is essential if the gardener is going to mould it into the shapes required for formal/ornate gardens. It is an interesting wood in that it

is very dense and does not float in water. It is yellow, stable and does not warp so was historically used for the manufacture of scientific instruments and other high value items like chess-pieces. Although naturally occurring in Britain it is nowadays seldom seen in the wild except for a few locations such as Box Hill in Surrey (now there's a coincidence)!

The life cycle of any butterfly or moth starts with the eggs which are laid onto the leaf of the plant that the young larva (or caterpillar) will eat. In the case of the box tree moth that's obviously the box tree. The larvae then create webs which are not for catching prey but as camouflage from predators such as birds. Unfortunately the larva's natural predator in Asia is a hornet which only occurs in a few places in Europe, again an invasive species which can cause problems with honey bees which cannot defend themselves against this hornet. Interestingly, in Asia, the indigenous bees will swarm over the hornet until it dies of heat exhaustion but European

bees have not yet mastered that trick!

Once the caterpillar eggs hatch they eat the leaves of the box tree. Young larvae only take the soft outer parts of the leaves but as they grow they will take the whole leaf and as their eggs are laid in batches, single trees become inundated with box tree caterpillars until all of the leaves are gone. It is possible for the tree to survive but in many cases the tree will die and hence this critter is the cause of much concern in the horticultural world. One can buy box tree moth traps which use pheromone lures (see photo). These look



rather like bird feeders but the idea is to attract and trap them before they can lay eggs on your valuable box trees. Insecticides can be

used but they are difficult to apply on all leaf surfaces, are indiscriminate as to what they kill and will be quickly washed off when it rains. Hand picking will work for small numbers of caterpillars but the number of trees to be monitored will need to be small and the process will be an ongoing one.

Once the larva are finished stripping your box tree they will undergo the miracle of 'metamorphosis'. They will become a pupa and undergo a total transformation, entering the stage as long stubby caterpillars and leave as moths with wings, antennae and all of the paraphernalia they need

to mate, lay eggs, pass on their genes and then drop dead from the effort. So, if you should find one of these critters then do use the website above to report it, then probably best to dispatch it before it can do any damage.

*Steve Fuller
August 2019*

Mutterings From The Millers

It did rain on St Anne's day, 26th July, so let us hope that this particular folklore doesn't come true. Lammas day, 1st August, is supposed to be when we start cutting the wheat, well that hasn't happened. The weather patterns are completely different from those days, as is farming methods and we seem to have all the rain in a few days and then complete dry days instead of scattered showers.

We made a little hay at the beginning of July which was beautiful. We managed to cut this at the right time when the weather was perfect and not too hot to bleach it. There was just enough green left in the stalks to make it look great and it

had a lovely sweet smell. We cut the winter barley very early this year on the 15th and 16th July and it was loaded onto a boat at Sheerness by the end of the week. Great cutting and baling conditions. All things considered this was not a bad crop despite the dry April and early May. The bushel weight was very variable due to the different soils as we mentioned last month but the moisture readings were fine. Half of the straw from this crop is already in Devon.

The winter wheat should be ready by the middle of August. The very heavy downpours haven't yet damaged the crop, so fingers crossed.

One of the varieties of

wheat that we grew in the past has a problem with sprouting in the ear if it rains when it is ready to be cut, one of the reasons we stopped growing it but it is very widely grown. This is one of the things that we look for when attending the wheat growing trails. Like a lot of farming, you gamble on the weather. Some varieties are great croppers if the weather is good but rubbish if not. We always measure the rainfall but from May to harvest the amounts help to calculate the risk from mycotoxins. Mycotoxin is a mould that can be present in the grain if the conditions pre harvest are wet, so we have to give a score on each load that leaves the farm. The grain is then tested at the

grain store for any presence.

The oats are starting to ripen and a few small patches have been knocked down, one of the problems with oats. We anticipate cutting this by the end of August.

Anyone seen a gate? One was taken from the field we call the cricket meadow, (where the village used to play cricket hence the field name) between the pub and Court Road, so we

have put a piece of machinery there for the time being to stop vehicles entering the field.

We saw a very large flock of swifts towards the end of July, weaving round and round over the barns in the early evening, very unusual but after speaking to Peter Gandolfi he wondered if they were gathering to leave. Sad but true I think. The swallows are delighting us though and as in photos, line up on

the telephone wires chattering away. Weather lore is a bit sparse for this month, perhaps because not a lot rhymes with August, but here is a saying about storms.

*Beware the oak, it draws the stroke,
Avoid the ash, it draws a flash
But under the thorn, you'll come to no harm.*

*Steve and Chris Miller
Court Lodge Farm*

Drivers Targeted With Fake Fines

What you need to know

Action Fraud have received an increase in reports and intelligence where elderly victims are being targeted by individuals purporting to be police officers or traffic wardens. The victims are being approached whilst parked in a car park and are told by the suspect that they have parked illegally or broken a speed limit and a photo has been taken of their car for 'evidence'.

Victims are advised that they will face a substantial penalty fine unless

they pay a smaller up-front fee immediately. Victims, who opt for paying the smaller penalty, will be directed to a parking meter and asked to enter their card and PIN. These parking meters have been tampered with by the suspect in order to retain the card.

Once the victim inserts their card and are asked for their PIN, the victims are shoulder surfed for their PIN by the suspect. Once victims input their PIN, the card is retained by the machine and victims are told by the suspect to seek help from

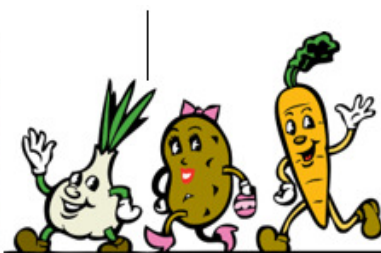
the company who operates the parking meter or their bank.

What you need to do

■ If you are suspicious about the **authenticity** of the fine, do not pay it until you have **verified** it with your local council.

■ Always **shield your PIN** from view when using an ATM machine, and **never** share your PIN with anyone.

■ If your bank card is retained by an ATM machine, contact your bank **immediately** to inform them.



AUTUMN SHOW & FETE

HALSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Stalls in the Grounds Open 1:00 pm
Horticultural Show in the Hall Open 1:45 pm

Attractions include:

Bacon rolls; toy stall; side shows; craft stalls; ice cream van; pie stall; crime prevention advice; tombola; white elephant; crocks smash; raffle; cakes and refreshments; live music; horticultural exhibits; auction of produce at 3:45pm.

£1 entry (under 16s free).

All proceeds go to the upkeep of Halstead Village Hall.

Chelsfield Village Bee News - Swarms

Earlier this spring we collected three swarms, all within a couple of weeks. When a hive swarms (its method of reproduction) the old queen flies off with most of the flying bees. This is a prime swarm as it is the flying bees that later would be collecting honey for the beekeeper.

After the bees have swarmed, newly hatched queens will emerge. These will either fight each other to the death, leaving one to become the new queen, or the worker bees may decide to protect one or more to fly off with an ever decreasing number of flying bees. These are called casts, as they have a virgin queen that needs to get mated and return to the hive successfully to head up the new colony.

All of our swarms were casts. Casts can be tricky for the beekeeper. They can often take flight even when given a home and there is a risk that the queen may fail to get mated or fail to return. The queen only has a

window of around two weeks to go out for a successful mating flight. If bad weather makes this impossible, she becomes a drone layer, and the colony will die out. The colony also is small and needs to build up before it can produce a surplus of honey.

A lady who keeps horses in a field on Well Hill found one morning that they were being inquisitive around one of the fence posts in their paddock. On inspection, the top of the post was covered in bees, so she called the police, and we were notified. I put an old sheet on the ground, then held a wicker basket (skep) one side of the post, so that when I banged the side of the post so the bees fell into the skep, which was then placed upside down on the sheet under the post.

A lot of bees took to the air, but on inspection tended to go to the bees in the skep rather than back to the post, suggesting that the queen was in the skep, which is what you want. I left it and re-

turned in the early evening, wrapping the sheet over the skep and taking it to the allotment where we had prepared an empty hive with a board covered with a sheet, sloping slightly up to the entrance.

When the bees are shaken onto the sheet late in the day they tend not to fly, so mill around in a heap. As they have a natural tendency to move upwards, some will find the hive entrance, go inside and consider it a good home. They then come out, stick their tails in the air and use their wings to fan over their Nasonov gland which gives off a homing sent, sometimes strong enough for us to smell it. When the mass of bees smell this they all line up like iron filings and march quite quickly into the hive. Sometimes during this process you can see the queen walking in over the top of the other bees. On this occasion we did see the queen, and spotted she was a virgin, as she was smaller in size, and from a rather small swarm.

We also collected two other casts, one from the outskirts of the village, on the ground by a hedge, which is unusual. Perhaps the queen got tired and flopped down. The other bees would not leave her. The other was a classic small caste found hanging over the footpath between Chelsfield Station and the stables. We needed a small pair of steps to reach the hanging branch which was cut and the branch carefully shaken directly into a small hive and taken away in the evening. It tends to be more successful to run the bees in, as described earlier, rather than physically putting them directly into a hive. It is believed that running them in makes the bees think that it is their decision to choose that hive, being closer to their usual behaviour of choosing their new home



themselves.

Fortunately all three of these small colonies have developed well, with the mated queens returning successfully and now laying well. So successfully in fact that while we were having a short cycling holiday one had filled a honey super, placed on top of the colony before our departure,

due to the many lime trees in the area.

Let us know if any of you are interested in bees, as we have spare bee suits and can now show you the inside of a hive, in complete safety. It looks like local honey will be available this year.

*Pete and Catherine
Gandolfi 01689 831826*

Local Garden Wins Top Slot!

Congratulations are due to Jean and Roger Pemberton!

On Saturday 27th July Coolings held their annual prizegiving for their Coolings in Bloom and Jean and Roger were

lucky enough to win top slot for Bromley in Bloom best back garden.

They live at 12 The Meadows so it is relevant to Chelsfield, particularly as we advertise their "Open Garden" days in the

Chelsfield Village Voice. They also maintain the garden at Orpington Hospital as volunteers for the League of Friends of Orpington Hospital and this garden won first prize for Best Community Environmentally Friendly

Project.

Coolings do a great deal for the local community and have helped enormously with their work at the hospital garden. They have offered to supply and fit an automatic watering system for this garden, free of charge and have donated various plants and features over the

years (They probably don't want to publicize this too much in case they get a load of begging letters as a result!).

So many people benefit from being encouraged to do their gardens and it is one of the most healthy pastimes, especially for the not so young. Jean and Roger are in regular contact with a lady who

owned our garden over 50 years ago and won numerous National competitions for her/their garden. She is now 109 years old and only gave up active gardening at aged 101 years. She is still incredibly bright and looking after herself.

Seems like gardening might rather be good for you!!

Chelsfield Casualties of The Second World War

As you will have been reminded in the news recently, this September marks the 80th Anniversary of the start of World War II.

Over the last few years I researched and published the histories of the World War I casualties on the War Memorial in St Martin's Church porch, to commemorate them on the 100th anniversaries of the deaths. I'm now going to try to do the same for those from WW2 for their 80th anniversaries.

There are far fewer names for WW2, twenty compared to fifty-two, but in a way we know less for some of them because many records are unavailable for privacy or government secrecy reasons. It's not possible to look at census records, for example, as they are closed under the 100 years rule. However, there is a little more available in church magazines and other publications, and there are people around who remember them or their families.

The story of the Chapmans of Lilleys is well known to some, and I hope to share that again in 2024. Roy David Waters is the son of David Waters on the WWI memorial, so there is added poignancy there. Jean Burgess has already kindly shared with me information about her cousin, Lawrence Dolley.

The list of names is below, if you are related to someone there, or you know someone who is, please do get in touch.

Jack Arthur Balding
William Beadle
Ernest Caton
Frederick Chapman
Edith Mary Chapman
Edward Clarke
Lawrence Dolley
Aubrey Hutchinson

Alan Albert James
David Marr
Douglas Lewis Motton
John Desmond Needham
David Alexander Noall
Frederick Thomas Parrott
Horace Sampson
Frederick James Smith

George Edward Tapsell
Edward Alford Wallace
Roy David Waters
Leonard Frank Webber

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Congratulations To The Chelsfield Village Fair Committee!



Congratulations to the Chelsfield Village Fair Committee for organising yet another stupendous and successful day of fun, frolics and aeroplane displays.



On that note, a huge thank you from me on behalf of Chelsfield Village Society (CVS) for all the donations, behind the scene preparations of

the hampers, support on the day manning the stall and thanks to the people who purchased raffle tickets for the hampers at Chelsfield Village Fair. As a result of all this hard work by the CVS Committee members, not only did we all have a fantastic time, but CVS managed to raise £528.51 to support its ongoing activities.

The aims of Chelsfield Village Society are to protect the interests of individuals and the community, improve the facilities and amenities within Chelsfield Village, together with the preservation and enhancement of the rural character of the Conservation Area.

We organised a successful village tidy-up on 16 June 2019. In addition, we regularly liaise with our local councillors, most recently to discuss efforts to minimise dumping of rubbish in the roads and lanes around

Chelsfield, parking within the village and traffic calming within the Village and on Court Road. It looks as though we are finally moving closer to getting the promised roundabout at the junction of Warren Road and Court Road. A revised plan has been submitted for sign-off by the council, so hopefully we will have some good news on that later in the year.

Should anyone who is not already a member of Chelsfield Village Society wish to join, please feel free to drop me an e-mail (peter.lamond@me.com) or we can provide an opportunity to join at our forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held in the Brass Crosby Room on Wednesday 27 November 2019.

Thank you again.

*Peter Lamond
Chairman
Chelsfield Village Society*

Events At St Martin's 2019 Dates for Your Diary

<p>Mon 26 Aug Sun 1 Sep Sun 22 Sep Sun 29 Sep Sun 27 Oct Sat 7 Dec Sat 11 Jan 2020</p>	<p>Summer Walk – starting point tbc Afternoon Tea & Songs of Praise at Rectory Heritage Open Day Harvest Lunch & Harvest Evensong Songs of Praise Griffiths / Barnes Collective afternoon concert Christmas Fair - 10.30-12.30pm in Brass Crosby Room Quiz Night in the Village Hall</p>	
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 or email: social@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk

FREE OFFERS - Bridge Lessons and Dressmaking Help

My name is Colin Payne and my wife Joyce and I have recently moved into the area – the top of Court Road.

I have taught bridge for the last twenty years and run three bridge clubs.

My offer is four fold:-

1. I can teach “mini bridge”. The basics would take an evening and it is a game you could play with your children.

2. I can teach the full game. This is a long haul – a minimum of 15 two hour sessions.

3. I can teach card play.

4. I can offer practice sessions if you are already a player and would welcome advice.

The full game is challenging but it is a nice social outlet. If you wish to try but find it is not for you there is no commitment.

The second offer is from

my wife who is a “Court dressmaker”. If anyone wants help with dressmaking she is happy to help.

Incidentally, she also gives talks on her life as a Court Dressmaker which has been well received.

Contact us on
 01689 838894 or
colinf.payne@btinternet.com



John Ruskin - Local History Meeting Follow Up

You may remember that in November 2017 Paul Dawson gave the local history group an excellent talk on John Ruskin's publisher, George Allen, whose home and

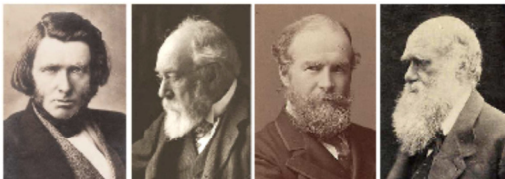
business operation was in Tubbenden Lane, and in 2018 he spoke on Allen's brother-law John Hobbs, who was Ruskin's assistant and an

adventurer in Australia.

To mark the bi-centenary of Ruskin's birth, Paul will be giving a Ruskin/Allen talk in Bromley on Thursday 8 August with an additional focus on the connections with Sir John Lubbock (High Elms) and Charles Darwin (Downe).

Opening soon!

John Ruskin's Orpington Connections: George Allen, Sir John Lubbock and Charles Darwin



Bromley Central Library, August 8th - September 30th 2019

To celebrate John Ruskin's bicentennial year, this exhibition looks at John Ruskin's connections with the local area, based on his associations with three residents: George Allen, Sir John Lubbock and Charles Darwin. The central hub of these was *Sunnyside*, Tubbenden Lane, Orpington, the home and business address of George Allen.

The exhibition opens on Thursday 8th August at 6.15
with a talk by curator Paul Dawson in the
Lecture Hall on Floor 4, followed by
a guided tour of the exhibition.

In 1871 Allen became an issuing agent for Ruskin's books, and in 1874 became Ruskin's publisher; a task at which he excelled. By the mid-1890s Allen had a comprehensive list of authors and was the head of one of the country's most respected publishing houses.

Sir John Lubbock's home at High Elms was another of Ruskin's places to visit, where the two men shared their ideas on many subjects, with a friendship that lasted the rest of Ruskin's life. Ruskin was a young undergraduate at Oxford when he first met Charles Darwin, and although he could not subscribe to all of Darwin's theories, they met up again in later years and enjoyed a warm friendship. Both Lubbock and Darwin visited Ruskin at his Lake District home in later years.

His talks for our Local History Group went down very well and Paul has especially asked me to invite you to this event, which is a precursor to an exhibition at the library of Paul's unique collection of Ruskin/Allen material.

There will be a chance to view the exhibition before it is opened to the general public from Friday 9 August until 30 September.

If you missed Paul's talk(s) when he came to the local history group, his new presentation will be well worth hearing. And even if you were lucky enough to catch them in 2017 and 18, the extra dimensions are certain to be enjoyable.

Just a Minute - Orpington Council's Official History

Chelsfield Local History Group members got an unusual glimpse at their June meeting of matters municipal that preoccupied Orpington and its surrounding villages in days gone by. Patrick Hellicar told in a short talk entitled "History in the words of Orpington Urban District Council" how in 2015 he "rescued" many of the official Minute Books of the old Orpington UDC, which was abolished in 1965, of course, when the district was carved off from Kent and subsumed into the huge new Greater London Borough of Bromley.

He acquired his first tranche of books, covering the years 1944 to 1965, when Bromley Local Studies Library and Archives was clearing out items "surplus to requirements" to create more space. The library had discovered it held two complete sets of the Orpington books covering the whole of the Council's whole existence from 1934 to 1965, plus several individual duplicates for particular



years, and was about to dispose of the unwanted copies.

Having used these volumes – "an incredibly useful and valuable resource" – in his local history research many times, Patrick quickly expressed an interest in taking them rather than see them consigned to the rubbish skip.

What Patrick snapped up was three large archive storage boxes containing 34 red books, some nearly three inches thick, documenting in some detail the doings, deliberations and decisions of the UDC committees and the Council itself over the last 21 years of its life. Although they occupied seven feet of shelf space in his study, Patrick told

the Archivist that if any "spare" books recording the Council's activities for the previous 10 years turned up, he was willing to give them a home as well.

Later, when Bromley Museum at Orpington Priory was being shut down, Patrick was invited to visit the basement of the old building where many old books were stored. Among the treasures he unearthed were numerous massive volumes of Bromley Rural District Authority minutes (which he would have like to take but eventually declined) as well as more Orpington UDC Minute Books. He was granted permission to add any of these to his personal collection and now possesses all but the first

three years of the UDC's official record.

Chelsfield Local History Group was delighted to spend much of its June session poring over the volumes Patrick had brought along and was able to ferret out some fascinating items relating to the village and other areas around Orpington.

Among them was the story of the attempt in the mid-1950s to save the picturesque Ivy Cottages and Crosshall Cottages at Chelsfield from compulsory purchase and demolition; complaints from the early 1940s about the "stinking" horse pond at the top of Chelsfield Hill and requests to have it filled in; and the battle to build what became Brimstone Close on the tiny Worlds End Farm just off Worlds End Lane in the early 1960s. Orpington's purchase of Priory Gardens as a war memorial in 1947 spurred



Orpington UDC Insignia

some interest, as did the Council's impressive post-war efforts on the housing front and its progress from the spark of an idea in 1945 to the creation and grant of a coat of arms in 1956. Many more discoveries were made among, for example, the lists of planning applications and consents, highways and works reports, Public Health Committee affairs and Green Belt, Parks, Cemeteries and Allotment Gardens Committee matters. A picture of a world and

way of life different in so many ways from the one we know today is painted by these books, but they also throw up surprisingly familiar concerns such as vandalism, protests over rates and Council spending, housing conditions, roads and pavements – even the Council's failure to trim grass verges often enough.

The final entries are the minutes of the very last meeting of Orpington UDC and its Finance Committee on 15 March 1965.

The Council's ultimate act that night – recorded as item number 2473 – was to pass a motion expressing good wishes to all Orpington's loyal Councillors, Officials and Servants who would find themselves working for the brand-new London Borough of Bromley from April 1st...

... April Fools' Day!

Runners & Walkers Update

You may be interested to know that I took a measuring wheel and found:

■ Perimeter of the cricket

pitch around the extreme outside: 1436 feet (478 yards or 437m)

■ Five Bells to the Lockyer Garage: 1207

feet (402 yards or 367m)
 ■ Five Bells to the White Barn 2319 feet (773 yards or 706m)

John Leach

Lip Reading Classes Old and New

2019 has been a year of reflection and remembrance as we commemorate the centenary of the ending of the First World War.

Lipreading teachers and classes throughout the country have been remembering the sacrifices made in those times and how they ultimately led to the creation of the first lipreading and managing hearing loss classes. We are all aware of the horrific injuries sustained during those terrible days but one little documented injury common among returning soldiers was total or partial hearing loss caused by shell fire. Soldiers found it was difficult or impossible to pick up the threads of their former life, including employment and relationships, when they couldn't hear.

A group of individuals set about trying to rehabilitate soldiers with hearing loss. They came up with a programme of lipreading classes which were held in central London. These classes were the foundation stone of an institution now known as The CityLit, a world class adult learning centre

situated in Holborn. I am sure many of you will have attended classes there. Thousands of classes in every type of subject are held there – and it all started with lipreading classes 100 years ago.

When I qualified as a lipreading tutor, I was lucky enough to be offered a teaching post at CityLit but what I really wanted to do was to bring the benefit of these classes to people with hearing loss local to my home in Chelsfield. A year ago, I was delighted when Bromley Adult Education supported me in providing classes in Poverest Road. We have a huge shortage of classes in the UK with a very high demand, so to have them on our doorstep is an amazing opportunity. I can't believe how quickly, my first year of teaching locally has flown by. My current learners have been with me for the past year and have gone from strength to strength. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, 'I am more able to pick voices out against background noise', 'I am so much more confident in social situations now that I know which seat is best for me in a restaurant', 'I have

enjoyed sharing experiences with other local people in the same situation'. Almost everyone has signed up for my improvers' class which I am very excited about.

So now I have space for 14 new beginners to join me. So if you have a hearing loss and feel that even with hearing aids you would like some tips to improve your lipreading and to manage your hearing loss, have a look at our course on BAEC.ac.uk or email on:

lisalipreading@gmail.com

I only have 14 spaces and I only enrol once a year to start in September. Last year the class was oversubscribed.

Classes have moved on in the last 100 years – thankfully, we don't practice lipreading the telephone directory anymore! We learn through a series of structured but fun games and exercises (ever wondered what the most dangerous biscuit is? Come along and find out!) but one thing is for sure - classes can still provide a huge support to the 1 in 5 of us that suffer from hearing loss.

Lisa Cox

iCARE Open Day



Games

Cakes

Tombola

Raffle

iCARE
Open Day
Saturday

14th September 2019

11am – 3pm
Old School House,
Green Street Green

ALL WELCOME, FREE ENTRY

Bric a
Brac

Books

Gifts and
Goodies

We are looking for donations of :

Items for our Tombola e.g. soft drinks, cordials, non-perishable foodstuffs, toiletries.

Unused, unwanted gifts

for our Gifts & Goodies Stall. Home-made cakes /

biscuits etc. for our Cake Stall. Fruit / vegetables (home-grown always well received), jams, marmalades and chutneys for our Produce Stall. Raffle Prizes

Please let Sue, the Centre Manager, know if

you can help with donations or have any questions on 01689 862883 or admin@icarecentre.org.uk

But, most of all, we would love to see you on the day.

THANK YOU

Marine Conservation Cake Sale a Big Success!

We would like to thank anyone who came along to our cake sale on Saturday 29th June.

We raised just over £360 for Marine Conservation

Society. "Plastic pollution is a huge problem and my children wanted to do something, not only to make money for charity, but also to raise awareness." They did an

amazing job. Watch this space for future fundraisers.



Belinda
Murray

Heritage Open Day at St Martin's - People Power!

On Sunday 22nd September St Martin's Church will once again be taking part in the national Heritage Open Days event. This year has the theme 'People Power', focusing on historic and contemporary communities, groups and individuals who have affected positive change; buildings saved, greenspaces created, friendships forged, campaigns fought and voices heard. We know there have been several campaigns in and around this area over recent years – were you involved in the campaign against the routes for the M25, or trying to stop the planned shopping centre at Hewitts Farm?

If so we'd love to hear from you! We hope to mount a small exhibition on the theme so if you have any photos, pamphlets, news reports and anything else that could feature let us know by emailing Pam Temple on the address below, or come along on the day and tell us your experiences

On the day itself the church will be open from 2.30-5.30pm, and there will be historic records, photographs and specially-designed ecclesiastical embroidery on display, and demonstrations of bellringing. Refreshments will be available - come and say hello, and pass the message on to friends and neighbours who might be interested. If you'd like to help or for more information contact:

*Philippa Rooke on
pjrooke@hotmail.com
or 07826 516481,
or Pam Temple on
pam@temple-wells.co.uk*

*For more places to visit
go to
www.heritageopendays.org.uk*



Jim Slips Go To Edinburgh

Following their successful run at Chelsfield Village Hall "Jim Slips" (known to us as Chelsfield Players) are taking their production of "The Wind in the Willows" to The Edinburgh Fringe.

So, if you are considering

visiting Edinburgh between the 19th and 24th August you might just consider buying tickets for one of their performances?

Or it may be that you have friends or relatives in "Auld Reekie"..... then

what better recommendation (or gift?) could you offer than suggest that they take an evening of amusing entertainment at the theatre watching Kenneth Grahame's Wind in The Willows!

Details on the next page.



Jim Slips Presents

The *Wind* in
the *Willows*

By *Kenneth Grahame*
adapted by *Mike Kenny*

Original music by Phil Lane and David Walker

Aug 19th-24th @15:25

Ticket price £8.00 adult

£6.00 child

An amateur production in association with Nick Hern Books.

theSPACE
www.thespaceuk.com

theSpace @ Venue 45
Box Office: 0131 510 2381
boxoffice.venue45@thespaceuk.com
fringe: 0131 226 0000 www.edfringe.com

Venue
45
Jeffrey St.
EH11DH



Help For Osteoporosis Sufferers

Sally, who runs the regular Orpington Pilates Classes at Christchurch Hall in Charterhouse Road will also be hosting **Bone Density Clinics** on Tuesday 24th September and 15th October at my farm (Cookham Farm Alpacas, Skeet Hill Lane BR54HB) which will give anyone concerned about osteoporosis the opportunity to have their Bone Density medically assessed by Dr Nick Birch (a visiting orthopaedic surgeon)

using EchoS technology. Bone Density measurements would be available at your appointment with advice on any medication and supplements, if appropriate. A personalised, same-day report would be emailed.

Appointments with Dr Birch of Osteoscan UK Ltd will be up to 30mins.

Sally will also be available to provide diet

and exercise advice (10 mins) but ask about a separate consultation with Sally if you already have your Bone Density information and want advice on diet and exercise for.

The cost for a scan/half hour appointment with Dr Birch is £175. For more information or to book, please email :

sally@orpingtonpilates.co.uk
or phone Sally on
077 8603 5640.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Bromley Council

Main switchboard:
020 8464 3333
E-mail: fixmystreet.com
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 council website,
www.bromley.gov.uk/report,
or if urgent by phone out of
hours Emergency Duty
Team 020 8464 4848.

Neighbourhood Watch

John Leach 07711304965.

NHS Non-Emergency 111

Chelsfield Primary School

01689 825827

BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital

Main Reception
01689 877855
Physiotherapy
01689 885920
Outpatients
01689 885905

Councillors

Mike Botting-
mike.botting@bromley.gov.uk
Angela Page
angela.page@bromley.gov.uk
Samaris Huntington-Thresher
samaris.huntington-thresher@bromley.gov.uk

Chelsfield Village Voice

chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com

EDF Electrical Power Failure
Call 105 or 0800 316 3105

BT Line Faults 0800 800151

Thames Water Emergencies
0800 714614

National Grid (Gas)
Emergency (leaks) 0800 111999

Bromley Police Station &
Police non emergency 101

Samaritans

Freephone 116123

Safer Neighbourhood

Team 020 8721 2605
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 SUNDAY

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

Live Singer

From 6.30pm Contact 01689 880288

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Methodist Hall,
Windsor Drive

Iyengar Yoga Classes

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

EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Christ Church Hall,
Charterhouse Rd

Pilates Classes

Monday

10.45am Over 60's
6.00pm Beginners/ Improvers
Pilates
7.10pm Mixed Ability Pilates

Tuesday

7.15pm Beginners Pilates
8.25pm Mixed Ability Pilates

Wednesday

9.30am Mixed Ability Pilates
10.40am Beginners/Improvers

Friday

8.45am Pilates with Weights
10.00am Beginners/Improvers
Pilates

Saturday

8.45am Mixed Ability Pilates
10am Beginners/Improvers Pilates
see www.orpingtonpilates.co.uk
for more info contact
sally@orpingtonpilates.co.uk
Ph. 07786 035640

EVERY TUESDAY

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

Quiz Night

From 8.00pm Info: 01689 880288

EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells

Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

EVERY WED THURS & FRI

Chelsfield Methodist Church Hall,
Windsor Drive

Pilates Classes & Pre & PostNatal Pilates Classes

Wed 6.50-7.50pm
& 8.00-9.00pm
Thursday 8.20-9.20pm
Friday 9.35-10.35 & 10.45 -11.45am
Post Natal Pilates 12-1.00pm
(Babies Welcome)
Call Bethany Lucas
07415 638546
bethanylucaspilates@gmail.com
Further classes at:
www.bethanylucaspilates.co.uk

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am
Contact Pam Keeper
01732 458930

EVERY FRIDAY

The Chelsfield (Windsor Drive)

DJ NIGHT

From 8.30pm Contact 01689 880288

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday 3rd August

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

Singles Karaoke

Starts 8.30pm

Monday 5th August

(1st Monday of Month)

Brass Crosby Room
St Martins Memory Cafe
2-4pm. Contact Jackie McCann
01689 854119

memorycafe@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk

Saturday 10th August

Five Bells

Annual Dog Show

£5 per dog. Starts 3pm, profits to
Foil Farm.

Wednesday 14th August

(2nd Wednesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Afternoon W.I.

Newcomers Welcome
Contact Sue on 01689 827407

Wednesday 14th August

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

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

Tuesday 20th August

(3rd Tuesday Every Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Evening W.I.

Newcomers Welcome
From 7.45pm Lisa Lobb (Secretary)
on 01689 608070

Saturday 24th August

Coolings Nurseries, Knockholt

Food and Produce Market

This friendly market held in Cooling's
car park showcases delicious local
food.

Monday 26th August

Starting point to be confirmed

St Martin's Summer Walk

Wednesday 28th August

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

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

Thursday 5th September

Five Bells

Jazz Night with Just Friends

Our popular sextet with their swing
jazz standards Starts 8.30pm

Saturday 7th September

Halstead Village Hall

Autumn Show and Fete

Starts 1.00pm
See page 6 of this issue for details

Saturday 7th September

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

Singles Karaoke

Starts 8.30pm

Sunday 22nd September

St Martin's Church

Heritage Open Day

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th Sept

Coolings Nurseries, Knockholt

Craft Show

Exquisite gifts and treats, all hand-
made in SE England

Saturday 14th September

Old School House, Green Street Green

iCare Open Day

11.00am - 3.00pm

Thursday 26th September

(Last Thurs each Month)

Brass Crosby Room

Local History Group

Starts 10.30am