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Welcome to the newest Chelsfield resident!

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Residents & Friends of Chelsfield Village

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**See page 6 for news of an
even more exciting birth!**

The Wheatear

During July I noticed that a large ant nest has formed on the top of my compost bin in the allotment. I have a piece of insulating foam to keep the compost warm and the ants seem to use this as a roof to their nest. Although ants can be a nuisance if one is trying to remove compost, generally I'm happy to leave them as they convert a lot of the material in the pile into a really fine tilth which is nice to add to the allotment soil.

In late June I travelled down to Cornwall to stay with friends who live in the old fishing port of Mevagissey. On two occasions now I have seen tourists buy fish and chips only to be mugged moments later! On this occasion the criminals are seagulls. Having spied an intended victim with a newly purchased meal they approach silently from behind then rapidly swoop over the shoulder using their beak to wrench the hot fish meal from the unsuspecting victim. The food usually falls to the

ground when 'johnny come lately' members of the gull community immediately dive in to share the spoils leaving the victim surprised and

Voice I have now run out of local birds to write about. Consequently I'm forced to change tack a little and from now on I will also include birds that



unsure who to report the crime to! While in Cornwall my companions and I took the opportunity to visit Bodmin Moor for a little walking. While there we saw a bird which I have never seen before. Now, usually I chose to write about birds, animals and plants that can be seen in and around Chelsfield. However, after more than ten years of writing these pieces for the Village

I have simply seen- usually in locations other than Chelsfield. The first of these will the bird from Bodmin: the wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*). Initially we could not identify it but after a little internet sleuthing we identified it by its environment, its behaviour and a noticeable feature of its plumage. It was generally a nondescript looking bird but when it took to the air

to move away there was a very noticeable view of its white rump. After some searching we found that the wheatear has such a characteristic and derives its name from a corruption of the folklore name 'white-arse'! This is derived from the old English words *hwit*, 'white', and *aers*, 'rump' or backside. There are apparently around 90 vernacular names including: chick-chack, stone-chucker and clod-hopper. Many of these were related to the bird's habit of frequenting rocky areas which was an additional clue to its identity (we were after all – on Bodmin moor). In addition this bird has the habit of staying at a set distance from humans until they encroach closer, when they're up and off, heading away while flashing their white rear and flying close to the ground.

This bird is one of the first arrivals in the spring. But where do they come from? Well, surprisingly this bird conducts one of the most extraordinary migrations in the bird world. The wheatear may well be heading towards

a process called speciation as there are two populations that use totally different migration routes to get to Africa. One species spends the northern summer in Alaska and NW Canada while the other lives in NE Canada with just a few hundred miles of Tundra separating the two populations. When the winter arrives the Eastern population fattens up and flies across the Atlantic with only a possible stops in Greenland and Iceland then down western Europe into Africa for the summer. That's a trip of over 5000 miles with the Atlantic leg being 2500 miles. But, that's nothing in comparison to the trek those in western North America take. They fly across the Bering straight, across Siberia, north of China, through Arabia and then into Africa. That's a journey of over 10000 miles! The only bird to travel further is the Arctic turn although that bird is physically far bigger making the wheatear's migration all the more stunning.

This bird can most easily be found in western

Britain and Ireland. I guess not all of them make it to the northern promised land! In their typical Bodmin like environment they nest in disused rabbit holes. Bizarrely, the outbreak of myxomatosis led to a reduction of suitable nesting sites and this bird has been in decline ever since. In earlier times man's relationship with this bird was just as destructive as this bird was once considered a delicacy and eaten by the thousand. Shepherds on the Sussex Downs would supply them to local towns and in his tour of Britain in the 1720s Daniel Defoe saw them for sale in Tonbridge Wells and described them as having "the most delicious taste for a creature of one mouthful for 'tis little more, than can be imagin'd". Horse hair traps were placed at nest entrances or especially dug pits and a Shepherd could earn up to £20 a year, occasionally more from the trade. Local landlords or cooks would rob the traps themselves but usually left a penny by the unmanned trap for the Shepherd. Eventually the trade was outlawed and now this bird's meat is unknown to the modern gourmet.

Steve Fuller
August 2022

Mutterings From The Millers

You may have seen our new green barn, this was erected in June in the heat but already is full of hay. There are old bales all around it at the moment but later in the year, a hedge will be planted.

On Thursday part of the lower field caught light,

probably from the mower blade hitting a flint and causing a spark. Steve tried putting it out with his walking stick but funnily enough that didn't work. The fire brigade were called and after calling for back up, the firemen were able to put it out. Fortunately there was no wind that afternoon so not

much damage but it was scary and after I had run up and down the field in the heat to guide the engines through the yard, I was shattered. I'm getting too old for this farming lark. Four days later, we had another fire further over in the field and with the wind fairly strong it soon took hold. Pete tried using the fire extinguishers but the flames were too strong. This time we had four engines, a command unit and a land rover looking vehicle. This one was more frightening as I couldn't see Steve through the smoke, he was trying to scrape the ground to make a break but was engulfed with smoke. He was anxious that the hydraulic oil would catch fire so moved out of the way. The wind changed direction a few times which didn't help so it took the fire personnel quite a time to get it under control. Peter quickly baled the rest of the cut grass so that we wouldn't lose all of it. Another scary afternoon but no one was hurt and in the end we didn't lose too much grass.





The heat intensified during the following days, so the boys decided to leave the remaining grass until we had some rain. Who makes hay in the rain? Well the following week it did start raining, so they dashed out to cut it with Steve filling up the one tonne bucket with water following Pete in case of another fire. It didn't rain for very long but just enough to dampen the grass making it safe to cut.

The next attempt and blow me down, Steve again saw two small plumes of smoke, so quickly drove over to them and poured some of the water over them. That did the trick, needless to say that is how they will cut

the remaining fields of grass.

The two big barns are now full of straw and hay so will have to sheet it up outside. We still have bales of straw left from last year. Unfortunately, due to Brexit, we cannot sell the straw to the Netherlands due to the fact that it requires a veterinary certificate for every lorry load costing £450 a load.

Plenty of wildlife around. Steve watched a gull swoop down and take a skylark fledging whilst out in the field! The deer have had young which he said was a lovely sight. The buzzards and kites are seen most days now, in fact we often see two kites circling together.

The swallows have had young, although there are only about five or six still lovely to watch. We didn't see many swifts at the beginning of the summer but seeing large flocks of about 30/40 flying around the barn and of course with the swallows when the grass is being cut. After I said about the common whitethroat last time, I have decided that it isn't common because I heard it all through July with the blackcap. The birds don't sing quite so much now as they no longer need to defend their territories or in search of a mate. I should think they are worn out looking after their young too.

Weather quotes for August:-

"If the first week in August is unusually warm, the winter will be white and long."

or this one for St Bartholomew Day 24th August

"Thunderstorms after St. Bartholomew Day are mostly violent"

*Chris Miller
Court Lodge Farm
August 2022*

Congratulations & Welcome Raffey!

Sending our heartiest congratulations to Gemma and Adam who on Thursday 30th June 2022 welcomed their

beautiful baby boy, Raffey, into the world.

From the photograph it looks very much like their

lovely dog Forrest is as proud of the new family member as they are!

All our best wishes!



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.



Local History Group

Landscape gardener Humphrey Repton's Bromley legacy

You can truly say you have “arrived” and are a person of consequence when mentioned by name in a work of fiction by the best-selling author of your day. So it was with landscape gardener Humphrey Repton, who was the subject of an entertaining and enlightening talk by Tudor Davies to the Chelsfield Local History group

Between 1787 and 1810 Repton worked on two major commissions in Bromley — at Holwood House, Keston and Sundridge Park. The two estates remain largely unaltered since the 19th century.

Tudor told us about Repton's interesting and varied history before he discovered his talent for landscape gardening, and explained how he sold his work through a clever marketing strategy — his “Red Books”, which set out plans for each project. To demonstrate the fame Repton achieved in his own lifetime, Tudor quoted Jane Austen's *Mansfield*

Park, published in 1813 just three years before her death and five years before Repton died.

In the novel, visitors gathered to take tea and enjoy conversation, during which the attributes of country estates were discussed. One member had recently visited an estate much changed as the result of an “improver” — a name often used to describe a landscape gardener. After some discussion one lady said: “I would be thankful to any Mr Repton who would undertake it [landscaping], and give me as much beauty as he could for my money.” Celebrity indeed, when an eminent author of the day can name you in her novel and know that her readers will be aware of your work and reputation.

Whenever Repton was asked to advise a client he would make an initial visit and immediately produce one of his famous *Red Books* in which he identified all the failings displayed by the existing house and estate and its unsuitability for a gentleman of refined taste. He followed this with a detailed scheme of improvements.

Explaining how the books worked, Tudor said: “Most of you will have experience of ‘pop up’ books for children. Surprisingly, this technique was employed by Repton to provide a visual image of his design in the form of ‘before and after’ scenes. They proved to be remarkably successful marketing tools.”

Unfortunately, the *Red Book* for Holwood has been lost, so Tudor resorted to other sources as evidence of Repton's work there. William Pitt (the younger) purchased Holwood in 1785 and commissioned Repton to advise him in 1787. Using Holwood archives, letters by Pitt, and to Pitt, referring to Holwood and Repton's “Memoirs”, Tudor reconstructed the scale of “improvements” that Repton advised. These included enclosing 30 acres of Keston Common and realigning the turnpike road that originally ran through the estate past the house. This new road runs from the Keston Mark junction to Biggin Hill. Holwood is built on the site of an Iron Age fort and the landscaping included levelling off the banks of the fort on the south-east side because it intruded on

views from the house. The house now looks straight across to Farnborough and High Elms.

He also took Repton's advice and constructed a new "approach" (Repton avoided the use of the term driveway). This wound around the estate to bring travellers to the brow of the hill where the house was displayed in dramatic fashion. Repton's hand can also be seen in the restoration work and tree planting on the old brickfield at the entrance to the estate. Repton features are still visible in the landscape at Holwood today.

Repton's designs cost millions in today's money and at least one of his clients went bankrupt. But there was no shortage of money when the new owner of Sundridge Park, Claude Scott of Chislehurst, victualler to the British Army in Europe. He adopted in full Repton's vision as displayed in his *Red Book*. Following his first visit and survey of the estate, Repton wrote: "I think it my duty to give a few hints for the improvement of the estate". The few hints would become one of the most costly landscape projects of the time.

He proposed demolishing the existing house and building a new mansion facing south some 100 yards away on a excavated terrace on the hillside, a new semi-circular coach house was sited hidden behind the mansion, the farmhouse with pond and outbuildings were removed and replaced with a Doric pavilion and a lake to create a park. The approach road was reconfigured to display the beauties of the estate better, a back road to Elmstead Wood would give "carts of burden" access to the house, allowing only carriages on the main approach, and selective planting and cutting aimed to remove all straight lines associated with a working farm.



Repton employed the young John Nash to work on the new mansion but

they quarrelled over designs and a second architect was employed. As at Holwood, many of the features are still to be seen — access to the golf course and the converted house and stables - now, like Holwood upmarket houses and apartments - is via Repton's approach and some of the planting envisioned by him over 200 years ago remains.

To illustrate the longevity of Repton's influence, Tudor illustrated the Reptonian features displayed at High Elms, landscaped in 1842, 24 years after his death. He also considered his impact in America, describing the foundation of The Repton Club in Boston in 1918.

He quoted Dan Marriott, a professor at Pennsylvania State University, who said: "Repton was the first landscape designer to realise that the road was the defining experience of modern life". To recognise Repton's relevance in the present day, Tudor named two landscape advisers to HS2 who employed Repton's *Red Book* techniques to show how the future railway could enhance the landscape on the approach to Birmingham.



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OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

Tinned Cold meat/Corned Beef
Ladies Deodorant
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Sponge Pudding
Custard
Jelly
Angel Delight dessert
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Men's shampoo
Unisex Razors

Please Note:

*There are collection boxes
for donated items in both,
St Martin's Church
and Waitrose*

PLEASE DON'T GIVE US FROZEN OR CHILLED ITEMS AS WE DON'T HAVE
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DATED 25/07/22

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Chelsfield Community Cafe

The Chelsfield Community Cafe continues to take place on the first and third Weds of the month.

On 3rd August we will once again have an Afternoon tea with all donations going to Cancer Research UK

On 17th August we hope to have a short talk by a representative from

Bromley Brighter Beginnings detailing their aims & successes in the Community - we are aiming to supply some goods for their Christmas Hampers with funds raised by the Cafe (generously donated by patrons).

Please join us - we would love to meet you!

Mags, Pam & Team



Kent Heights Flower Club

Thursday 1st September 2022

At Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road, TN14 7EX

Everyone is very welcome to come along to our next demonstration with popular Graham Harmer. He creates beautiful arrangements, skilfully and quickly

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Members £3 Guests £7

Come and join us, have a coffee beforehand, enjoy the entertainment, enter the raffle and you will have a chance to win one of Graham's creations

For further information contact
Sally Kemsley on 01959 534406

The logo for Heritage Open Days is a stylized, pink, blocky letter 'H' with a white archway in the center.

heritage open days

St Martin of Tours Church, Chelsfield
will be open on

Saturday 10 September 2022

10.00am-4.00pm

**FREE TO
EXPLORE**

Church records,
vestments and
photographs on display

Bellringing
demonstrations

Music

Local history displays

Tours of the churchyard

Cream teas &
refreshments

Come and visit this historic 12th century parish church

St Martin of Tours
Church Road
Chelsfield
BR6 7SN



Bo Peep Events

CELEBRATE Prosecco Day

at The Bo Peep

Friday 12th & Saturday 13th August 2022
With Fish & Fizz !



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Moules Mariniere

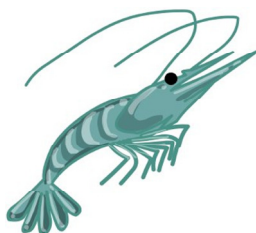
Warm smoked mackerel with chive potato salad

Pan Fried king prawns with garlic butter

Cod & Cheddar Gratin

Salt & Pepper Squid with lemon mayonnaise

All charged at £7.25 per dish



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Choice of 2 of the above Dishes
with a bottle of prosecco £38.95
3 Dishes £44.95
4 Dishes £49.95

Chelsfield, Well Hill and District

Produce Show



Saturday 17th September 2022
in Chelsfield Village Hall

SCHEDULE AND RULES

Set up from 9.30am until 11am

Viewing from 2.00pm

Prize giving 4.00pm

Flower arrangements

1. ☺ An arrangement to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
2. A bridesmaid's posy.
3. ☹ A flower arrangement in a container from your recycling bin

Flowers

4. 3 Roses
5. A bunch of mixed flowers.
6. 3 homegrown sunflowers.
7. A vase of garden flowers.
8. A single hydrangea head in a vase.

Vegetables

9. Gardener's choice. Enough vegetables for a meal for two comprising potatoes and two other vegetables.
10. A mixed salad– any three of the following: 1 lettuce, 1 cucumber, 6 radishes, 6 spring onions, 1 capsicum, 3 tomatoes; staged in a seed tray.
11. 3 Onions- tied & trimmed.
12. 5 potatoes of one variety.
13. 5 medium to large tomatoes.
14. 7 Pods of French beans.
15. A pair of courgettes.
16. 3 Carrots, trimmed.
17. The longest stick of rhubarb.
18. A jam jar of garden herbs.
19. A bucket of home produced compost.

Fruit

20. 3 Dessert Apples- polished.
21. 3 Cooking Apples- unpolished.
22. 3 Pears.
23. 5 plums.
24. A dish of wild fruit and nuts.
25. 3 of any other home grown fruit

Wine

26. A bottle of dry white table wine.
27. A bottle of sweet white table wine.
28. A bottle of dry red table wine.
29. A bottle of sweet red table wine.
30. Any other home made alcoholic drink

Country Fare

- 31. A multigrain seeded loaf. Please state whether Machine or hand made
- 32. A cake suitable for vegans
- 33. Decorated Platinum Jubilee cake - decoration only to be judged.
- 34. Five Scones.
- 35. A Tarte Tatin
- 36. Three 2 inch Squares of millionaire's shortbread.
- 37. A jar of Fruit Jam.
- 38. A jar of Mayonnaise.
- 39. Three Flapjacks.
- 40. Six fresh eggs

Photographs - All to be unmounted max size 8½ " x 6"

- 41. ☺ A wild flower.
- 42. A reminder of Lockdown.
- 43. ☺ Seen in Chelsfield.
- 44. A characterful tree.

Handicrafts

- 45. A hand knitted or crocheted item.
- 46. An item or tapestry or embroidery (specify if using kit).
- 47. ☺ A soft toy.
- 48. ☺ A greetings card.
- 49. ☺ A item of jewellery, any medium.
- 50. ☺ Any craft or hobby (specify if using a kit).
- 51. ☺ A Christmas decoration
- 52. ☺ Any drawing or painting
- 53. Charity Class - an item made to be donated to a charity

Miscellany

- 54. ☺ A matchbox (standard size) filled with real listed items starting with the letter P for Platinum.
- 55. ☺ A miniature garden in a baking tray

Classes marked with ☺ may be entered by adults or children (up to and including 11 year olds).

Children's entries will be judged separately with age taken into consideration.

Additional schedules and enquiries contact Dan Sloan 07414 920920
chelsfieldandwellhillproduceshow@gmail.com

The Cups & Trophies

KNOX-CUNNINGHAM CUP - Household cup, adult classes only.

WELL HILL CUP – Household cup, all classes.

KEN PICKERING CUP- First awarded in 1996. This is awarded to the “best in show”

TOM CASTLETON ROSE BOWL – This is awarded to the garden judged to most enhance Chelsfield Village.

ALLOTMENTS CUP- First awarded in 1996. To be awarded to the individual with the highest number of points in the vegetable class.

CHILDRENS' CUP- This is awarded to the child with the highest number of points in the Children's' classes.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II GOLDEN JUBILEE PLATE - This is awarded to the individual with the highest number of points not awarded the Knox-Cunningham or Well Hill Cup.

WINE CLUB CUP - First awarded in 1996. This is awarded to the individual with the highest number of points in the Wine Class

COUNTRY FARE CUP – This is awarded to the individual with the highest number of points in the Country Fare class.

TRISS & JOHN COTTENDEN TROPHY – First awarded in 2007. This is awarded to the individual with the highest number of points in the Flower classes.

PROGRAMME

Staging: 9.30-11.00 a.m. Entries will not be accepted after 11.00 a.m.. Judging 11.30.

Viewing 2.00p.m. Prize Giving 4.00 p.m.

RULES

Open to residents of Chelsfield, Well Hill and District.

30p per entry. Children's classes free.

Competitors may submit more than one entry in each class, but can only win one prize per class. Children may submit entries in adult classes 30p per class.

Fruit, vegetables and flowers (except in classes 1-4 and 28 must be home-grown.

Handicrafts, cookery and wine must be homemade. No item may have been exhibited at this show in previous years.

Winning entries will be awarded points as follows:

1st prize: 3 points (red card) & prize (will vary according to class)

2nd prize: 2 points (blue card) & prize (will vary according to class)

3rd prize: 1 point (yellow card) & prize (will vary according to class)

Handicraft classes and children's classes will be judged on individual merit.

Children's classes will be judged with age taken into consideration.

HOUSEHOLD CUPS

The Knox Cunningham Cup will be awarded to the household with the highest number of points gained in all adult classes. The Well Hill Cup will be awarded to the household with the highest number of points in all classes. No household may win both cups. Only the best score in the household in each class will be counted.

Each entry must be accompanied by a 2" square of white paper (yellow for children, provided). On the back should be: Your name and the class number of your entry.

You will be given a competitor's number when you arrive, which must be written on the front of the square of paper.

Entries for the children's classes should show the child's age on the front of the square of paper.

So.....The R7 has Been Re-routed

R7. Well, they've finally done it. Cancelled the Hewitts Loop to the detriment of all those who used the bus onwards from the 5 Bells.

I travelled on the bus today and asked the driver if he had a timetable. No. They haven't told us...we are working on the old one, vaguely. He revealed that TfL weren't making any money on the Hewitts Loop, because most of the passengers had Freedom Passes which do not benefit TfL. They are much more interested in the Chislehurst end of the route where paying commuters abound.

A further comment from another driver involved congestion in Maypole and Hewitts Road, caused by drivers seeking to avoid the delays occasioned by works on

the new roundabout, resulting in jams in the two roads. The roundabout was completed months ago, so it is about money.

Photos are attached showing a bus stuck in the Village...3.20 pm on the first day, and of the very patronising advice to take care while walking around country roads. Please gamble with death responsibly. Another error is that the bus is supposed to leave from the Village Hall. In fact it's the 5 Bells.

When the ULEZ zone



comes in next September, that will set us back 200 years.... unless you have a compliant vehicle. I may get a horse, but I find them large, smelly and unpredictable and I don't know how to ride one. Besides, their emissions are large and I doubt if Tesco's would provide appropriate parking. And no doubt our hapless Mayor will think up ways of taxing them....a new MOV (Ministry of Vets) annual test, including breath tests for the horse.

Chris Parsons.

No Picnic in Blean Woods!

If you go down to the woods in Blean, you're in for a BIG surprise. Kent Wildlife Trust have introduced European Bison into Blean woods, near Canterbury in an attempt to "rewild" the

woods. The bison, one male and three females are expected to breed and create a herd that will **"knock down trees and clear the forest floor"**.

I went to school in

Canterbury, many years ago and pretty much every Sunday we were let out and went into the woods, after lunch, to cook baked beans over small fires and make toast from bread we had

begged from the School maids, which we smothered in Butmar....a mixture of butter and margarine. We used local wood, of course and occasionally the farmer would shout at us. We were very hungry, but hardly ever smoked.

From now on, it may not be safe to enter Blean

Woods. Bison, by all accounts are not docile animals and have no predators to keep them in check. They are classed as ***Dangerous Wild Animals*** under the 1976 Act.

According to a report in the Telegraph, armed response groups will be standing by. So that is

alright then, if you mobile gets a signal and you can climb a big enough tree in time.

The Victorians introduced grey squirrels in the latter part of the 19th Century.

Look where that got us.

Chris Parsons

Financial Support for The Village Voice

Further to my message in the July issue, about the hospital not being able to continue with the printing of Chelsfield Village Voice I am happy to say that the trustees and committee of Chelsfield Village Hall have agreed to purchase a colour printer and provide future printing at cost price, **but we will have to raise funds in order to make this possible.**

With this in mind I will be putting in a plea for donations in each monthly issue hoping that between us we can cover the costs (I expect around £150 each month, but a more precise figure will be available in a few months time when we see the real costs).

A big advantage of the

Village Hall now owning a printer is that other local groups and non-commercial users may get their printing carried out at cost price (by appointment only, as the printer will not be located in the hall).

Contact either:

The Village Voice
(chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com)
or The Village Hall
(cvhlettings@gmail.com)
if you need any printing.

Any donations (cheques) towards the cost of printing the Chelsfield Village Voice should be made payable to:

“Chelsfield Village Hall”
and sent to:
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3 Orlestone Gardens

Chelsfield Village
Orpington
Kent
BR6 6HB

Online donations may be made to:

Chelsfield Village Hall
Sort Code: 40-35-30
Account No: 31172344
Reference: Village Voice

Any excess donations (we should be so lucky!) will go into the Village Hall general maintenance fund.

We hope you are able to help us by providing ongoing financial support. If we cannot achieve enough to break even each month we will introduce a pull-out advertising supplement.

Dan Sloan

Community Day - Brown's School

On a rather grey morning, but with a warm atmosphere, the Brown's School Community Day began on July 1st with the school minibus rolling out at 9.00am to drop off the first group of students to their destination at Well Hill. At Brown's we feel that his annual charity event provides a special occasion for the school in looking to give something back to the local community. By 10.15am virtually all 90 students, along with staff, were in place doing their small bit to help others in various jobs around people's houses, bus stops, pubs, and the community hall. As I went around checking to see



that everything was okay, and that they all had the necessary equipment for the jobs they were doing, I saw staff and students washing cars, cleaning patios, moving logs, cutting branches, painting

bus stops, clearing gardens, helping out in the "Five Bells" and "Bo Peep" and generally doing whatever was needed to help the residents in Chelsfield village. Everyone seemed to be happy at work, and hopefully some were learning new skills and developing their communication skills at the same time.



After the round-up of students it was back to school to enjoy an afternoon of fun with a bouncy castle, Sumo suits and challenge tunnel as well as enjoying a tasty and refreshing BBQ, which was staffed as usual by the Bromley



always welcome and fully appreciated.

Rest assured, Brown's Community Day will be back at the end of the academic year July 2023, when once again we will be helping others in Chelsfield in a charitable way. If you would like us to help out at your place of residence or anywhere else in the village at that time, please do not hesitate to contact Brown's School for a brief chat and I will endeavour to explain what this would entail.

Many Thanks again to One and All

*Chris Ponulak
Brown's School*

Rotarian Society. I was glad to see some of the adults from Chelsfield Village that we had helped in the morning come and join us in the afternoon, as well as many parents and friends of the students themselves. Everyone seemed to enjoy a tasty meat feast with salad, relishes and sauces at the ready, (also with vegetarian options). In fact it looked like it was the largest crowd we have ever had in the school grounds, at our 9th annual Community Day event.

Can I once again thank all of those in the Chelsfield Community who allow us to enter their homes, Community Centre, Pubs and fields

so that our students can do their bit. Can I also thank the Rotarians who come every year and run the BBQ so well, delivering an excellent service. Lastly, I would like to thank all the parents who came in the afternoon, your support is



Chelsfield Cricket Club Fixtures 2022

DATE	OPPOSITION	HOME/AWAY	TIME	NOTES
06/08/2022	Chelsfield Park	Away	13:30	Saturday Game
14/08/2022	Kent Royals	Away	13:00	
21/08/2022	Petts Wood	Away	14:00	
28/08/2022	Holborough	Away	13:30	
04/09/2022	Chelsfield Park	Home	13:00	
11/09/2022	Stockbury and Hartlip	Home	13:00	

Knit & Natter Night 8th August



Hi everyone,

Just a reminder, and invitation, to the August Knit and Natter evening.

It's at 8.00pm on Monday

8th August in The Five Bells. Everyone is welcome.

Hope you can join us.

Sophie

Solar Panels - Saviour or Intruder?

SOLAR PANELS - environmental saviour or incongruous intruder out of place within a conservation area?

With temperatures rising, wild fires destroying acres of woodland and pasture and electric grids crashing due to unprecedented demand for cooling, I am sure we are not alone in looking to make serious lifestyle changes and infrastructure investment to offset our carbon footprint.

Learning of the outstanding results from a friend's solar project, we are very keen to explore the possibility of a scheme for Little Lillys. The Little Green Energy Company has drawn up a proposal for 8 panels on the south facing roof, and 2 additional panels on the porch. With the addition of a Tesla battery we have the potential to replace up to 1/3 of our electric use with green, environmentally friendly, renewable energy. The scheme also allows for

storing electricity from the grid during off peak hours to further offset costs to ourselves and demand for electricity at peak time, which is another environmentally compelling advantage of the scheme.

However, our excitement and enthusiasm to make a huge investment and major step towards reducing our carbon footprint was short lived when we realised the sun drenched south facing roof faces the road and would therefore be visible

from the highway. My research into applications for similar projects in conservation areas within Bromley and Sevenoaks found schemes are usually rejected for reasons along the lines of “incongruous and visually intrusive feature within the street scene which would be seriously detrimental to the character and appearance of the... Conservation Area.”

So, What is the law?

“Solar PV is considered permitted development whether this is in a conservation area or otherwise. This means that in general there is no need to seek planning permission from your Local Planning Authority (LPA) to proceed, subject to certain conditions:

A) Will not stick out in front of the building, when measured horizontally from the wall or roof slope, by more than 20cm.

B) Will not be positioned so that they are higher than the main ridge line of the roof, or higher than the highest flat roof where

roofs on the building are flat...

C) Will so far as practicable, be sited to minimise their effect on the external appearance of the building.

D) Will so far as practicable, be sited to minimise their effect on the amenity (attractiveness) of the area.

E) Are removed as soon as reasonably practicable when they are no longer needed.”

Given the visibility of Little Lillys from Warren Road, we can’t deny that this proposal would present a change to the street scene. With regard to C and D above, solar panel aesthetics have evolved since the silver and black waffle-like designs dotted often asymmetrically cross a rooflines. The proposal is for a single black rectangle as shown below. We could explore the possibility of siting the panels on the top of Lester’s studio, but that too is visible from the road. The only other solar panels I have seen from the road are those at Brinds Well Nursery, which is just

outside the conservation area.

What do you think? Are solar panels and conservation areas incompatible bed fellows or should conservation areas be leading the way in the conserving the environment? Are renewable power generators conspicuous 21st century intruders out of place in our time warp, picture perfect village scene, or does the environmental benefit outweigh this modernisation of the street view? We appreciate that Bromley’s conservation area planning regulations exist for our mutual benefit and that the unique character of the village is something we must strive to conserve for future generations but we thought it worth exploring the possibility and asking your opinion, if only as a test case. Answers on a postcard, or by email to solar@lesterbarnes.com

Hen & Lester Barnes

*Little Lillys, Warren Road
Chelsfield Village
Kent BR6 6EP*



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Orpington u3a Talks

The u3a Orpington celebrates its 40th Anniversary in September so why not become a member and pursue your undiscovered talents from 'Ambling in London', through the alphabet to 'Wordsmiths'?

The u3a Orpington meets for a General Meeting at the Crofton Hall BR6 8PR to hear speakers on the following dates:-

15th August
Anthony Poulton- Smith
'Origins of Place Names'

19th September
Irmgard Tonolo
'29 years as a Volunteer at the Globe Theatre'

*Many thanks
Pauline Dawson
u3a Orpington
Chair*

Orpington Rotary August 2022 Events

Wednesday 24th August

Orpington Rotary will be taking their Children's Tennis Ball game to The Warren in aid of The Ukraine Independence day. The Mayor of Bromley together with the Rotary Clubs of Bromley invite you to come and support

Ukraine on a Fun and Fund Raising Day. An afternoon with games for families, free entrance from 1.00 – 4.00 pm. Bring a picnic!

Bank Holiday Monday 29th August

Orpington Rotary will be

taking their Bottle game to Cudham Fete, on the Recreation Ground, Cudham Lane 1.00 – 5.00 pm, entry and parking free but bucket donations for parking would be gratefully received with these proceeds to this year's good causes.



The Benefice of
Chelsfield with Green Street Green
and Pratts Bottom



St Martin's Chelsfield & Well Hill - Services - August 2022

All welcome! Come and join us any time. At the moment things might change at short notice so please watch the church website for updates (see link at bottom of page).

St Martin's

Wed 3 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP : SAJ
Sun 7 Aug	10.00am	Family Communion CW : Father Bob Wallace
8 th after Trinity	6.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP : SAJ
Wed 10 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP : SAJ
Sun 14 Aug	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion CW : SAJ
9 th after Trinity	6.30pm	Sung Eucharist BCP : SAJ
Wed 17 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP : MG
Sun 21 Aug	10.00am	Family Communion <i>with baptism</i> CW : MG
10 th after Trinity	6.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP : MG
Wed 24 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP : SAJ
Sun 28 Aug	10.00am	Family Worship CW : Reader Ken I'Anson
11 th after Trinity	6.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP : Reader Philip Southby
Wed 31 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP : SAJ

Well Hill

Sun 14 Aug	10.00am	<i>Benefice Communion at St Martin's</i>
Sun 28 Aug	10.00am	Holy Communion CW : SAJ

Key: CW – Common Worship, BCP – Book of Common Prayer, SAJ : Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones, MG : Rev Michael Gentry,

As at 29 July 2022



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iCARE Situation Vacant



We are looking for a Manager at the ICARE Day Centre

The ICARE Day Centre Trust is a small local charity based in Green Street Green, Orpington. We run a day centre for people who have had a stroke where we provide rehabilitation and other activities to help them reintegrate back into the community. We also provide support for their carers. You can find out more about us and the work we do on our website at www.icarecentre.org.uk.

ICARE has long had links – over 30 years - with our local community through staff, clients and supporters and we are very grateful for the support we have received from local organisations over many years.

We are now looking for a full time Manager, someone who is enthusiastic, self-starting and caring. This is a key role at ICARE and a very rewarding one. The Manager will be responsible for:

- the day to day running of the Centre,
- managing the staff and volunteer team,
- delivering care and personal attention to our clients, and
- growing the number of clients coming to the Centre.

Salary will be around £29k but could be more for the right candidate.

If you are interested and would like 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

Age Concern Situation Vacant

AGE

The word 'Concern' in a stylized, cursive, pink font.

Saxon Day Centre

LYCH GATE ROAD, ORPINGTON, BR6 0TJ

Now Recruiting.... Activity and Care Workers

- Do you have a passion for arts and crafts or activities?
- Providing activities and personal care for older adults
- No weekend or evening work
- Permanent (25 hours per week) and casual contracts available
- 20 days paid holidays and no bank holiday working
- Subsidised meals while on duty
- Pension Scheme
- Full training will be provided
- Previous experience essential (minimum of 1 year)
- Based on site at our centre in Orpington, Kent (BR6 0TJ)
- Free parking on site

For further information www.saxondaycentre.org.uk
or telephone **01689 830 055** to speak to one
of our experienced Care Managers

Chelsfield & Well Hill Produce Show

Start preparing for the September 17th Show!

Check the classes you could enter in the schedule (in the middle of this issue) and start to tend your flowers, fruit and vegetables to be at

their best for the day.

Bottle up your finest home made wines, practice a few of the baking recipes and country fare classes, sort out and complete your Handicrafts and look

through those photos you've taken to find that real gem!

Remember...it's the taking part that counts on this fun day..... but it is nice to win too! Give it a go, you won't regret it.

Halstead & District Horticultural Society

This year has been a great year so far for our Society. After a record money raising plant sale back in May, lots of good speakers holding talks and a wonderful visit to Titsey Place and outings to Beth Chatto Gardens and Furzelea and Great Comp garden scheduled before the year end, it has been a welcome return to normality after the past few years of Covid.

Now is the time to start thinking about your entries to the Autumn show on 3rd September. This is our biggest show of the year and a lovely event to catch up with friends and locals. There are classes for almost every flower, fruit and vegetable together with arts and crafts and cookery and special classes for the children to

enter, so let's make it a bumper year and all try to enter something. It is lovely to see the hall filled with all the entries so the more the merrier. If you need to see the schedule, please contact Barrie and he will help you.

The hall will be open on the day of the show to stage your exhibits from 9.30-11.30 then judging will commence and it will open at 2pm for everyone to visit. There will be our usual auction of produce after prize giving, so grab yourself a bargain then. The usual stalls and activities will be outside for everyone to enjoy with refreshments.

Our yearly quiz will be in Halstead Village Hall on 13th October 7.30 for 8pm start. Tickets are available from Barrie on 01959 533074. Please

follow us on Facebook or Twitter @HalsteadHort for all our latest news.

Tips for August:
August can be one of the hottest months of the year so keep up with the watering in the garden.

Prune the Wisteria and flowering shrubs such as Lavender once flowering has finished.

Keep ponds and water features topped up.

Start to collect seeds from garden plants.

Sit down and enjoy your garden while the sunshine is here!

Keep your knees dirty and your shovels clean.....

Penny Newman



Dates For Your Diary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Tuesday
Five Bells
CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
8.30pm

Every Thursday
The Chelsfield Pub
QUIZ NIGHT
from 7.30pm

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Wednesday 3rd August
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.40pm

Wednesday 3rd August
Five Bells
Open Mic Night
From 8.00pm

Thursday 4th August
Five Bells
Live Jazz with Just Friends
from 8.00pm

Monday 8th August
Five Bells
KNIT & NATTER NIGHT
from 8.00pm

Tuesday 16th August
Chelsfield Village Hall
Evening WI
7.30pm-9.30pm

Wednesday 17th August
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.40pm

Wednesday 17th August
Five Bells
Open Mic Night
From 8.00pm

Saturday 20th August
Brass Crosby Room St Martin's
CREAM TEA
2.30pm-4.30pm

Thurs 25th August
Chelsfield Village Hall
Local History Group
10.30am-12.00 noon

Saturday 27th August
Coolings Garden Centre
Farmers Market
10.00am to 3.00pm

Thursday 1st September
Halstead Village Hall
Kent Heights Flower Club
7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Saturday 3rd September
Halstead Village Hall
Halstead Autumn Show
from 9.30am

Wednesday 7th September
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.40pm

Saturday 10th September
St Martin of Tours Church
Heritage Open Day
10.00pm-4.00pm

Saturday 10th September
Brass Crosby Room St
Martin's
CREAM TEA
2.30pm-4.30pm

Fri-Sun 16th-18th September
Coolings Garden Centre
Craft Show
10.00am to 4.00pm

Saturday 17th September
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Produce Show
from 9.00am to 5.00pm

Recycling Bin Collection August 2022

Monday 1st August
Monday 8th August
Monday 15th August
Monday 22nd August
Tuesday 30th August

Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste.
Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste
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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)