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Chelsfield Primary School Ladies Pamper Evening

Friday 2nd December 2011 6.30 – 9.30pm

- Mini Facials • Manicures • Pedicures • Indian Head Massage •
- Waxing (legs and face) • Reiki Healing • Reflexology •
- Neck, Shoulder and Back Massage • Strawberry Laser Lipo •
- Nail Painting • False Nails • Hopi Ear Candle treatments
- Hand Bags • Clothes • Raffle • Phoenix Cards • Jewellery •
- Chocolate Stall • Vintage toy • Wine/Tea/Coffee and nibbles

Entry - £3.50 per person

Ticket price includes a complimentary glass of wine

The Great Spotted Woodpecker



Having looked at a tree (the Oak) last month, I'm now going to return to a bird, the Great Spotted Woodpecker. There are only three types of woodpecker natural to the UK; the Green, the lesser spotted and the subject of this month's piece, the Great Spotted Woodpecker (GSW). The GSW is the middle ranking of the three in

terms of size and the most common of the three. A largish bird with striking black and white plumage, this bird is somewhat secretive although in recent years it's becoming more and more common on garden feeders. However, any type of disturbance will cause the bird to 'make off' at a rate of knots. Maybe in my younger

years I was not so observant, but over the last couple of decades I have seen this species more and more often around the village. Its cousin the Green Woodpecker, I have seen in Halstead and Shoreham but never within Chelsfield. Maybe we are just a little too close to the 'smoke' for their comfort !

The photo below was taken in my garden about 3 years ago. It shows a female feeding a juvenile at my bird feeder (no, they're not kissing) ! The juvenile is the bird with the red crest. The parent will feed a juvenile for a few days like this until the penny drops that the whole process would be a lot easier if the youngster fed itself!

This bird has a reputation for hammering holes into the sides of birdboxes to get to the young chicks, usually to feed its own young. I have never seen this myself but seeing the

size of hole that they can create in a live tree, see no reason to disbelieve it. There was one old oak on Shoreham lane, near the bridge carrying the M25 feeder road, that had the top removed to make way for a communication mask that was mounted further up the dirt track. The tree died and became something of a favourite spot for woodpeckers causing the tree to become heavily pitted until it was eventually removed. The GSW will also use its beak to drum into wood, using it as a sounding board. This can

be taken to extreme lengths and I have heard of one instance where a PA system was used by a GSW to very good effect !

Correction to last months piece about the Oak Tree. I thought there was still an English Oak on Jubilee Rd, but upon checking after the publication of the Village Voice, I realised that the tree in question must have been uprooted during the 1987 storm. Shows how long it is since I walked that way !

Steve Fuller

Village Christmas Party - JOIN US!

The Chelsfield Village Christmas Social is a wonderful end to each year and chance to celebrate the start of the festive holiday season with your friends and neighbours. Bring some food and drink to share to the Brass Crosby Room, 8.00pm on Wednesday 21st December. There will be a raffle to raise funds for CVS expenses.



Carol Singing at the Five Bells



Phil Lane's annual and very traditional Carol Singing bash at the Five Bells, Thursday 15th Dec from 8.15. If you play the accordion please bring it

along. If you need to borrow one, I have 8. All your favourite carols and Christmas songs, plus a few new ones by Phil.

Chelsfield Cricket Club

Apart from St. Martins and possibly the school, the cricket club is the oldest organisation in the village!

Cricket in Chelsfield can be traced back to at least 1731 when the Men of London played the Men of Chelsfield on the common at Kennington which is now known as The Oval.

This early game is written up in the Grub Street Journal of that year.

I believe the Chelsfield Men lost! It could be said that they started the trend that is still very much in evidence today as we often strive to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory!

Assuming that cricket must have been played in the village prior to

1731, this makes the club one of the oldest in the country. This even pre-dates Sevenoaks Vine CC who, and I quote from their web site, "Established as a cricket pitch in or before 1734 Sevenoaks Vine is one of the oldest cricket grounds in the world. Indeed some people believe that Sevenoaks Vine may be the home of cricket"!

This is why we feel that it is desperately important that our village cricket club continues to survive into the future although in recent times it has very much been a struggle to get a side out every weekend.

It's not that long ago that the Club played on both Saturday and Sunday and at least one evening

game during the week.

Now we are reduced to just one match each weekend and this is due to the reducing numbers of available players.

This is a widespread problem and in recent years we have seen many local clubs folding, these include Seal, Borough Green, Stanstead and Crockham Hill, all teams that we used to play.

The major reason for the demise seems to be that cricket is no longer a primary sport at school. Also the time involved appears to put off many potential players and this aligns with the general and current attraction of 'quick fix' results in a multitude of sports.

However cricket has

moved with the times with 20/20 and one day games which seems to satisfy a greater number of the interested public. It is still heartening to see that the Test Matches are always sold out months before the games.

Now the plea, are you, or do you know someone who may be interested in joining a friendly bunch of like-minded individuals for an afternoon of light exercise?

Skill and experience is probably less essential than enthusiasm so please help by supporting your village team.

If you feel playing is a

little beyond you then perhaps you could assist by joining the club as a non-playing member.

The cricket ground is leased to the club and as you can imagine, the on-going costs for running the club are quite onerous and difficult to cover from the small numbers of people involved.

Any financial contribution would be most welcome! Grateful thanks at this point to our local fair committee who have helped in this regard.

Indeed if you feel that you would like to get involved with groundwork then please make contact, there is always work

to be done.

Currently we are involved in installing a new kitchen kindly provided through contacts of one of our members.

If you do feel that you can help in any way then please contact either myself, David Lambert on 01689 828427 or alternatively our secretary David Walker on 01959 534391

In future editions of our splendid Village Voice I thought it might be of interest to outline more of the history and some of the amusing anecdotes associated with the Club! Be warned!

Dave Lambert

Chelsfield Evening Womens Institute

The Chelsfield Evening WI meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm. The programme we offer is varied and we aim to offer something for most tastes and interests. Recent speakers have entertained us with amusing talks on London walks, costume changes through the ages and a delve into memories of the past with tunes from

the last forty years. Chelsfield Evening WI recently achieved a fiftieth anniversary and this milestone was celebrated with an afternoon tea at the Palm Court, Langhams Hotel for the members. We are a friendly, lively group and other activities include outings, theatre trips, whist evenings, a darts group which participates in local

competitions and a monthly knitting circle. In addition we actively support and participate in events in the local community. If you are interested in joining us, or only wish to find out more about what we do, please come along to one of our meetings we would be delighted to welcome you or contact our President: Jenny Groves on 01689-830725.

Metal Detecting

My Port of London Authority "A" permit allows me to remove items I find on the southern foreshore and certain areas of the north shore from Twickenham to the Queen Elizabeth Bridge.

It is an interesting environment, it has an unimaginable beauty and yet at other times is dangerous and foreboding. There is only one certainty, it is ever changing and different every time I visit. Even my favourite spots will change as the tide and boat wakes wash over and rake the beach. The light comes and goes and the weird and wonderful often appear and disappear.

It can be very dangerous, barge traps, deep mud, racing tides and I recommend not to venture on the shore without someone knowing where you are and at the very minimum the company of a fully charged phone and a whistle. You can scream but chances are you won't be heard!

There are 2 practical reasons why I chose to search the Thames, firstly I got permission and secondly once you have "got your eyes in" the condition of the finds is far superior to that of anything found in most fields. The reason for this is simple, the anaerobic mud preserves the artefacts so well.

There are plenty of hobnails shoes exposed from time to time as if to prove a point! (Difficult to preserve once removed!)

It took me about 18 months to really "get my eyes in" as the Mudlarks ("M" permit holders) say. In fact it was so long



before I found anything pre 1900 that I obtained the nick-name Decimal!

How did it all start you may wonder? The honest truth it was a little wager I purchased myself a cheap Metal Detector from Joan Allen in Biggin Hill and set myself the challenge to see if I could recoup the cost with the treasure I would find! (LoL) (How things change, I spend more time on the river than in fields and on the river I spend more time looking with my eyes and scraping than using a detector. I have also never sold one find - not yet anyway)!

My best finds are of more historical interest

than monetary value and a good number are of enough interest to be recorded with my finds officer at The Museum of London.

I was lucky enough to be given permission to search a anonymous a spot close to our village. This little spot produced one of my first finds as by chance I stumbled on a couple of pieces of metal which I have over the course of several years now accumulated 2, near complete, Chains of Office.

The 2 chains were buried, possibly in a thin metal box approximately 1 .5 spades but had been separated across the filed I believe by the use

of a plough. Each element (termed a jewel, belong to a City Lodge of The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffalos, Grand English Banner, St Marys Lodge. One chain was worn by the position of the Minstrel the other by the Secretary.

There is much information about the Buffaloes however I am unable to trace any record of a St Marys Lodge. It seems many Pre war records were destroyed in the Blitz. The questions are Who did they belong to. Is there a link to Chelsfield village and how did they come to be buried?

Bruce Cocks

Winter Sport Tips from CHELSFIELD PARK HOSPITAL

For thousands of holiday-makers that make a trip to snowier climes, most will return refreshed and revitalised, however for some unlucky skiing fanatics, their snowy trip can turn sour when injury strikes. Recent research conducted on behalf of BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital revealed that just 18

per cent of residents in Bromley take out insurance when travelling abroad. At this time of year, with more people forecast to hit the slopes than ever before, winter sport related injuries are likely to rise and the physiotherapy departments at BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital is prepar-

ing themselves for an influx of skiers and snowboarders needing orthopaedic and physiotherapy treatments.

Mr Jonathan Walczak, Consultant Orthopaedic & Trauma Surgeon at BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital offers the following advice for those people,

“Pro skiers and snowboarders can make their sports look effortless on the telly, so it’s easy for some people to forget just how dangerous the slopes can be, especially for beginners.”

“We would advise everybody embarking on snow sports this season to take all the available and necessary precautions to avoid injury. However, should you get injured, get expert medical attention as quickly as possible, seek a second opinion if needed and do not stray from your doctors or physiotherapists recommended treatment regime. Ignoring medical advice will only increase your pain, suffering and recovery time.”

Mr Walczak and the team at BMI Chelsfield Hospital share tips on how to avoid injury on the slopes:

1) No matter how confident you may feel, beginners should always take skiing or snowboarding lessons from a professional before they at-

tempt to ski or snowboard. If you plan to snowboard, it’s crucial that you learn how to fall correctly to prevent any injury. You should never put your arms out to catch yourself as the impact and pressure on fingers and wrists can break the bone. Whether falling forwards or backwards always ensure you bring your arms in close to your chest and fall onto your chest, back or shoulder.

2) You should always use equipment that matches your size and skill level.

3) Both adults and children should wear safety gear while on the slopes, including wrist guards and a helmet. Make sure you stay hydrated throughout the day. Also, do not drink alcohol while skiing or snowboarding!

4) Make sure you warm up properly before skiing or snowboarding to avoid injury. Before putting on your gear, warm up and stretch the thigh, calf and arm muscles. A short

walk of 10-20 minutes will increase blood flow to the muscles, increasing their flexibility. Start each day on the slopes with some easy runs to loosen up and do this after each rest break as well.

5) **P.R.I.C.E for injury** - If you are unlucky enough to sustain an injury, immediately follow the P.R.I.C.E principles:

Protection - use strapping or a support for comfort and to protect the area

Rest - rest the injured area

Ice - apply ice packs for 10 minutes every hour

Compress - use tubigrip or a compression bandage to help reduce the swelling - but not too tight! Check toes and fingers regularly for colour and temperature; remove the compression dressing at night.

Elevate - elevate or raise the injured part, ideally above the heart to help disperse swelling.

Music Evening - Thanks

Dear Chelsfieldians,

On behalf of Chelsfield Cricket Club I would like to formally thank Terry Sparks and helpers for organizing the music evening in the village hall on the 22nd October. Everyone attending would agree that it was a most enjoyable and convivial evening.

We are very lucky in Chelsfield to have such a heritage a St Martins church which dates back almost a thousand years, and a cricket club approaching 300 years old.

This makes the club one of the oldest in the coun-

try and we have evidence of a match being played between the men of Chelsfield and the men of London on the common at Kennington in 1731!

Although the club has not yet produced an England Test player, we have had international Test players turning out for the team, names including Alan Brown, Kent and England fast bowler, and Joe Kanagasingham who represented Sri Lanka as batsman and left arm spinner. Hopefully in the coming years we can produce our own international player!

Support from the community is always welcome and it is hoped that the music evening has considerably enhanced our local profile.

Thanks again to Terry for hosting the evening and thanks to the superb performers and all those who attended the event. Perhaps the event could become an annual get together benefitting both the cricket club and the village

Yours sincerely

Bob Hogben

President CCC

Chelsfield Equestrian Centre Riding School & Animal Feeds

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

The competition season ended with Combined Training (show jumping and dressage) on 30th October.

Riders hacked from local yards to join in this fun event and then in a race

against the fading light hacked back again.

Thanks to everyone for supporting us during the past year, in competitions and in our animal feed store. Thanks to all our loyal riding school riders as well.

We aim to regularly have some special offers on feeds in the shop. Please stop by and

check our prices. We know our prices are lower than most local traders on compared items.

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Don't Come down the Chimney.....Santa

Chorus: Don't come down the chimney, we haven't swept it yet
Staying tied up on the roof would be a safer bet
If you try to squeeze down now you'll bring down lots of soot
And you will get the wrath of dad and feel my mother's boot.

Every Christmas it's the same, I try hard to be good
I clean my room and put away my toys just as I should
And then I ask my parents just before I go to sleep
If they've rung Yellow Pages yet and organized a sweep.

Chorus

They look at me quite puzzled and then appreciate
That Santa's got a lot to do and this will make him late
So dad gets out the vacuum and mother gets a brush
And what comes next – they both get vexed
As soot falls in a rush!

So.....

Chorus: Don't come down the chimney, don't come down it yet
Keep my presents on the roof – I hope it isn't wet
Tie old Rudolph to a tree, I know it must sound odd
But don't descend our sooty flue until you've got the nod.

Phil Lane



Home Library Service - Volunteers Wanted

Can you commit to a regular monthly morning or afternoon visit to someone who can't get to a library? This valued service needs more volunteers – particularly in the Orpington area. You will

be choosing and delivering books to people who are unable to leave their homes.

Essential transport expenses and staff support will be provided.

If you'd be interested in

volunteering (or if you know someone who would benefit from this free service), contact the Home Library Service on 020 3045 4565, or email libraries@bexley.gov.uk

Local History Group

The group met on Thursday 17th November for a talk by Patrick Hellicar and Geoff Copus

on Goddington and the Miller-. As there is no December meeting this

will be reported in the January issue of the Village Voice.

Chelsfield Players Maskerade Review

In this parody of "The Phantom of the Opera", although with less singing, and a much more interesting story line, the Chelsfield Players brought a fictional city set on a flat planet on the back of four elephants, a cast of thousands, well, about 30, with witches, two phantoms, an evil chocolate loving cat and a naughty recipe book (the Joye of Snacks) to Chelsfield Village. This was the world of Terry Pratchett.

The hall was set up differently for this play with a wide centre aisle and a ramp up on to the stage with no use of the curtains. An ominously swinging chandelier thankfully stayed in place not too far from where I was sitting.

Notable amongst newcomers to the players were Diana McDonnell, a strong and straight performance at the core of all the madness as Agnes Nitt who had run away to join the opera and Stevie

Davidson, a gloriously "hammy" Christine, the popular but talentless opera star. I look forward to seeing more performances from both of them.

It is difficult to decide who should receive special mention from such a strong group of performers. The players were well cast and gave their all in the play. I particularly enjoyed the double act of Madeline McCubbin and Philippa Rooke as witches Nanny Ogg and Granny

Weatherwax. Michael Wortley, whose transformation from Frank Spencer-like Walter Plinge to proud Phantom just with the addition of a mask (and the loss of the beret and mac) was striking. A worthy last appearance for the actor in Chelsfield Village. The other phantom was the alter ego of the opera house's musical director Mr Salzella, who confessed to disliking opera. In this role, David Pascoe, treated us to a protracted

operatic death which prompted Granny Weatherwax to say "Ah, now the opera's over". And it was

The script was full of the dry wit of Terry Pratchett with a discovery of Walter's compositions including such titles as Guys and Trolls, Miserable Les and the Enchanted Piccolo.

Numerous scene changes were undertaken on different parts of the extended stage, with clever use of

lighting. This enabled the play to proceed briskly but smoothly.

I had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and it sounded as though everyone else did too – cast and audience alike.

A retiring collection for the Alzheimer's Society was appropriate for two reasons – the recent death of Vanessa Bailey, an Alzheimer's sufferer and Terry Pratchett's well publicised battle with the illness..

A view from the stalls

Waste Incinerator Proposed IN OUR BACK YARD!

Site 104, as it is currently referred to, in the Kent County Council Waste Development Framework has been earmarked as a possible site for the construction of a biomass facility to generate electricity.

This site, although in Kent, is right in our backyard, it is the triangle of land adjacent to Hewitts roundabout between the slip road to the M25 and the A224 leading to Badgers Mount (see Map - each ring on the map represents 0.5km

distances from the centre of the proposed power station. It will be noted that the centre of Chelsfield Village is just 1.5km (less than a mile) from the facility.

Genuine Biomass power generation can be clean and environmentally sustainable, carbon neutral and should be encouraged - but to achieve this goal all material MUST be locally sourced (a 10 to 20 mile radius perhaps) timber from correctly managed woodland which then provides

a continuous uninterrupted source of fuel. Very few biomass generators actually achieve this ideal, in fact most end up importing foreign material in order to maintain their supply.

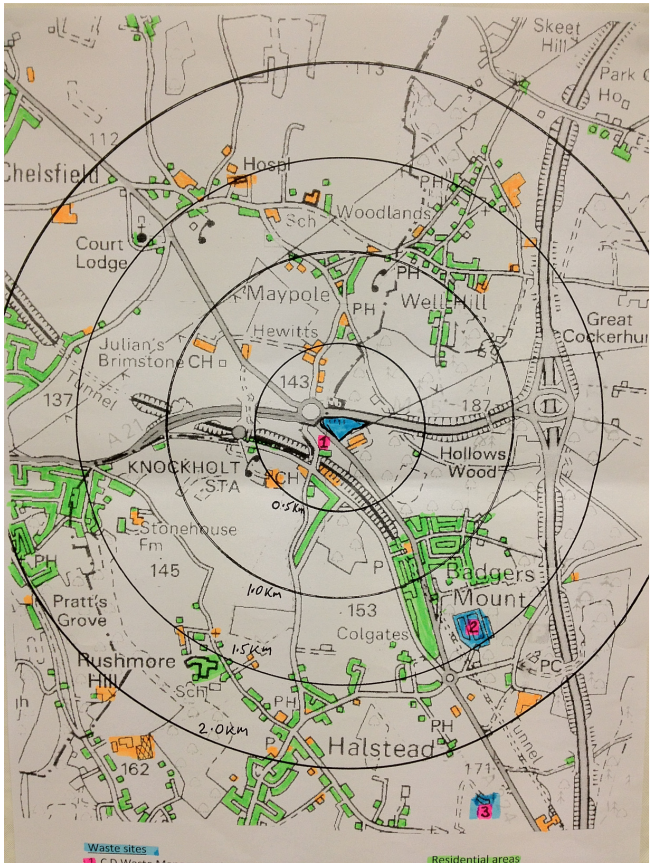
This proposal, although referred to as Biomass actually appears to be a waste incinerator, a very different beast entirely. This method of energy generation is a means of disposing of waste. Not so clean, far from environmentally sustainable, far from carbon neu-

tral, and certainly not desirable in close proximity to residential areas. The proposal claims 60% of waste will be taken from the local area (a 30 mile radius) this still would mean 40% from.....anywhere!

The increase in heavy truck movements in the area generally would be immense, having to feed this proposed facility, and the pollution, even with modern scrubber systems would be unacceptable.

Badgers Mount residents held a packed meeting on Friday 18th November at which their MP Michael Fallon and KCC Councillor Roger Gough expressed their support for the residents very powerful campaign to fight against this proposal along with a further proposal for a second waste transfer facility at the former MoD ammunition depot off Shacklands Road.

This site is one of many proposed for consideration - People may make comments on the proposals until December 19th by visiting:



http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/planning_in_kent/minerals_and_waste.aspx

Preferred sites for development will be announced in April with the date for adoption of the strategy in August 2014.

This proposal, if it were to be adopted, will cause major disruption to our

local environment, health and our daily lives. Badgers Mount residents are doing an incredible job in fighting it. I strongly urge we Chelsfield residents to take a very close look at the proposals and join with our Badgers Mount neighbours to fight tooth and nail against it.

Dan Sloan

Recollections of childhood Christmasses in the 1950'sby someone who remembers them!

"Nostalgia isn't what it used to be", one of my favourite phrases. Such as can be readily attached to the life us children shared in the post war years from 1946 - 56. The country was still trying to recover from 6 years of war, devastation, loss and hardship. I was born into it in 1943 but can only start to vaguely recall from the age of 3 or 4 with such vivid memories of the deep snow in 1947. Deeper almost than little me. From the age of five I was already finding the festive season exciting and developing those cherished memories that I still cling to, of all the special things that Christmas uniquely provides. The smell of a the spruce tree, the holly draped over picture frames and doors (without central heating it lasted much longer). As dad had a car then we would set off to Ash-down Forest two weeks before to cut holly from hedgerows. It had to have berries of course, usually eaten well before December by garden birds at home. Recently I tried to fox them by cutting our own early at Holly Cottage and storing it in the shed, to find

that mice had eaten all the berries later!

Then the magic of Christmas cake making. That glorious spicy smell as mum mixed the ingredients in her huge brown bowl. The pudding too, and seeing it steaming away in its muslin bag. Neither fare did I actually have any ponshon for until well into my teens! The decorations next – none of your glitzy drapes but crepe paper twists, paper chains by the mile and, in our house, long cords of red and green raffia tails that always shed bits and dust when they came out of their storage box. I still love sorting out our old decorations – we still have some lights wrapped around a Frosties box with a model of the QE2 offer on the back. The cheap lights bought in 1968 from a Whitecross Street market for 6/11 are now a fire hazard not to mention the hours spent trying to find the duff bulb!

As a child Christmas food was eaten in abundance it seemed. Breakfast, turkey dinner, down to grandma's for the afternoon where, after games tea, more

games and then supper. Chris and I had two sets of grandparents living each end of Orpington High Street. Known as the *Toy* and *Train* respectively. The big family gatherings tended to be at the former where numerous games led eventually to disagreements over cheating etc, assuming that we hadn't already fallen out over who got the charms in the Christmas pudding, only eaten reluctantly by us children for that sole purpose. It was at one such Christmas that I stuffed myself silly on crystallized fruits, and cannot face them even today. The mere mention of the words used to make me heave!. I also found I could not stomach celery, *plain* chocolate digestives, marrow, coconut. But curiously loved bread sauce, marzipan, parsnips, sprouts. I recall one year when Christmas Day was thick fog. Trying to cross the Court Road junction down Spur Road a motorbike and sidecar, without lights, ploughed into the side of our Jaguar, spilling Christmas presents and cakes

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all over the road. No one was hurt, but dad put out his brand new present, a Pifco flashing light, out to warn drivers of the melee. It was crushed flat by the first speeding car!

To end on a jolly note, however. How I loved presents, especially surprises. Money only tended to come from distant relations by post. My "Train" grandpa would often make mine – a station, some locos, etc wrapped up in

brown paper. GP had no time for fripperies. I have never stopped believing in Santa Claus but he stopped calling at my bedroom some time about 1953 when I stayed awake to see him dragging an enormous box clattering into my room. He spotted me, grunted and fled leaving sooty footprints all over the carpet. Mum was furious. I got out of bed and in the dark thrust my hand into this box, to be as-

sailed by the spiky ends of yards of O gauge railway track.

So here I am, 68 years later, and still loving the Season. With the imminent prospect of our first grandchildren (Sally is days away from twins) it looks like we shall be able to continue to make this time special for all of us afresh. And I shall have to make my peace with Father Christmas again!

Philip Lane

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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.

Mobile Library

The mobile library stops outside Chelsfield Village School on Tuesdays between 11:15 and 11:45.

BMI

Chelsfield Park Hospital

Main Reception

01689 877855

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01689 825827

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Electrical Power Failure (EDF)

08007838866

Thames Water Emergencies

0845 9200800

Transco Gas Emergency Service

0800 111999

Orpington Police Station 1000-

1800 Monday-Saturday 0300

1231212

Samaritans 01689 833000

NHS Direct 0845 4647

Safer Neighbourhood Team 020

8721 2605

Chelsfield Village Hall

(bookings)

01689 855617

Village Neighbourhood Watch

Contact

John Leach 07711304965



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 on
01689 853215

EVERY MONDAY

Five Bells

All You Can Eat Curry Night

from 9.00pm

EVERY TUESDAY (Last 13th Dec - Back 10th Jan)

Brass Crosby Room

St Martin's Toddler Group

10.30am-12.00 midday
Contact Sarah Ford:
01689 853415

EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells

Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am
Contact Pam Keeper on
01732 458930

EVERY THURSDAY

St Martin of Tours Church

Viva Acappella

Ladies Barbershop Chorus
Practice
Contact Helen 07984
961696

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday 1st December

The Five Bells
Live Jazz "Fix"
With "Just Friends"
Starts 8.30pm

Friday 2nd December

Chelsfield Primary School
**Ladies Pamper
Evening**
Starts 6.30pm 'till 9.30pm

Friday 2nd December

The Five Bells
**Dupe Christmas
Show**
Starts 8.30pm 'till Late

Wednesday 7th December

(1st Wednesday each Month)
Orpington Village Hall
Country Market
10.00am-11.00am

Wednesday 7th December

(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
Parish Room-Skibbs Lane
**Internet Cafe & Local
History Transcription**
2.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 7th December

Charing Cross Station
Carol Singing
from 5pm, led by people of
St Martins

Thursday 8th December
(2nd Thursday Each Month)
Brass Crosby Room

Crafts For All

Come and Try Your Hand at
a Range of Crafts
11.00am

Wednesday 14th December

The Five Bells
Open Mic Night
Starts 8.30pm

Thursday 15th December

Five Bells
Carol Bash
with Phil Lane and accordion
A chance to sing 40
Christmas songs. Song
sheets and percussion
instruments supplied - bring
your own earplugs! From
8.15pm

Wednesday 21st December

Brass Crosby Room
Village Xmas Party
Starts 8.00pm

Wednesday 28th December

The Five Bells
Open Mic Night
Starts 8.30pm

Saturday 31st December

The Five Bells
New Years Eve
Starts 8.30pm
