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## The Partridge

Last spring was a poor one for blue tits. Due to unseasonably warm weather the caterpillars they rely on to feed their young did not coincide with the tits usual nesting season which is triggered by the changing hours of daylight. Global warming's not going to alter that! Consequently many blue tit nests failed and it will be intriguing to see if the results of this years 'Garden Watch' organised by the RSPB reflects the difficult past year experienced by these birds. To help out, I have, as always, a box attached to my shed at home and another suitable for blue tits on my shed at the allotment. And on that subject, following a clean-up day at the allotment a good number of additional boxes were fixed to trees around the site to encourage a good season for these birds. Also, my new neighbours have built an impressive shed in their garden with no less than three bird boxes attached to it. It will be interesting to see how

many of these are used and which are the preferred boxes in view of the fact that they all face different points of the compass. And while on the subject of garden birds, I've found they really like porridge oats as winter food. I looked up on the internet to see if it was a safe food and that source suggested it was great as long as its not used to exclusion of other foods and you don't allow it to get wet and turn to mush – well porridge I suppose!

This month I want to talk about the Partridge (*Perdix perdix*). This is of course the bird

immortalised in the song 'Twelve days of Christmas', taking pride of place on the first day of Christmas with the culmination of the chorus "and a partridge in a pair tree". Sorry I'm out of date by a month! That in itself is a little strange as these birds are strictly ground birds which includes nesting on the ground and after a short fast acceleration while taking to the air to avoid danger they are relatively weak flyers. They are not generally seen in pear trees or in the air for any length of time.

This bird has had three



official names over the last century. It started as the common partridge, evolved into simply the 'partridge' and has been known as the grey partridge since the early 1990's. It is also known by the colloquial name of 'Englishman' as it is considered as the quintessential English game-bird. The name 'partridge' comes from the Greek '*perdesthai*' meaning 'to make explosive noises', presumably due to the commotion this bird makes as it bursts from undergrowth when disturbed. Rather fittingly it also describes the noise of a shotgun that so frequently accompanies that commotion! And on that subject, the partridge is the classic 'game' bird enjoyed by the landed classes and is probably considered the best 'eating' of all game birds. In Victorian times, along with grouse and pheasants, these three birds literally shaped the social lives of tens of thousands of people. At one time thousands of farms up and down the country had sufficient birds to sustain partridge 'shoots'. This has now

fallen to around 50 estates. The prime counties for these partridge shoots were Norfolk, Suffolk and Hampshire and the heyday was the last few decades prior to the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Many farms had their own covey (collective noun for a group of partridges) and these birds are surprisingly sedentary and will confine themselves to just 2 or 3 fields for their entire lives, maintaining a close link with an area or farm. These birds tend to roost in open ground, usually in slight hollows which gives them cover from predators. They either all face the on-coming wind or alternatively they use a technique, albeit rarely seen, called 'jugging'. This involves a covey creating a ring so that all have their heads pointing outwards allowing them to have full view of all angles should a predator approach. Another defence mechanism is to fly directly at a predator or even humans in defence of their young.

Ironically, with the demise of large 'shoots', the number of birds has fallen in Britain by

around 80% over the last century and is now almost extinct in Ireland. Prior to WW2 these birds were one of Britain's ten most common birds but are now 'red listed'. Agrochemicals are considered a principle factor in this birds demise with fewer insects due to reductions in weeds on modern farms. There are modern measures to encourage wild grass margins and with Britain's withdrawal from the European market there is talk of revamping farming incentives to encourage the use of land to increase insects and therefore bird numbers. Yet ironically, due to the concentration of care for their welfare, shooting estates are generally where these birds are found in the largest numbers. So, the partridge, not a bird that I have knowingly seen locally but one of those that needs as much protection as possible to ensure they have a viable future.

*Steve Fuller  
February 2022*

## Mutterings From The Millers

I did say that our monthly report would cease due to the fact that we are not growing cereals but a few people very kindly said that they miss our ramblings so here is a short waffle for you.

Despite the chilly weather the birds have been singing when the sun has shone. I heard sky larks singing in January, which was wonderful. The red kite has been spotted a few times and three buzzards circling above the farm. I usually hear the buzzards first, that long “peeee-uu” mewing sound. Apparently according to the RSPB they are now the comments and most widespread UK bird of prey. The usual blue, coal, great and long tailed tits flitting about along with the robin picking out the worms as I have been spreading horse manure on my garden.

A friend locally saw two blackcaps in her garden. Although mainly a summer visitor from Germany and northeast Europe they are some birds are increasingly spending the winter here



in the UK. The blackcap is a distinctive greyish warbler with the male having a blackcap and the female a chestnut one. They have a delightful song. I heard on Winterwatch that some swallows didn't migrate last year either.

Peter is still busy updating and maintaining the farm buildings, a bit like the Forth Road bridge really. Actually, I don't think that expression is true now though as it has been painted with a triple layer of glass flake epoxy paint which creates a chemical bond to provide a virtually impenetrable layer to

protect the bridge's steel work from the weather. It will not need to be painted again for 25 years say Network Rail. I don't think that will happen here, Peter will be maintaining our buildings for sometime yet.

The grass for hay is gently growing and despite the lack of rain the ground is still quite sodden as you have probably noticed from the footpaths in the area.

We had to put our chickens away again in November as the bird flu outbreaks took hold. They are in the



greenhouse with ventilation obviously but I let them out to have a peck about whilst I pick up the eggs etc. They come back inside easily once a I shake the meal worm box. I'm sure they would jump through hoops for some of these. Not sure yet when they can be released, I think it was March last year, but we are in the process of buying netting to make a sort of fruit cage so that the wild birds cannot get in and then we can keep

the chickens outside all year.

I'll try and update you with the new farm subsidies that we know about next time.

Hope you can see the picture ok not that we want to see this about of snow. It was taken outside the farmhouse on Warren Road in the early 1980's According to great grandfathers letters, in 1916 they started steam ploughing in February but

were hampered but the continuous rain which then turned to snow. Weather folklore is about Candlemas Day 2nd February

*If Candlemas Day is bright and clear,  
There'll be two winters in that year;  
But if Candlemas Day is mild or brings rain,  
Winter is gone and will not come again.*

*Chris Miller  
Court Lodge Farm  
February 2022*

## Accident in Skibbs Lane

Three fire engines, two ambulances and four police cars on site, the combatants were a Fiat 500 and a Tesla which was less that four months old!

Both write offs and recovered by a police vehicle which would normally be removing clamped vehicles etc!

Take care folks especially down the lanes many of which are slimy and slippery caused by wet mud and leaves which I think was a contributory factor in this incident.



*Dave Lambert*

## St Martin's Toddlers Group



### St Martin's Toddler Group

January 2022



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

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

We look forward to seeing you,

Toddler Volunteers:

Jenny Peter Mary Mo Val Anne and Ally.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February**

15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Half Term so no Toddler Group

**1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March**

5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays so no Toddler Group

#### Contact Details:

Toddler Group Leader - Jenny Wood

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Church website: [www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk](http://www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk)

## Chelsfield Community Cafe



The Chelsfield Community Cafe (hosted by Chelsfield Volunteers) will return to the Village Hall for its regular slots of the first and third Wednesdays this

February. The first date will be February 2nd, and the second on 16th February.

Drop in anytime between 2:30pm & 4:30pm! All are welcome for tea/coffee, homemade cake and a little old fashioned socialising!!

Lifts are available for those in need.

Volunteers please come join the team or make a

cake for our lovely attendees!!

If interested, please contact Chelsfield Volunteers:

[chelsfieldvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:chelsfieldvolunteers@gmail.com)

or call 07954415429.

We look forward to seeing everyone again!!

*Mags, Pam & The Chelsfield Volunteers*

## Met Police Invitation to “Volunteer”

Dear All,

The item below is interesting and gives us the opportunity to engage in a host of different topics.

I'm proposing to do the bike marking course which I hope will enable me to offer to mark anyone's bike in and around the village.

If others pick up any of the other items we could build a good pool of knowledge and perhaps

share at sessions in the village hall?

As part of our partnership with the Met Police, our national body, Neighbourhood Watch Network has been approached to ask if any of our members would like to explore the opportunities of volunteering'. For information on various opportunities, go to:

<https://members.ourwatcnhmember.org.uk/AlertMessage/Attachment/10F99>

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Each volunteer will have a chance to engage in any of the following courses run by experienced trainers:

- ◆ London Nights Training – Personal Safety Input
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- ◆ London Life Savers - CPR, DRABC, Defib

- ◆ Bike Marking Training
- ◆ SEND (Special educational needs) and Diversity Communication Input
- ◆ Community Road Watch Training
- ◆ Crime Prevention Training - Basic Personal Safety
- ◆ Weapon Sweep Training, Drugs Awareness Input, Forensics Input
- ◆ Crime Prevention Training - Motor Vehicle
- ◆ Counter Terrorism Input

- ◆ Crime Prevention Training - Burglary

If you would like to find out more, go to the Met Police website at:

<https://www.met.police.uk/volunteers>

*Dave Lambert*

## Fran Flin's Fitness

Hi Everyone,

This issue I thought I would talk about what happens after the New Year fitness rush and how to push past the faddy "all or nothing" month that is January!

Before we get started, I would like to introduce myself – I'm Fran Flin, and I run Flin's Fitness, local community fitness classes. Some of you may have seen me wearing my other hat, as a firefighter for 26 years at Orpington Fire Station, before I retired at the start of the pandemic in 2020!

I've always liked group exercise as I found the gym to be boring. I love the dynamic of a room of people seeking a common goal with banter and fun, hence my

business was born 25 years ago – starting with one class a week, to now more than 30 on the schedule.



### Exercise and You!

We all know that we should exercise, but if you hate it, what can you do? You need to look after your body and your heart health – the mind may be willing but the body maybe not so much?!

My Top 3 Tips on what **NOT** to do:

### 1) DON'T:

Embark upon a "new-year, new-you" regime:

We are now in February – how many people set unrealistic goals and lost their mojo after the muscle ache, or gym environment put them off?

### DO:

TRY new things, be prepared to give it a couple of attempts before deciding if you like it, then ditch it if it isn't for you! Exercise adherence is aaalll about the enjoyment! Hate gym machines? Go to a class, or go outdoors and try Nordic walking, cycling, climbing, archery, open water swimming! It's well documented as to how exercising – especially in the fresh air - can bring about a positive upshift in mood.



## 2) DON'T:

Buy all the kit in week 1!

### DO:

Consider starting off at home, with simple beginners YouTube or On Demand workouts, either doing body weight exercise or employing the use of some bean cans or borrowed hand weights.

Don't go too heavy at the start, especially without supervision.

Also don't invest in an expensive home exercise set up (eg a static bike with an online workout console) thinking it will "make" you do exercise – you need to be confident that you LIKE indoor cycling / rowing / running, or risk it becoming an expensive clothes airer! Indoor exercise machines are a-plenty on Ebay in the summer!

## 3) DON'T:

Be too ambitious. Thinking you are going to get up early and workout every morning before work / school run or before the day runs away from you, it's all well and good, but is it feasible, if you consider your current lifestyle?

### DO:

Set yourself a realistic target. Goals are good but take a look at how it could work and make smaller sustainable goals. Try to fit in 2 short exercise sessions a week and establish this as routine, before considering adding another one. Small consistent changes = long term change!

Finally, if nothing else, up your NON EXERCISE activity!

- \* Walk more each day!  
Track your step count

to help you stay accountable – most smart phones have an inbuilt step counter now.

- \* Move around more during the day – use the stairs more. Get up from the sofa / chair / desk and have a regular stretch out.
- \* DANCE alone! ...to your fave music – a couple of tracks each day: laugh, sing and enjoy how this lifts your mood.

Exercise is AMAZING! If you disagree, you just haven't found your "thing" .... YET!

Have a fabulous Feb – be with you again in March!

*Fran Flin*

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## The Village Knitters at the Five Bells

The village knitters have been very busy over winter - and have created 23 bobble hats for the charity Care 4 Calais! Thank you to the Poppin' Tags company for donating the wool for the project.

We would love to welcome some new members this year, so why not come along. Whether you are a newbie or expert, we look forward to seeing you at the Five Bells!

*Sophie Foreman*



## Valentines Day at The Five Bells



The Restaurant @The Five Bells  
Chelsfield Village  
01689 821044  
Valentine's Day  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
5 course Evening Menu

Welcoming glass of Prosecco on arrival

### To start the evening:

Potato Rosti topped with Smoked Salmon with crème fraiche & red onion  
Pancetta & potato croquettes with salad |& tomato dip  
Baked Camembert to share with crudites & toasted sour dough (V)

### Cleansing the palate:

Lemon Sorbet

### The main event:

Cod Gratin with prosecco & prawn sauce served with mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables

Grilled Pork loin Medallions with rosé pepper sauce, chunky chips  
& char grilled tender stem broccoli

Beetroot & Butternut Wellington with sauté new potatoes, roasted rainbow carrots & veggie gravy (Vg)

Duck breast with cherry sauce, potato terrine & honey glazed carrots

### The sweet 'yummy' bit:

Chocolate & Caramel Cake with Madagascan or vegan ice cream (Vg)  
Vanilla flan with marinated strawberries & rose syrup  
Peanut & Caramel Parfait with almond tuille & blackberries

### And after:

Coffee & Chocolates

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**Price: £32 per person with a £10 non-returnable deposit**

## Local History Group - Orpington's Turbulent Priest

Orpington – and I am sure Chelsfield – have had some less than perfect priests in their time but none as contentious as the Rev William Townley.

At our last meeting of the Local History Group in November, Christine Hellicar told us about Townley, who nearly half a century after his death in 1847 was still remembered as eccentric, difficult and un-Christian. His life was recorded by a later vicar and some of his parishioners.

William came from bustling Windsor to become vicar at Orpington and St Mary Cray in 1816. He found a village of 800 people, a farming community with some gentry “on the road to no-where”.

He did not endear himself to the people of Orpington, he was miserly although known to have some family wealth. In 1828 he took two local millers to court claiming he was entitled to tithes from the mills. He was not and did not win.

He crossed the Jackson sisters who against his

wishes started a much needed Sunday School. Townley is reported as saying: “He had never had a Sunday School and did not see why he should,” adding “that he had enough bother with the old people; he would not undertake Sunday school work.”

He wanted to be one of the gentry, attending country dances and dining with banker William Marsh though Marsh recorded in his diary that Townley’s sermons were inaudible. They were also very short.

“It was a common occurrence in Orpington Church to see several watches in the hands of those who were laying bets on the length of the sermon.”

Eventually Townley became incapable of officiating so the Archbishop obliged him to keep a curate who preached long sermons. Townley would sit in his pew just under the reading desk and when he thought the sermon was too lengthy would exclaim “enough, enough”.

He still occasionally took part of the service, and he would often have an argument with the old clerk, Petty. All quite audible to the congregation. If he lost his place he would lean over and grab Petty’s prayer book.

Joseph Jackson who lived next-door to the Church recalled: “[Townley] used to go down from the vicarage every morning regularly to the White Hart Inn for his pint of porter which he would always have served “well frothed up”

Townley’s little black dog, described as “of vicious temper, the terror of the village children” died in its kennel in one of the top bedrooms and when Townley died the skeleton of the dog was found in his room. He also had an old grey mare Sally and would take night time walks with his horse and dog. When Sally died Townley told the curate that “he did not think it would be necessary to read the burial service over her”.

William Townley, who had no descendants died on

24 September 1847 and Orpington had a new vicar. But Christine's talk did not end with his death.

She discovered that Townley had been a very rich miser leaving £100,000 (income value of around £100m today). Soon many people were after the money, lawyers and heir hunters as well as those claiming to be relatives.

Over the next few years various people took their claims to court. Firstly, distant relatives of his mother aided by a French heir hunter; then an American lawyer seeking a lost Townley fortune but eventually the money

went to a coal master from Manchester who had the help of heir hunter/lawyer Richard Sprye.

Christine told us the incredible lengths Sprye went to in order to track down the coal master, Thomas Porter, who was the son of William Townley's half-sister.

During his researches Sprye came to Orpington to collect evidence.

He unearthed firstly that William Townley, though a proper ordained priest, was not as the people of Orpington thought a member of the well-connected Townley family but the son of a rich London linen draper, John Townley.

Then Sprye tracked John's roots back to Manchester where on being widowed he abandoned his young daughter came to London re-married and William was born. Finding this information would have been incredibly difficult and time consuming before civil registration, censuses and the internet.

During lockdown Christine had done her own bit of internet sleuthing and had found Sprye's records in the archive of an American university allowing her to complete the story of William Townley's turbulent life and legacy.

## Chelsfield Village Society

Working on behalf of the interests of Chelsfield Village and its residents.

Following our recent AGM, annual subscriptions are now

payable for membership.

These are £5 per household, or life membership for £35. For membership please contact:

CVS treasurer  
P Gandolfi  
3 Orlestone Gardens,  
Chelsfield Village,  
BR6 6HB,

01689 831826

## McDonalds Vouchers

The Chelsfield Village Hall had a pack of £1.99 meal vouchers for February posted through the door. I will leave

some in the hall, and some outside in the bus shelter. Otherwise if anyone is interested contact

[cvhlettings@gmail.com](mailto:cvhlettings@gmail.com) or 01689 831826.

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RUMP OF LAMB with chorizo & paprika saute potatoes, salsa verde & green beans

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## The Walnuts Proposed Redevelopment

The planning application for the proposed new development of The Walnuts Shopping Centre is now available live on the Bromley Council planning portal online.

Here is a link to the application:

<https://searchapplications.bromley.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Please type in Walnuts in the search or alternatively the planning reference: 21/05907

According to the 'Nuts to the Walnuts' campaign group with over 1100 members, we only have until 13 February to raise our concerns and objections to the

plans. The Areli Real Estate plans are for 16 blocks of buildings of varying heights with two tall 19 and 20 storey high rise blocks. This alone will ruin the skyline and views of Orpington from everywhere including Chelsfield View and green.

The whole of the Walnuts is to be demolished and construction of the new build will take years until 2028 for completion, resulting in major disruption to our town and the local communities. The Walnuts leisure centre will be demolished, as well as the Saxon centre, with no plans for swimming and leisure

facilities in the interim, and no detailed plans for replacement of the Saxon centre, social care facilities etc.

Please urge everyone in Chelsfield and surrounding areas to view the plans on the Council website and get their comments in as soon as possible and by 13 February latest.

We need to involve the Chelsfield ward councillors in the local communities views regarding these plans, and make sure they are listening to our concerns and representing our views.

*Gillian Bertol*

## Chelsfield Village Voice Email Circulation

Some addresses in Well Hill and further afield are now receiving copies of the Village Voice by a

local arrangement.

If you would like to receive a regular copy

electronically please let the editor know on: [chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com](mailto:chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com)

## Chelsfield Green Viewing Plinth Vandalised

I just heard from a neighbour on Nextdoor app, that the Chelsfield Viewing plinth in the field off Warren Road has

been vandalised yet again, broken glass everywhere. Neighbour was walking their dog and noticed this. It's so

shameful. Maybe needs cameras up to stop these despicable people.

*Gillian Bertol*



The Benefice of  
Chelsfield with Green Street Green  
and Pratts Bottom



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

All welcome! Please be aware that in the current situation this schedule is subject to change, potentially at short notice. Please watch the church website for updates (see link at bottom of page).

**St Martin's**

Wed 2 February	9.30am	Holy Communion - BCP
Sun 6 February	10.00 am	Family Communion
<i>4th before Lent</i>	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 9 February	9.30am	Holy Communion - BCP
Sun 13 February	10.00am	Family Worship
<i>3rd before Lent</i>	6.30pm	Song Eucharist
Wed 16 February	9.30am	Holy Communion - BCP
Sun 20 February	10.00am	Family Communion
<i>2nd before Lent</i>	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 23rd February	9.30am	Holy Communion - BCP
Sun 27 February	10.00am	Family Worship <i>with Baptism</i>
<i>Sunday next before Lent</i>	6.30pm	Evensong

**Well Hill\***

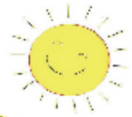
Sun 13 February	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 27 February	10.00am	Service of the Word

*\*NB these services have limited capacity – for more information please contact Anne Ireland on 07767 783189 / [anneireland@icloud.com](mailto:anneireland@icloud.com)*

As at 27 January 2022



## St. Martin's Summer Fete



# Save the Date!

**St. Martin's Summer Fete  
is back! (👉)  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**12 noon – 4.30pm  
Rectory Gardens, Skibbs Lane, Chelsfield BR6 7RH**

## Greetings From the Friends of the PRUH

Many of you will no doubt remember that in the late 1990's it was decided that a new acute district hospital was urgently needed for the Borough of Bromley. The Princess Royal University Hospital ( or the PRUH as it is now affectionately known) was built on the site of the old Farnborough Hospital and opened in April 2003.

The Friends of the Princess Royal University Hospital was formed with the amalgamation of The

Friends of Farnborough Hospital and The Friends of the old Bromley Hospital.

Its aim is to raise funds to help improve the lives of the patients and staff by providing extra facilities for wards and departments and very importantly to engage the interest of the general public in its work.

Since the Pandemic and lockdowns began in March 2020 we have not been able to arrange any of our usual

events or activities at the hospital itself. However, the committee has met monthly on Zoom and we have been able to continue supporting the patients and staff during this time which has been so difficult for everyone. During the initial lockdown we liaised with local restaurants and several Rotary Clubs and were able to arrange meals for the staff who were working extremely long hours. We also provided hand cream, snacks and trays of fruit during





subsequent lockdowns. Puzzle books and activity boxes were given to many of the wards to help occupy the patients who were not allowed to have visitors.

Although it has been difficult to have our usual fundraising activities, we organised several online events - a Zoom Quiz in November 2020 and a "Speaker Evening" in February 2021 when Penny Brockman (who trained for her Duke of Edinburgh Gold

Award in Bromley) gave an illustrated talk on Mountain Rescue. Both events were very successful. We also invited members of the public to send embroidered fabric blocks and photographs of their activities during lockdown. These were made into a large wall hanging and a photographic montage which were presented to the hospital and are displayed near the Bereavement Centre. During the summer several outdoor table top

sales were held in the locality and, as Christmas approached, our Christmas cards were sold online and to friends. In December we held a Christmas card and gift sale at St Giles Church in Farnborough, as we were the "Charity in Focus" for that month, and a generous donation has since been received. More recently we have applied for books for World Book Day and, if successful, these will be given to patients to help pass the time as visitors are still limited.

If you would like to get involved in the work of the Friends of the PRUH, become a member (only £5 per annum) or make a donation towards our funds, please visit our website:

[www.friendsofpruh.org.uk](http://www.friendsofpruh.org.uk)

where you will find all the relevant information. Do get in touch with us by emailing:

[secretary@friendsofpruh.org.uk](mailto:secretary@friendsofpruh.org.uk)

we always welcome any help and support from the local community which matter so much in our work.

Best wishes for a healthier 2022.

*Wendy Reeves  
(Vice Chairman)  
and all the Friends  
Committee*



# TRADING STANDARDS ALERT!

## Post Office scam texts Don't click on the link!

Alert 3.12

25 January 2022

**Post Office:**

*Unfortunately, we weren't able to deliver your parcel today at (fictitious time).  
To view re-delivery options visit (scam website link)*

This is just one example of the scam text messages that *falsely* claim to be from the Post Office, Royal Mail or one of the major delivery firms.

**Don't click on the link in the text message**

**Do Forward the message to 7726, then delete it**

More information about the risks attached to these scams, how to avoid them and what to do if you have fallen victim can be found at:

[Fake 'missed parcel' messages: National Cyber Security Centre - NCSC.GOV.UK](#)

[Take Five - To Stop Fraud | To Stop Fraud STOP-CHALLENGE-PROTECT \(takefive-stopfraud.org.uk\)](#)

**REPORT - Protect others by reporting incidents.**

- < Contact your bank as soon as possible.
  - < Report scams to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)
  - < Forward suspicious email to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk).
  - < Forward a suspicious text message to 7726.
  - < Report a suspicious website [Report a suspicious website - NCSC.GOV.UK](#).
  - < Contact Citizens Advice for help and advice about scams on 0808 223 1133.
- You can also visit [www.Bromley.gov.uk/scams](http://www.Bromley.gov.uk/scams)

## Did This Picture Find It's Rightful Place?

About two years ago, a good friend of ours, a Mrs Eve Green, now in her mid 90's told Joy and I that her Grandmother used to play the organ in The Mission Church at Well Hill during the 1920's - 1930's. She later gave me a lovely picture of Mrs Jefferies at the organ in that church. She understandably, wanted the picture to end up in that church.



My plan was to get Eve to attend Chelsfield and hand the picture to Rev John Tranter but sadly, Eve's health prevented that, she is still unable to get out. About 2 years

ago I handed the picture to Rev John at his house. Can you or anyone tell me if the it has been placed up

there, please ? Eve would be delighted to know it has found a place there.

*Jim Ellard*

## Local Photographs

*A Red Kite being harassed by a crow at Chelsfield Lakes*



*Dave Lambert*

*New Year theme Guerrilla Knitting*



*Peter Gandolfi*

## Dates For Your Diary

### WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Monday  
Five Bells  
**MONDAY CLUB with  
'OPEN THE BOX'**  
7.00pm

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

Every Tuesday  
The Chelsfield  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
from 7.30pm

Every Tuesday  
Five Bells  
**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**  
8.30pm

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Wednesday 2nd February  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Chelsfield Volunteers  
AFTERNOON TEA**  
2.30pm-4.40pm

Wednesday 2nd February  
Five Bells  
**Open Mic Night**  
From 8.00pm

Thursday 3rd February  
Five Bells  
**Live Jazz with Just Friends**  
from 8.00pm

Monday 7th February  
Five Bells  
**KNIT & NATTER NIGHT**  
from 8pm

Tuesday 8th February  
Five Bells  
**Special Charity Quiz Night**  
from 8pm. Raising funds  
for LOOK supporting blind  
and partially sighted  
children & their families

Monday 14th February  
5 Bells & BoPeep Pubs  
**Special Valentine Evening**  
See Pages 10 & 13

Tuesday 15th February  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Evening WI**  
7.30pm-9.30pm

Wednesday 16th February  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Chelsfield Volunteers  
AFTERNOON TEA**  
2.30pm-4.40pm

Wednesday 16th February  
Five Bells  
**Open Mic Night**  
From 8.00pm

Thursday 24th February  
Halstead Village Hall  
**Creating Garden Style Talk**  
From 8.00pm

Wednesday 2nd March  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Chelsfield Volunteers  
AFTERNOON TEA**  
2.30pm-4.40pm

Wednesday 2nd March  
Five Bells  
**Open Mic Night**  
From 8.00pm

Thursday 3rd March  
Halstead Village Hall  
**Kent Heights Flower Club**  
7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Sat & Sun 5th & 6th March  
Coolings Garden Centre  
**Antiques & Collectibles Fair**  
10.00am to 4.00pm

## Recycling Bin Collection February 2022

Monday 7th February	Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste.
Monday 14th February	Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste.
Monday 21st February	Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste
Monday 28th February	Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste.
Monday 7th March	Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste

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

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