



Check out the special Valentine menus
at our three excellent local pubs!

The BoPeep (page 17)
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and The Chelsfield

... and don't forget the
Auction of Promises dinner on
17th February (see page 2)

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Residents & Friends of Chelsfield Village**

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the March 2024 issue of
Chelsfield Village Voice**

to:

**chelsfieldvillagevoice
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by Mon 26th Feb 2024



St. Martin's Chelsfield

**AUCTION
OF
PROMISES**

**SPIRE
APPEAL**

Saturday, 17th February 2024

Chelsfield Village Hall

**6.30pm for 7pm dinner followed by
the Auction**

Tickets £10 to include dinner

Details of promises:

stmartinchelsfield.org.uk/auction

**Reserve your place by emailing
spire@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk**

Mr Bates, The Post Office - and almost Our Village Hall

Chelsfield Village Hall so nearly had a starring role in the recent ITV four part series Mr Bates vs the Post Office. Their production team visited our hall on a number of occasions but in the end we were 'pipped at the post' by Pratts Bottom village hall as the key filming location representing the village hall of Fenney Compton, the initial meeting place where affected postmasters discussed their problems and future campaign for justice. After seeing the programs, one could see that certain shots in the car park outside the hall entrance just would not have been possible with our hall. – Pity.

Our local area was also used for many other locations and establishing shots used in this series. I am told that:

The post office alongside the viaduct at St Mary Cray was used to portray the post office of former subpostmaster Lee Castleton at Bridlington.

The old Bromley Town Hall at the Widmore Rd/Tweedy Rd junction made an appearance as a court.

The Pine Ridge stables at Knockolt were used as was Crofton Heath at Locks Bottom.

Orpington High Street was used for establishing shots.

Pratts Bottom school played a small part.

Bloomfield Road served as the backdrop for an intense ambulance scene.

Filming also took place in the suburbs of Bromley, doubling as various towns around the country and showcasing Bromley's diversity. One such scene is a dramatic post office break-in, where Bexley doubles as Cheshire.

Borough Rd, Southwark was used for the

recreation of an interview with a post office manager.

The director – James Strong, spoke to BBC Radio Kent about filming large parts of the series in the area.

Strong said "we needed to find a base or a kind of location that would serve for the whole of the country, we shot a lot of the series in Kent because we found that there were lots of these beautiful little villages and beautiful little parts of the country, and parts of Kent, that really were perfect for our kind of small, quintessentially English country towns, where a lot of these subpostmasters were based".

"Kent did us proud, it was a fabulous location for our shoot."



Pratts Bottom Village Hall



Chelsfield Village Hall

Jazz at the Five Bells

Thursday 1st February from 8pm
Live Jazz with Just Friends Sextet and guest vocalist Ruth Fahie

Orpington Repair Cafe



Saturday 17th February
10am-1pm



**Bring broken electricals,
clothing & joinery.
We'll try & repair it**

**St Mary's Church Hall
BR6 6AG**

Well Hill Wine Club 40th Anniversary

We celebrated this milestone on Saturday 13th January, with a lunchtime meal at Chapter 1 in Locksbottom, preceded by drinks at Ye Olde Whyte Lyon, just across the road.

At the Anniversary we were joined by the long-suffering Ruth, Barbara, Avis and Janet and the 9 of us had a wonderful time, with lots of toasts, not least being to the next 40 years!

We had a perfect oval table that allowed us to talk easily to each other without



shouting, which was also helped by it not being very busy.

The Club was started by myself at the suggestion of someone on the Well Hill Residents Association

committee (sorry but I cannot remember who), on 13th January 1984, meeting on the 1st Friday of each month.

At the 2nd meeting Andy Roberts and Pat woods joined us, followed by Dan Sloan in February 1986 and Chris Parsons in March 1999, and the 5 of us now make up the current membership.

Pat moved away in 1999 but returned to the club in 2020, still possessing some wine from his days on Well

Hill, and it is still drinkable.

I continued to host the club in my home until March 1998 when I moved across the main road to New Chelsfield and since that date we now rotate the venue between the members, including an 'awayday' to Pat's home in Leybourne.

Records of each meeting have been kept from the beginning and, from September 1994, a note is now made of some of the topics discussed, although there are others that are best not put down in writing.

We try to eat out once or twice a year, and generally favour local pubs and restaurants, whilst at the same time trying to ensure we can use public transport, for obvious reasons.

On 5 occasions between September 1989 and June 1996 we had a stall at the Chelsfield Craft Fair where we blended several wines into a beer barrel and people were invited, for a nominal cost, to guess what the constituent wines were and win a small prize for the



correct or best answer. I am not sure this would be allowed now, health and safety might intervene, although the policeman in the picture seems to be okay with it, I wonder if he had a drink with us! We even made the local press on a few occasions and had an article published in the News Shopper in January 1992 after we invited a journalist to one of our meetings. I recall that he was very impressed, except with one anonymous member's wine, which he poured away. I am not sure he should have driven home that evening.

Other highlights include a day trip to Bruges, a tour and lunch at Lamberhurst Vineyards and any excuse to get together such as annual BBQs, Bonfire nights etc. and even a Eurovision evening.



The format of each meeting has remained similar throughout the years, with each member taking a bottle of home-made, and sometime commercial, wine, and we discuss local, national and international affairs until all of the world's

problems are solved and, by coincidence, all of the wine is gone! Unfortunately, at the subsequent meeting, we then realise that the same problems still exist, so we have to solve them all again.

In February 1987, at Pat's suggestion, we purchased some trophies and, we are now required to vote on the wines so that the best and the worst could be recognized each month. These trophies have generally been shared between us over the years but some win or lose more than others, no names mentioned.

At the Chelsfield, Well Hill & District Produce Show we have consistently done very well in the Wine section, with Andy Roberts winning the wine category cup on numerous occasions, and providing some light refreshment to those entrants and visitors who want to sample the wines. Notwithstanding the above we would welcome some more competition, not just in the wine category but in the show generally as it is a wonderful tradition that helps to maintain the village and local community.

Cheers!

*Les Cox
January 2024*

Armchairs For Free

As many readers will know, ICARE has sadly had to close its Day Centre at Green Street Green.



We have several armchairs in good condition for which we would like to find homes. There are two styles covered in pink or grey wipe-clean fabric and all have fire safety labels,

Would you like one of these? There is no cost but you will have to arrange collection, as we are not able deliver ourselves.



If you are interested in one of the armchairs, please get in touch with the ICARE Trustees via admin@icarecentre.org.uk.

Knit & Natter Evening



This month we are meeting on Monday 12th February at 8pm.

Whether you are a knitting expert or want to get started, you are welcome.

Knitting, crocheting and other crafts welcome, or

just a chat, we'd love to see you.

If you like to join us please call Sophie on 07983 656022 to find out where we are meeting.



National Trust: Orpington & Chislehurst Centre

The Centre has monthly evening lectures held at the Methodist Church, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, BR6 9JH starting at 8.00pm and afternoon lectures held most months at the Methodist Church, Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst, BR7 5LX starting at 2.00pm There is also a regular programme of local

walks, day trips, holidays and a variety of social events.

To find out more about the Centre and how to join please send an email to: ntocc100@gmail.com

Membership is open to both members and non-members of the National Trust.

LECTURES for FEBRUARY 2024

Thurs 8 Feb at 2.00pm

Life in the Victorian Kentish Workhouse

Thurs 22 Feb at 8.00pm

The A-Z of Show-Off Business

A light hearted A-Z of show-biz experiences

Beware of Clever Scams

I had a call on 18th January, 2023 when a police man introduced himself, and advised me that they had arrested somebody in Selfridge's this morning with 13 cards on him and while he was trying to make a purchase.

He asked me if I had lost my debit card and how many cards did I have. I checked and said I had not my card.

He wanted to know when and where I had last used my card. He said he was trying to establish how the cards had been made, and if there was any connection with where the cards had been used. I said I may have used at our bank in Orpington about 3 or so weeks ago and also at the Chelsfield post office.

We got cut off, and the phone reconnected quite quickly. In him ringing back, I could see on my phone that his number that was coming up as 0207 404 1212. I could believe he was coming out of Holborn Police station.

I also asked him for his number and he gave 02074041212.

I asked him to repeat who he was and he said he was DC Randall with number BC6212 and would I go on

to google to see the Holborn police station number, to verify that he was legitimate.

He was quite insistent that I should be satisfied that he as legitimate and asked if I was sure he was from the police.

He warned that I should not do anything, as there were making enquiries as to how these cards had been made, and did to want to alert the culprits.

After further conversations, he asked for the last four digits from our bank account. I said my wife had that information and she was not here. He said that the reason he wanted the information was that the police needed to activate an insurance policy in case the criminals had taken some money. I said I had never heard of any such insurance. He said that with these numbers he would register with the insurance, and, if anything occurred, then I would have a claim, as the insurance would be activated.

After concluding the conversation with him, I phoned Holborn Police station many times and nobody bothered to answer the phone. After about ½ hour of trying I phoned 111 and eventually got

somebody on the phone who took some time to check if there was a DC Randall BC 6212 at Holborn. She advised that there was nobody with that name, and said that as it was somebody pretending to be a police man, this needed investigating and suggested an appointment at 12 on the 19th. She also suggested that if Randall should phone back, that I suggest for to him to call at 12 on the 19th as well. Well, Randell did phone back and he agreed to call back the next day.

Unfortunately, a police lady arrive promptly at 12 and we did not have time to work out a strategy before Randall phoned back. She heard the conversation with my wife and the police prompted some questions to asked. Randall said the culprits were from the Bank and he was trying to protect us and our money so it was important not to alert them. We eventually terminated the call.

The police lady said there had been a number of similar calls from a phone line indicating it was from Holborn police station. The police said they did not know how the criminals got the Holborn phone number to show on our phone, but it was there, so beware!

Five Bells Bingo Nights



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Beware - Gutter Cleaning Scam

Bromley Trading Standards

is advising residents not to be tempted by cheap offers to, for example, clean gutters. This can quickly lead to thousands of pounds being demanded for roofing or other unnecessary work on your property.

The warning follows an incident in

recent weeks where a resident lost £13,000 in a scam involving gutter cleaning services. Originally, the cleaning and some minor wall filler work was a modest £70, but the rogue trader claimed that additional roofing work was needed and demanded £26,000; half of which was

reluctantly paid by the resident.

Residents are reminded not to deal with doorstep callers where they risk being substantially overcharged.

Sometimes, a doorstep trader will only do a fraction of what was quoted, leaving residents with an incomplete job.

Chelsfield's Casualties of World War II

I'm still catching up with some of the names on our war memorial for the 80th anniversaries for World War II and this month I have researched Horace Sampson. Horace died on the 23rd April 1943 in Tunisia, aged 20. He was a Trooper in the Royal Armoured Corps, seconded to the 2nd Lothians & Border Horse Regiment. He has no known grave but is remembered on the memorial at the Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery in Tunisia. Horace Sampson died the day after Captain Edward Wallace, who I wrote about last December. He was fighting in the same area and is buried in the same cemetery, so he may have been involved in the same action, repelling the enemy offensive 'Operation Ochsenkopf' (ox-head).

While researching the deployment history of the 2nd Lothians & Border Horse Regiment in World War II I found a record^(a) for an item in the Imperial War Museum [IWM] archive. It is a film shot in Tunisia by a member of the regiment in May

1943, i.e. shortly after Horace died, so it would give an idea of the conditions he was living and working in. It isn't available to view online but the summary reads 'Amateur film shot by Quarter Master Sergeant Walter Hunter of the 2nd Lothians and Border Horse during final phase of campaign in North Africa combines shots of fellow soldiers performing for the camera with views of temporary graves of fallen comrades...victory parade through Tunis, Winston Churchill passing in car, aftermath of tank battle, and troops betting at donkey races...' According to another source on the IWM site Churchill made a surprise visit to First Army Headquarters and to the amphitheatre at Carthage with the Foreign Secretary and senior officers in June 1943.

Horace Sampson was resident in Kent when he enlisted and records show that he married Kathleen F Covill in the Dartford district in the Autumn of 1942. Initially I couldn't find much about his early life, or why he

was remembered on our war memorial but, following a bit of genealogy detective work, I found his parents were Frederick and Amy Sampson who in 1939 were living in one of the Aspen Spring Cottages in Warren Road. Both father and mother's occupation is given as 'Nurseryman', ie working with plants, and their two daughters, Horace's sisters, are factory hands. Frederick served in the Royal Engineers in World War I and on his papers gives his address as Farnborough and occupation as tractor driver. Frederick and Amy are both buried in St Martin's churchyard – sadly Frederick died less than a year before Horace, in June 1942, aged 58, but Amy lived until 1961.

Horace Sampson is remembered in the Tank Regiment's roll of honour, and also on the war memorial in Orpington.

Philippa Rooke

Note (a)
<https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/1060035906>



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TFL Road Consultation for the A21

In May 2023 TFL made some emergency changes to the A21 at its junction with Sevenoaks Road to make it safer for all road users. The right-hand turning movement from the A21 into Sevenoaks Road was banned, they moved the 'merge point' for traffic further east and reduced the westbound lanes of A21 Sevenoaks Road down to a single lane.

This was done to help road users be more visible to one another.

TFL made these changes because over the last three years or so, there have been two collisions at this junction in which three people tragically lost their lives. These collisions occurred between vehicles travelling westbound with vehicles turning in and out

of this junction. The changes were intended to keep everyone using this junction safe. This was in line with The Mayor's Vision Zero Action Plan which is central to the aim to eliminate all death and serious injuries on London's roads. To achieve this, TFL must take steps to reduce road danger for everyone.

Transport for London



24 January 2024

This letter explains how you can respond to a consultation on the proposed safety improvements on the A21 Sevenoaks Road. The consultation information is available in **easy-read** format on our website haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/a21-sevenoaks-road.

Our website haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/a21-sevenoaks-road can also translate our consultation into many different languages.

Transport for London
Local Communities and
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London
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0343 222 1234*
tfl.gov.uk/contact

Proposed safety improvements for the A21 Sevenoaks Road and new drop in event date

As you may be aware, we launched a consultation on proposals to improve safety on the A21 Sevenoaks Road on Thursday 4 January 2024.

Following some emergency changes to the A21 Sevenoaks Road, we banned the right-hand turning movement from the A21 into Sevenoaks Road (sometimes known as London Road), moved the 'merge point' for traffic further east and reduced the westbound lanes of the A21 Sevenoaks Road down to a single lane. We did so to help road users be more visible to one another.

We have now reviewed the changes and we now want to hear your thoughts about a new set of permanent proposals. In summary, we propose to:

- to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph
- reinstate the banned right turn on the eastbound A21, but to control it with new traffic signals
- keep the westbound traffic at one lane, reduced from two.

NEW – Additional in person drop-in event

Following feedback from local residents after we held some drop-in sessions at Knockholt Station, we now plan to hold an additional event to discuss our proposals on:

Date: Wednesday 7 February 2024

Time: 15:00 until 20:00

Location: the Brass Crosby Room at St Martin of Tours Church, Church Road, Chelsfield, Orpington, BR6 7SN.

How do I respond to the consultation?

You can read more about the changes and respond to the consultation on our website at: haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/a21-sevenoaks-road

You need to register your email address before you can submit a response through our website. We will keep your information secure and, if you agree, we will send you updates about the scheme. If you cannot submit a response online, or would prefer not to, you can do so:

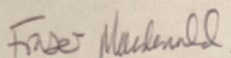
- By emailing haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk
- By writing by Freepost to 'TfL Have your Say'

The consultation will close on **15 February 2024**.

If you do not have an internet connection and would like to receive information about our consultation through the post, please call us on **020 3054 0898** and quote 'A21 Sevenoaks Road' when recording your message.

If you have any questions about the consultation, you can also contact us at haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk, or by calling us on **020 3054 0898** and quoting 'A21 Sevenoaks Road' when recording your message.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Fraser MacDonald'.

Fraser MacDonald
Strategic Consultations Lead

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first to remind you of the upcoming deadline for articles to be included in the next addition, and the second, around the 1st of each month, will be the monthly issue. Our mailing list is not shared with any other persons, group or organisation.

St Martin's Calendar of Services



The Benefice of
Chelsfield with Green Street Green
and Pratts Bottom



St Martin's Chelsfield & Well Hill – Services – February 2024

All welcome! Come and join us any time. Please watch the church website for any updates

St Martin's

Sun 4 Feb	10.00am	Holy Communion <u>CWO1</u> : SAJ
2 nd before Lent	6.30pm	Choral Evensong <u>BCP</u> : SAJ
Wed 7 Feb	9.30am	Said Holy Communion <u>CWO2</u> : MG
	7.00pm	Taizé Service
Sun 11 Feb	10.00am	Family Worship : MG
Next before Lent	6.30pm	Sung Eucharist <u>CWO2</u> : SAJ

Wed 14 Feb - Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent

9.30am Benefice Said Holy Communion (CWO2 : SAJ) at St Martin's
8.00pm Benefice Said Holy Communion (CWO1 : MG) at St Mary's

Sun 18 Feb	10.00am	Holy Communion <u>CWO1</u> : MH
1 st of Lent	6.30pm	Choral Evensong <u>BCP</u> : KIA
Wed 21 Feb	9.30am	Said Holy Communion <u>CWO2</u> : MG
Sun 25 Feb	10.00am	Family Worship : KIA
2 nd of Lent	6.30pm	Choral Evensong <u>BCP</u> : PS
Wed 28 Feb	9.30am	Holy Communion <u>CWO2</u> : SAJ

Well Hill

Sun 11 Feb	10.00am	Morning Worship <u>Reader</u> Gillian Garman
Sun 28 Feb	10.00am	Holy Communion <u>SAJ</u>

Key: CWO1 – Common Worship Order 1; CWO2 – Common Worship Order 2; BCP – Book of Common Prayer; SAJ : Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones, MG : Rev Michael Gentry, MH : Rev Martin Hayward, KIA : Reader Ken I'Anson PS : Reader Phillip Southby

St Martin's Toddlers Group

The happy group meets on Tuesdays in term time from 10.30 - 12.00, we welcome preschool children and babies with their carers and have a large range of toys. We end with a short story and group songs.

The craft table is always popular and we are grateful to Heather our leader for her creative input.



A small charge of £2 per child is made and covers the cost of drinks, biscuits

and craft materials.

Half term is 13th Feb and

last day of term is 19th March.

Val Hemmings

Readers Photos



UK Power Network were busy in Skibbs Lane over the weekend of 27th 28th January repairing a faulty power supply

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Valentines

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homemade Parsley Butter, Black Olive Tapenade, Red Pepper Humous,
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Pan Fried Garlic King Prawns

Whole Oven Baked Camembert

topped with Caramelised Onion Chutney and served with Crusty Bread.
(To Share)

Mains

Steak Bavette

Flame Grilled Steak served with Chimichurri Sauce, Skinny Fries,
and Dressed Mixed Salad

Brie & Spinach Stuffed Chicken Breast

Served with Fondant Potato, Green Beans & Red Wine Jus

Pan Fried Fillet of Hake

served with Crushed New Potatoes, Tenderstem Broccoli,
and a Crayfish Tail and Lobster Bisque.

Creamy Wild Mushroom, Spinach & Garlic Gnocchi

finished with Vegetarian Parmesan.

Desserts

Vanilla Panna Cotta and Mixed Berry Compote

Served with Homemade Heart shaped Sable Biscuits.

Chocolate & Peanut Butter Fondant

Served with Vanilla Bean Ice cream

Maltesers Sundae

Honeycomb Pieces, Crushed Maltesers, Vanilla Ice Cream,
Chocolate Ice Cream, Chocolate & Caramel Sauce.



Rob's Ramblings - Defibrillators

When someone's heart stops beating it can be given a burst of energy that sometimes jolts the heart into starting its work again. This can help the person survive a heart attack so they can rejoin life and continue doing what they want to do for the rest of their time on earth. The energy, usually in the form of a burst or pulse of electricity, is applied by using a defibrillator. There's no warning so you and I won't know beforehand that one of us is about to suffer a cardiac arrest and we won't know where we might be if it does happen, so the more defibrillators there are the better. If you come across an unconscious person in the street, or wherever, away from a medical centre, they might need a defibrillator to be speedily available and one day that unconscious person might be you.

We've probably all seen the TV dramas that involve a machine on a trolley being rushed into a hospital ward and then, after pads are pressed to a chest, the patient twitches and jumps before

the heart beat starts again. But external defibrillators located in the community are not like that and may be little bigger than a first aid box attached to a wall, with energy coming from batteries within the equipment itself.

On TV, good looking doctors and nurses are there to utter the authoritative "stand back" before applying the jolt. But, again, life's not like that and it could be you or me quietly suggesting people keep back, although, I'm told, there's no real risk to the user or bystanders of being injured. Sorry, I should have said life's not **always** like that because, for all I know, you may be just as good looking as those actors, rather than plain old me (it might be difficult to believe, and my granddaughter's doubtful, but I used to be handsome, honest!)

Contrary to what might be thought, to use a defibrillator doesn't need great skill or long training and although I've no personal user experience I'm told it's relatively easy. The British Heart

Foundation says everyone is capable of using one and any basic training you might choose to have shouldn't take more than an hour or so. The BHF website gives on-line guidance on what to do and it suggests that learning how to deliver CPR and use a defibrillator can be completed under half an hour, so no need to venture far or stay long to become a trained user. Also, when a defibrillator is switched on it gives verbal step by step instructions on what to do and many of them have visual prompts, too.

But it's no good learning all about defibrillators and knowing you could use one if necessary if you can't speedily get hold of one when it's needed.

Unfortunately, no one seems to actually be responsible for providing defibrillators in the community other than us – you and me, the potential beneficiaries – with placing and maintaining defibrillators in the community being outside the remit of the NHS. Several charities help people to organise

the placing of new defibrillators, and at least one charity maintains an up to date map showing the locations of defibrillators, helping to ensure access is known and available when needed.

The Community Heartbeat Trust is encouraging people in local communities to get involved in providing new ones, organise training, fundraising and suitable locations. Chelsfield Park Residents Association have recently started a campaign to locate more defibrillators in the area and I'm sure that if you want to get involved, or simply donate money,

time or raffle prizes, they'd be pleased to hear from you. If you manage a business and wanted to sponsor one, I'm sure they'd be interested in that too.

Although it is felt more defibrillators are needed, some are already located in our area. If you go to the Community Café, held in Chelsfield Village Hall, you can rest assured that if one is needed (but hopefully not) there's one on the premises. This magazine contains details of the Café which is open on alternate Wednesday afternoons, offering cakes, a tea and a chat. So, if you do go to enjoy the company, you can be

confident that should you get too excited about beating all comers in the quiz or winning a raffle prize, a defibrillator is handy.

How many defibrillators are available elsewhere in our area is down to us so what can be done to have more for that, possible, fateful day when you might need one?

Rob Burn

Note – Dozens of people have been trained in the use of the Village Hall defibrillator. There is a free training course every year. Let the Village Voice know if you would like to take part.

Halstead & District Horticultural Society Events for 2024

We are an active village club with 140 members that usually meet monthly at Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road. TN14 7EX. Membership costs are £10 per year. Visitors are most welcome to talks for a small £2 charge. Our membership year has just begun for 2024 so if you are interested in meeting local people with a shared love of horticulture, please email our Chairman Lisa at:

lisao123@btinternet.com
07759 591312.

Feb 22nd Talk 8pm at Halstead Village Hall "The Art of Pruning"

April 10th Spring Show 7.45pm Great seed potato challenge and seed swap Halstead Village Hall

April 25th Talk 8pm at Halstead Village Hall "The Jungle Garden"

May 4th 9am-12 Plant Sale Halstead Village Hall (with Community Café)

June 13th 7.30pm Quiz Halstead Village Hall

June 20th 7.45 Summer Show Halstead Village Hall

July 10th Outing to Godinton Gardens Ashford by coach

September 7th Autumn Show Halstead Village Hall 2pm

September 26th Talk 8pm Halstead Village Hall "Flowering Shrubs for September and October"

October 24th Talk 8pm Halstead Village Hall "Houseplants"

November 20th 8pm AGM & Social Halstead Village Hall

SAXON CENTRE

Lych Gate Road, Orpington, BR6 0TJ



We offer high quality day care for older adults in a warm and safe environment, and respite for their carers and family members

Our lively programme of activities includes singing, music & movement, arts & crafts, group discussions, quizzes, bingo & board games, and a daily raffle

A freshly prepared 2 course lunch is made on site by our cook, and unlimited drinks are available throughout the day

Qualified staff provide assistance with personal care and medication when required

For further information please contact our Care Managers

email: ageconcernorpington@live.co.uk

website: saxondaycentre.org.uk

tel: 01689 830055

Service Provider: Age Concern Orpington & District

Registered Charity No: 1148958



The Friends of the Princess Royal University Hospital

are holding a

Table Sale

on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th of February 2024

between 10am and 6pm

inside the main entrance to the

Princess Royal University Hospital

Farnborough Common

Orpington

Kent BR6 8ND

Lots of goodies to buy.

All proceeds go towards making the hospital a better place for patients and staff.

Do please come and support us on the day.

The Friends of Princess Royal University Hospital is a registered charity, with registration number 231071, run entirely by volunteers.

HMRC Tax Return Scam Warning

As the HMRC deadline approaches for Self-Assessment tax returns, Bromley Trading Standards is reminding residents to be vigilant against scam emails, texts and phone calls.

The Self-Assessment tax return deadline is 31 January 2024 and criminals will exploit this deadline in attempts to steal money and personal details.

HMRC advises that you will never get an email, text message, message in an application (e.g. WhatsApp), or a phone call from HMRC which tells you about a tax rebate or penalty or asks for your personal details or payment information. HMRC will also never leave a voicemail threatening legal action or arrest. If you receive any communication through

WhatsApp claiming to be from HMRC, it's a scam.

HMRC received more than 130,000 reports about tax scams in the 12 months between September 2022 and 2023, of which 58,000 were offering fake tax rebates! Therefore, if you receive information from HMRC or about your tax situation, our advice is to be cautious



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Dates For Your Diary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Monday
Chelsfield Village Hall
Karate Classes
7pm - 8.30pm

Every Tuesday
Brass Crosby Room
St Martin's Toddler Group
10.30am - 12 noon

Every Tuesday
Five Bells
CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
8.30pm

Every Thursday
The Chelsfield Pub
QUIZ NIGHT

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

from 7.30pm
Thursday 1st February
Five Bells
Just Friends Sextet Live Jazz with Ruth Fahie
from 8.00pm (see page 3)

Saturday 3rd February
St Martin's Church
Churchyard Working Party
from 9-11am

Wednesday 7th February
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.30pm (page 4)

Wednesday 7th February
Five Bells
Bingo Night
from 8.00pm

Thursday 8th February
Methodist Church Sevenoaks
Road Orpington
National Trust Lecture Life in Kentish Workhouse
from 2.00pm (Page 6)

Monday 12th February
Call Sophie 07983 656022 for this month's venue
Knit and Natter
8pm (see page 6)

Tues 13th & Wed 14th Feb
Princess Royal Hospital
Table Sale
from 10am - 6pm (page 23)

Saturday 17th February
St Marys Hall BR6 4AG
Orpington Repair Cafe
from 10am-1pm (page 4)

Saturday 17th February
Chelsfield Village Hall
Dinner & Auction of Promises
from 6.30pm (see page 2)

Tuesday 20th February
Chelsfield Village Hall
Evening WI
7.30pm-9.30pm

Wednesday 21st February
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.30pm (page 4)

Wednesday 21st February
Five Bells
Bingo Night
from 8.00pm

Thursday 22nd February
Methodist Church Sevenoaks
Road Orpington
National Trust Lecture A-Z of Show-off Business
from 8.00pm (Page 6)

Friday 23rd February
Crofton Halls, York Rise, Orpington
The Mayor of Bromley's Annual QUIZ Evening
7pm

Saturday 24th February
Coolings Garden Centre
Knockholt Farmers' Market
from 10am - 3pm

Wednesday 28th February
Five Bells
Open Mike Night
from 8.30pm

Friday 1st March
Five Bells
RANSOM Live Rock Band
from 8.30pm

Recycling Bin Collection February 2024

Monday 5th February
Monday 12th February
Monday 19th February
Monday 26th February
Monday 4th March

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