

CHELSEFIELD VILLAGE VOICE

July 2012

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Chelsfield Park Hospital

Chelsfield Village Fair Saturday 14th July 2012 From 12 noon



Flying Displays from RAP's Dakota and the 'Spirit of Kent' Spitfire

Almost always subject to weather, availability and Olympic Museum restrictions

Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides
Subject to wind and weather

Corps of Drums
Eagle Heights: Birds of Prey
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...and much more!



Refusing money for The Maypole, Fun and local point music

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Contributions PLEASE !

Please send any articles, events, stories, photographs, whatever you would like to share with the Chelsfield community by Email to: villagevoice@chelsfield.org or post to:
Chelsfield Village Voice
2 Bucks Cross Cottages
Chelsfield Village BR67RN
by the 24th July please

Once again the Chelsfield Village Fair is upon us, and, as always the day will be packed with events and fun. Be sure to keep the day free and join us for the major village celebration of the year.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Visit www.chelsfieldevents.co.uk

The Chiffchaff / Willow Warbler

This month I am going to talk about two birds. The reason being that the Chiffchaff and Willow warbler (CC/WW) are almost indistinguishable from each other ! One could say that the most prominent feature of these birds is that they have no obvious distinguishing features!! When I have seen these birds in the past I have usually assumed that they are female sparrows of some kind – or something. Yet in reality sparrows of all kinds have far more features to hang labels on. In fact these birds are so similar that they were not properly identified as separate species until the 18th century along with another species, the Wood warbler which is rarer and can also be easily confused with the CC/WW. One more confusion to add to the pot is the Garden warbler which looks similar and arguably has even fewer features! Proberably the best means of separating the two birds is by the colour of the legs. The Chiffchaff has dark legs

while the Willow warbler has light coloured legs. This may all sound as if

the case. Both birds are essentially brown with a tinge of yellowy green



Chiffchaff

the CC/WW are dull boring birds but that is not

but both have very 'clean' lines with the wil-



Willow Warbler

low warbler being somewhat more svelte. The Chiffchaff gets its name from its call while the Willow warbler's call is more musical and sometimes this can be the best means of separating them.

These birds have a number of local names – *ground wren*, *nettle bird* and *golden wren* (I told you it had a touch of yellow) for the Willow warbler and *Pettychap* and *Chip-chop* for the Chiff-

chaff.

For many years I've caught quick flashes of an unidentified bird in my garden and wondered what it was. It was only after a good clear look that I was able to commit features to memory and then search out the particular species in my reference books. On this occasion it seems that the bird I had seen was a Willow Warbler but it did take a number of addi-

tional sightings to check on the colour of the legs ! My garden is the only place that I have ever seen this/these birds but both are common, yet generally not properly identified. So if you should see a small, light brown/lemony coloured generally featureless bird around your garden the chances are that it's a Chiffchaff or willow warbler.

Steve Fuller

Bariatric Surgery Centre of Excellence

The South East Weight Loss Surgical Centre, located at BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital, has been accredited a Bariatric (weight loss) Surgery Centre of Excellence by the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO). The accreditation is an official European recognition for hospitals that have achieved excellent results, including significant weight loss and low complication rates, in the field of bariatric surgery. The accreditation recognises the hard work of the hos-

pital's Consultant Bariatric Surgeon Mr Shamsi El-Hasani and dedicated bariatric team in delivering sustained, long term results for its patients. The IFSO brings together surgeons and allied health professionals, such as nurse practitioners, dieticians, nutritionists, psychologists and anaesthetists, involved in the treatment of patients with morbid obesity.

"Bariatric surgery is recognised as an effective treatment for morbidly obese patients, resulting in long-term sustained

weight loss which can help to significantly improve health," commented Mr El-Hasani. "All our patients have taken the first positive step to help improve their life. For many patients their struggle with weight has been a lifelong battle and when dieting and exercise don't produce long term results bariatric surgery can be the only viable solution.

"This accreditation highlights the expertise, experience and dedication of my team to the care of our patients. Weight loss surgery should, by no

means be seen as an easy option or a quick escape route from the troubles of obesity. We hope that this accreditation will lend support, both to the South East Weight Loss Surgical Centre and BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital, but also to the field of bariatric surgery itself. Deciding when and where to have surgery can be a difficult choice but this recognition will place



BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital on the map as a centre of excellence in

the UK and internationally.”

UPVC Doors

Many people do not realise that that a lot (nearly 50%) of house burglaries occur due to UPVC doors not being secured properly, many people lift the handle and feel the door is secured without locking, and or leave the door with the key still in the lock. Keys needs to be removed. The burglars are cute to under-

stand that a lot of people just do not remove the key, so all they have to do is open the letter box and remover the keys and calmly let themselves into the property. Then out with your goods!

Door chains are a good idea as they can be slipped into location with

little fuss and bother. They guard against people opening the doors uninvited. Most burglars take the least line of resistance, and if there are difficulties, they will try somebody else house, with the more easier access and less hassle.

Chelsfield Safer Neighbourhood Watch

Coke on Offer for Charity Donation

We are trying to de-clutter and not using coke anymore, would someone be interested in four very large bags of smokeless fuel. We are

very happy for someone to take it off our hands and donate a minimal fee to charity or donate to a worthy cause. If you are interested

please contact me, Anne Anderson on my Mobile 07885 667108 or on my Landline 01689 873576



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Chelsfield Primary School Fun Run Event

Sunday 16th September

10.00 – 3.00pm

Chelsfield Cricket Green

Bucks Cross Road

Chelsfield BR6 7RN

10k Cross country run for adults

2k Fun run for children

**Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Refreshment & Beer Tent,
Pony Rides, Pocket Money Toys, Traditional
Stalls, Sports & Games & much more!**

ALL are welcome so please come & support your local school.

Stalls are selling fast so book yours now!

Email: chelsfieldfriends@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: 01689 825827 for more information

Chelsfield Fair 14th July 2012

All plans for the fair are full steam ahead and despite the uncertainty of the Spitfire display it is still looking to be a great day. More about that later.

As my first time as Chairman I have been enjoying the camaraderie amongst the committee, and also the interest shown from our neighbours and people from the wider community. There is lots of support and interest in the village fair and it is amazing to be involved.

Last month we updated you on the "Olympic Clouds" and here is the latest

The Spitfire and the Olympics – all is not lost

In the last issue of Village Voice, we brought you the disappointing news that the Spitfire may not be allowed to display at the Fair thanks to the Olympic airspace restrictions and a new (unpublished) restriction covering aircraft not travelling from A to B. While



we cannot bring you all good news, we can reveal that all is certainly not lost. We have a number of influential parties acting on our behalf in the Civil Aviation Authority and the Royal Air Force who are trying to find a way to bring you the Spitfire. We are not the only air event affected by this peculiar new restriction; the air show at Damyns Hall is potentially losing half its flying programme! You can rest assured that we are do-

ing everything we can to find a way round this problem but we probably will not know until 24 hours before the Fair. The Dakota is of course unaffected, being a military aircraft – it's a funny old world! If you can't remember the 2007 display then here is a picture as a reminder of what's in store.

The Chelsfield Fair Headline Charity 2012

Our headline Charity is the Maypole Project. I am

delighted to be involved in the supporting this charity. Here is a little bit about it.

The Maypole Project has been providing free emotional and practical support to local families of children with complex medical needs since 2003. Today, it's helping improve the lives of over 170 families of children living with conditions such as cancer, cystic fibrosis and cerebral palsy.

thoughts and feelings to help them understand the personal challenges they face as a result of their illness or disability.

If you would like to know more about the charity and how it helps our community then you can either visit their website at

www.themaypoleproject.co.uk

Or better still join us at the fair and visit their stand.

St Martin and Well Hill churches. As a committee we are keen to support a particular project and so if you are making plans to renovate something or need a piece of equipment, I would be interested to hear about it. You can contact the Treasurer Peter Lamond on 07713 155 710 or email at peter.lamond@me.com

Cakes, Cupcakes and Cookies Galore

We are always grateful to anyone who would like to bake a cake or a few buns for the Tearooms. If you were able to help, it would be fantastic. All you need to do is bake, and then drop the goodies into the Village Hall on the Friday evening or on Saturday 14th. There is never any left overs from the Tearooms!

Volunteers

It really isn't too late! Following the plea in June we do have some new recruits which just shows that the Village Voice does work. So, if you fancy giving up an hour please contact Sharon at Sharon@chelsfieldfair.com Believe it or not, we do



A unique charity based in Green Street Green, The Maypole Project works in and around the borough of Bromley, South East London and parts of Kent. Its family support workers help children talk openly, yet in confidence, about their anxieties,

Of course we don't only support a headline charity. We are very lucky to have the amenities that we do, right on our doorstep and they also benefit from the funds raised on the day. Amenities such as the village school, village hall, and

have fun whilst working hard too.

Raffle Tickets and Prizes

Remember, there are four cash prizes ranging from £200 to £50. You can buy your tickets on the day or from the Five Bells, the Bo- Peep, the Chelsfield pub, P& A Townsend Butchers and other venues local to the village. All proceeds go to the headline charity

and other local causes.

Residents Car Parking

We all know how congested the village gets and to help the flow of traffic "Yogi" has kindly offered to open his field for local residents again this year. We would therefore be grateful if local residents who normally park on the road can move their cars onto "Yogi's field, ideally on Friday evening or Satur-

day morning by the latest 1000hrs. Many thanks. You can access the field at the end of the Five Bells pub car park.

The last thing that will make the fair a great day, but is out of our control is the weather and so let us all hope and pray that it stays fine so that we can all have a great time.

See you on the 14th!

Bike Riders - Not Forgotten!

On the 24th May Suzanne and I were invited to attend the Not Forgotten Association Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. This was of course engineered by Jim and Joy Ellard who have a long association with this and other service charities. As you may know Jim has been recognised for his charity work with an M.B.E

The invitation was extended in response to the £1100 donation that was made to The Not Forgotten Association following the Chelsfield Village Charity Bike ride last year. We had a

fantastic afternoon and met so many wonderful people who were connected in some way to the charity. Amongst the guests were some of those injured servicemen to whom we can all feel hugely indebted and justly proud.

The party was held in the presence of the Duchess of Gloucester. We were entertained by the band of The Scots Guards and two pipers who walked amongst the guests playing the traditional tunes. It was a moving and memorable day.

Although it was our names

on the invitation, we were there of course representing Chelsfield Village and we would extend our thanks to all those who took part and contributed last year. The NFA were truly grateful for the donation that was made. This would seem to be an ideal opportunity to remind everyone that the posters are up in the Bells for the 2012 Chelsfield Charity Bike Ride (Sunday 26th August) and I would like to prompt as many people as possible to either sign up or support the day. At the time of writing this I have 9 of the 40 riders I need.

Keith Lipscombe

Get Those Bikes Out and Oiled Again!

Charity Bike Ride

Sunday 26th August 2012



**Coach transport back from Brighton
Bikes brought back by van
Marshalls and support team
Briefing pack and route supplied to all
participants**

**To apply, add name to list behind
the bar and leave a £20 deposit**

Raising money to
help and support
good causes

Cervical Screening Awareness

Consultant gynaecologists at BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital are urging women in the local community to make sure they are up to date with their smear test following the recent Cervical Screening Awareness Week. Recent figures have shown that 20 per cent^[i] of women still do not attend their cervical screening. The consultant's support of the campaign aims to raise awareness and educate the local community to the risks associated with cervical cancer, which takes nearly 1,000^[ii] lives each year in the UK. Women aged 25 to 49 are invited to attend for cervical screening every three years; those aged 50 to 64 are invited every five years.

Miss Sally Watkinson, Consultant Gynaecologist at BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital comments: "I often see the effect this disease has on my patients and their families and each week I see women who have missed routine smear tests or avoided them altogether. We are very concerned that some women are not attending

this vital cancer screening test. Early detection of changes to the cells of the cervix can be easily picked up and treated following a routine smear test. Sometimes I see patients present themselves with symptoms at a late

early detection and prevention. Cervical cancer is the most common cancer in the UK for women aged 20-29^[iii] and the second most common cancer in women under 35 years old^[iv], yet women do not seem to take the neces-



Sally Watkinson

stage but treatment is much more successful if changes are detected early. It is just as important for younger women to attend as they are just as much at risk as older women. This is why I am urging women in Chelsfield to educate themselves to the important role smear tests play in

sary precautions to minimise and prevent the risk of developing the disease. The smear test for cervical cancer only takes a few minutes every three to five years but it is vital in protecting women, saving families from heartbreak and sometimes preventing avoidable deaths."

The Gentle Art of The One Man Show

A few years back I decided in a fit of pique that I would write and perform in a One Man Show, Sitting on a beach in Devon one summer the idea came to me. I would play all the characters, write the script, sing any songs and perform my music. An egotistical extravaganza the success or failure of which could only depend on one person – ME! Having persuaded my lovely wife Jayne that I would not make a fool of either her or myself I set about cobbling together a melange of acts that would last about 2 hours (much harder than you think). Most of the characters would be borrowed from plays that I had been cast in in the Chelsfield Players, which I had particularly enjoyed. The original script would be adapted to my own weird sense of humour. Interspersed with these acts would be music performed either on the piano, keyboard or accordion. Over my life I had written some 20 pieces of music and songs apart for a couple of pan-

tomime scores. It would be a chance to air these in public and learn to play them without mistakes (bashing them out on a pub piano over a pint or two, to an inebriated but enthusiastic audience is not the same as 50 seated, ticket paying punters). And so the idea began to grow until I had a programme. I had settled on several core characters,



male and female: Leonard Trotter – an extremely boring but well mean-



ing soul who loved showing countless colour slides of obscure subjects viz *Cast Iron Drain Covers of Southern England*, *Housebricks*; *Municipal Street Signs*. Molly Trolley- a char lady who's party piece was to play Tea for Two at the piano with a paper bag on her head. Lavinia Gibson – the headmistress of Grangewood School for Girls which became the main framework for the show and who had a saucy side to her distant past (pinched from *Daisy Pulls it Off* where I played her for real), Colonel Melchett – a retired army officer intent on restoring a sense of law and order and common decency back into the world of indiscipline, chaos as he saw it. And Archy D'Arcy, a loveable spiv who would encourage the audience to indulge in old fashioned street songs and buy some of his dodgy goods. There would be very quick changes between characters at times where I fought bravely with tight trousers, tights

and girdles, padded bras and wigs, earrings etc and makeup and a whole collection of stage props ably supplied from the wings by Jayne and Ann. Sound effects and lighting by good friend Norman Bailley.

Over 2 years I gave 6 performances, two in one day which was exhaust-

ing. Mostly for charity. It was a very satisfying experience and a good test of stage presence when things went wrong – like the time all the slides fell out of the magazine on to the stage. Get out of that then!

All the props and costumes are still in their boxes and who knows? I

might revive them having become very attached to them, albeit that I doubt whether I am size 16 anymore! If you are ever REALLY short of some entertainment for something then give me a bell. I might still be able to ring it.

Phil Lane

Viva Acappella Have Moved

You may already have been informed but at St Martins we have been advised by Barry Foale (19/03/2012) that the Viva Acappella singers have become so suc-

cessful their numbers have outgrown the Brass Crosby room and they have had to move to larger premises at Bexleyheath. Consequently the reference to

their practice on a Thursday in Dates For Your Diary in the Village Voice is no longer valid.

Jim Rooke

Clever Street Art



Ladies Day - A Review

Summer can always a difficult time to put on amateur productions due to members other commitments, but this production, although small in cast numbers, and with two of the men taking on five minor roles between them, stood out as one of Chelsfield Players better recent productions.

Set in 2005, the year that Royal Ascot was relocated to York, four lady fish packers get tickets for a day out for Ladies day at Royal Ascot, for a drink, a flirt and a flutter.

The scene change from fish factory to Ascot is done very cleverly, with all changes to cast and scene

done with all cast on stage, (and all to the sounds of Tony Christie's Amarillo). All the characters of the four leads were well defined, all had secrets that became apparent during the Ascot scenes, and all was resolved by the end. Women may be the main characters, but it's men who dominate their thinking in this play. Drunk scenes for women are always slightly problematic on stage, but Judy Ives does well with the inebriated Jan.

It becomes apparent that the real catalyst for the drama is not the fact of Pearl leaving work but the wedding of a colleague,

some time before the action of the play. Some of the Ascot frocks and hats were last worn then, and certain relationships were either initiated or began their dissolution then.

The scene where racing pundit taught the girls to tick-tack was memorably slick and another notable scene was where a jockey (Patrick) was describing to Linda his only winning race.

The various accents were sustained well throughout. In all a very enjoyable evening's entertainment, and with a happy ending thanks to Tony Christie.

A view from the stalls

Tree Seeks Good Home!

Would any of our readers like a 10ft silver birch tree in a large pot that is look-

ing for a good home? If that person sounds like you then please phone

Dave Lambert on 01689 828427

Olympic Performance

Our son Nick will be performing in the arena for the opening ceremony of the Olympics. He is sworn to secrecy on detail but it will be a "character part" amongst 1000 so very hard to spot, unless he dares to wear a tall hat or paint his

face blue. Both of which will get him shot. Purely voluntary, the performers are having to put in hours of practice, three nights week and some Saturdays for the whole day, even if they have a full time job to do, as Nick does. No

perks, no free tickets. Cheap labour I call it but the officials know that there are plenty of people out there willing to do this for their country. Just thought you'd like to know!

Phil and Jayne Lane

Exciting Plans For Orpington Fire Station



**Tuesday, 10 July
10am– 12pm
and
6pm – 8pm
Orpington Fire
Station,
Avalon Road,
Bromley
BR6 9AX**

London Fire
Brigade is going
to rebuild
Orpington
Fire Station,
improving the
important service
we provide to
Londoners.

We are opening our doors for people to learn about these plans, which will include community engagement facilities, allowing people to walk into their local fire station and get fire safety advice.

Photos of the existing station and plans for the



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We would like to thank

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new station will be on view and Brigade staff will be present to answer any questions you have.

Orpington was built in 1958 and has served the community well but it now needs modernising. A new fire station will provide facilities and accommodation suitable for a 21st century fire

and rescue service and include the provision of a new meeting room for use by local community groups. There will also be a much needed training facility on site.

The Brigade is currently preparing a detailed planning application for the rebuilding of Orpington on its existing site.

This will be funded as part of a £57 million Private Finance Initiative to build nine new fire stations for London. For more information contact:

T 020 8555 1200

x31260/31318/31313

E PropertyPFI@london-fire.gov.uk

W london-fire.gov.uk/PFIProject.asp

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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020 8464 3333

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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

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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 TUESDAY

Brass Crosby Room
St Martin's Toddler Group
10.30am-12.00 midday
Contact Sarah Ford:
01689 853415

EVERY TUESDAY

Outside the Village School
Mobile Library
11.15am-11.45am

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday 4th July
(1st Wednesday each Month)
Orpington Village Hall
Country Market
For more information call
07771 502739

Wednesday 4th July
(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
Parish Room-Skibbs Lane
Internet Cafe & Local History Transcription
2.30-4.30pm

Thursday 5th July
The Five Bells
Live Music with "Just Friends"
from 8.30pm

Tuesday 10th July
Orpington Fire Station
See Fire Station Proposals
10.00am-12.00pm
6.00pm-8.00pm

Wednesday 11th July
The Five Bells
Open Mic Night
from 8.00pm

Saturday 14th July
Chelsfield Cricket Ground
Village Fair
from Mid-day

Wednesday 18th July
(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
Parish Room-Skibbs Lane
Internet Cafe & Local History Transcription
2.30-4.30pm

Thursday 19th July
(3rd Thursday each month)
Brass Crosby Room
Local History Group
10.15am-12.00

Wednesday 25th July
The Five Bells
Open Mic Night
from 8.00pm

Friday 27th July
The Five Bells
Fish Day
from 8.00pm

Sunday 29th July
Hollybeech Cottage
Garden Railway
Details to be confirmed -
Contact Phil 01689 858634

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

Wednesday 15th August
(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
Parish Room-Skibbs Lane
Internet Cafe & Local History Transcription
2.30-4.30pm

Sunday 26th August
Start outside Village Hall
Chelsfield-Brighton Bike Ride
See entry details in Five Bells

Sunday 16th September
Cricket Green
Chelsfield Primary School Fun Run
See Page 5 for details
10.00am-3.00pm