

CHELSEFIELD VILLAGE VOICE

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Ready to meet up again?

Chelsfield Volunteers

Will be offering

Afternoon Tea

at Chelsfield Village Hall

This summer

Wednesday 7th and 21st July

Wednesday 4th and 18th August

Drop in for tea, cake and conversation

from 2.30 to 4.30pm

All welcome – old friends, new faces
and everybody in-between!

At last we are seeing restrictions easing, and events beginning to take place again (see Diary Dates on the back cover)

Keep us updated on your group activities and tell us how you are managing

Submit anything for inclusion in the August 2021 issue to:

chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com

(or phone 07414 920920)

no charge but donations are welcome

If you need transport, or if you can offer help with transport, please call Peter on 01689 831826 or cvhlettings@gmail.com

If you can volunteer to help out on any of these days, with serving tea/coffee, providing cakes, setting up etc please email chelsfieldvolunteers@gmail.com

Wild Radish

So July is now with us and I thought I'd give an update to the fortunes of my various nest-boxes this spring and summer. Last month I mentioned the way the blue tit parents of the box in my garden were relaying back and forth between my feeding station and the bird-box and I suggested they were being a tad lazy. Turns out that just a week later I saw on 'Spring watch' that due to the weather this year the trees had come into leaf later than usual and so the caterpillars were not as numerous as usual. This had the knock-on effect of severely hampering blue tit broods up and down the country with many broods having been lost. This explains their preoccupation with my supply of 'fat balls' – so maybe an apology is in order!

The birds using the box in my garden were very noisy at the end of May and I then took a few days off down in Cornwall with friends. When I returned the box was silent although one

dead chick was on my garden path. To see whether the chicks had been predated or survived I took the box down and checked inside and found it completely empty so I think it's safe to say they fledged successfully. If they had been predated then the chick on the path would also have been taken. What of the box on my shed in the allotment? As with last year this box was used by a wren and despite completely emptying it last winter the wren once again filled it with nesting material right up to the entry hole. Due to the

poor spring weather I did not make too many trips down to the allotment and did not see much activity but by early June the box was empty so I can't say one way or the other whether the box had produced a brood of wrens or not this year.

So, this month I want to talk about the wild radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum*) which is a member of the mustard family. I first noticed it on my allotment. Due the cold and wet weather this spring I found that the weeds got away from me. The best way to tackle them is to dig



them out in early spring before they get settled in but this season I failed on one of my vegetable beds (and my garden where the Herb Bennett is running wild). However, this unfortunate situation did give rise to an interesting weed which turned out to be the wild radish, a member of the brassicaceae family. This plant is a relative but not the ancestor of the agricultural radish. It is apparently considered a very problematic plant and persistent weed world-wide but I do not remember ever having seen it before. It has four white flowers with prominent veins although that colouration is only seen in the south-east of England where it is sometimes known as 'white charlock', - charlock being a similar looking but different weed. Further north the flowers are lilac or bright yellow. The petals are reminiscent of Greek windmills and very characteristic. The seeds are developed in long pods and as they ripen they break off and fall to the ground in their own section of the pod. They



can stay in the ground for many years and this makes eradicating them from your garden or plot a long process. I have left the plant where it is for the moment but will harvest it of its seeds before they are ready to fall later in the year.

Wild radish leaves can be eaten and are similar to cabbage although somewhat coarser with a slight spicy flavour. In Turkey this plant is quite popular in cooking and can be used in a number of ways. The leaves can be roasted with onions and olive oil then served with yoghurt. Alternatively the leaves are boiled until soft then served with yoghurt and crushed garlic or lemon juice and

served as an appetiser. The seeds can also be pickled by plunging the seeds into boiled water until they turn bright green (1-3 minutes). Remove and place in a jar with red onion, sliced jalepeno, pepper corns and herb leaves then submerge in boiled vinegar. Add some oil and allow to cool. Secure with a lid and store in a fridge until required.

So, that's a new wild flower I can add to my list although I only found it due to the spring weather which allowed the weeds to flourish on my allotment.

*Steve Fuller
July 2021*

Mutterings From The Millers

We have had to give a lot of thought to the next few years planting programme regarding what we will be growing as we are losing chemistry to fight weeds that are becoming more and more difficult to control, i.e. ryegrass and black grass. After a lot of discussion and information gathering, we have decided that we will give up growing barley for the foreseeable future to get on top of these particular grass weeds as they smother the crop. We will be concentrating on winter wheat and a break crop of winter beans. Beans are particularly useful, as being a broad leaf plant and a legume, there is good chemistry for fighting grass weeds. The winter wheat has got some sprays for grass weed control enabling a better crop. If we could burn off the stubble where the rye and black grass is, we wouldn't need so much pesticide also ploughing once every five years or so would help too. It takes four years of buried seed to obtain any reduction in viability of the seed. You can't win, direct drilling is the way forward especially for retaining good soil structure and not releasing carbon but obviously not perfect. The black and rye grass problem is throughout the country not just here.

Some things have obviously changed since Brexit. With

the greening and three crop rule gone plus the reduction and eventual disappearance of subsidies, it means we will have to be very focused on achieving even better crops. We haven't received anymore information on the subsidies yet but know that some will be paid for environmental schemes. There are pilot schemes being run across the country to find out which ones work for all concerned. Still a lot of grey areas.

As an industry, we are very aware of the talk now of trade deals with Australia and New Zealand. They do not have a red tractor scheme and it costs us a lot of money to abide by this scheme. We don't want to be undercut by cheap imports from around the world that do not meet the criteria that we have to abide by. If you buy products in the supermarket with the red tractor logo, you can be assured that they have met all the environmental and welfare of animals and crops.

We have been part of another scheme for sometime which recycles all farm plastic, but is now called green tractor scheme. Quote from the green tractor scheme. "Although agriculture plastics only represent 3% of the total plastics used in the UK, it is important that this high

profile section continues to improve producer responsibility. Plastics provide important benefits to the sector in the terms of efficient food production, but it is essential that responsibility for the recycling of this product is shared across the sector and all used products that are no longer required are treated in line with best practice" We have mentioned before that we collect and separate the containers and foil tops after three rinses, boxes etc and they are taken to a special collection point in Wotton Bassett, Wiltshire.

The spring oats have had some absolutely perfect growing weather this year so far, if you walk the footpath from A224 towards the edge of Hewitts, you will see the ears are just starting to appear, a great sign. The



wheat is now in full ear and the rain we had mid June together with the warm temperatures, has pushed the crop on well, hopefully a good sign. We mentioned the disastrous barley last month so will not talk about that other than to say that we will have to combine it anyway but hope to get a little straw for the deer from it.

We have heard from our agronomist that reports from around the country are mixed concerning the cereals, some areas have really suffered due to the weather and black grass but others with different soils are ok.

I (Chris, Steve is practically deaf) was thrilled to hear a cuckoo on the 2nd June about 5.45. Couldn't believe

it as I haven't heard one for years. Thanks to the road works our road is lovely and quiet and I can have the window open at night. It is surprising how many cars and lorries do still pass two road closed signs and then have to turn around or in the case of lorries, reverse back along the road. Do they think those signs to not apply to them?

The usual wild flowers are growing on Chelsfield Green including the pyramidal orchid but noticed some broomrape as pictured. Can't remember seeing that last year. Not that pretty agreed but an interest plant as it is parasitic. They don't contain chlorophyll so no green pigment.

We were in Northumberland on the 15th June, St. Barnabas' Day, so not sure of the weather here but if it did rain, your grapes will be ok. Although we only have a few swallows this is still a good weather quote for this month. The swallows have to fly higher during dry spells to find the insects, but during unsettled and cold weather, the insects are much lower to the ground making the swallows swoop low.

*Swallows high, staying dry
Swallows low, wet till blow*

*Steve and Chris Miller
Court Lodge Farm
July 2021*

Chelsfield's Casualties of World War Two

This month we remember **Ernest Caton**, listed on the War Memorial in St Martin's church porch, who died 80 years ago while serving in World War Two. 7648325 Private Ernest Caton of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps is also remembered on the Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial at the Brookwood Military Cemetery in Surrey, the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the UK.

His date of death is recorded on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission [CWGC] site as 5th July 1941, at the age of 21. However, a little investigation shows that there is some doubt about the actual date as he was reported missing at sea on the 6th of August 1941, but then in June 1942, nearly a year later, this was updated to say 'Presumed killed in action' for the date of 5th July 1941. This

seems to reflect the difficulty of tracing exactly what happened to service personnel who went missing at sea, or perhaps on secret missions.

The description on the CWGC website for the Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial explains that 'commemorates nearly 3,500 men and women of the land forces of the Commonwealth who died during the Second World War and have no



Cap Badge of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps

known grave, the circumstances of their death being such that they could not appropriately be commemorated on any of the campaign memorials in the various theatres of war..... Some died at sea, in hospital ships and troop transports, in waters not associated with the major campaigns, and a few were killed in flying accidents or in aerial combat.' The entry for the grave registration for Ernest Caton gives us a little more information as it says 'Lost in SS Anselm (Liverpool)'. Further research shows that SS Anselm, originally used as a passenger and cargo

liner working between Liverpool and Brazil, was being used as a troop transport ship and was sunk by the German submarine U-96 in the mid-Atlantic in 1941. The ship was en-route for South Africa and according to reports was heavily overloaded with around 1200 service personnel, more than double the numbers she was supposed to carry. This makes the loss of only 254 people all the more remarkable, but also may explain why it took a while to work out what had happened to Ernest, as some survivors reported being adrift on life rafts for many days and others were transferred to several different ships before being put ashore in Freetown.

Ernest was the son of Alice Emma Caton and the husband of Gladys Caton who lived in Dartford. A 'reported missing' entry in the Bromley and Kentish Times of 17th October 1941 tells us that Ernest lived in Manor Cottages, Lowfield Street, Dartford with his wife. From early

boyhood he lived with his grandparents, Mr & Mrs Caton of Well Hill, Chelsfield, as his parents had died. He attended Chelsfield Village School where he had gained a scholarship to Beckenham Art School, and had been a Boy Scout. He married Miss Gladys Thomas of Gillingham on 23rd December 1939 and they had lived on Well Hill before moving to Dartford in October 1940. Before he joined the army in October 1940 he had worked for Vickers. The 1911 census shows that Alice Emma Caton, listed as Ernest's mother on his CWGC record, was living with her parents Joseph and Jessie Caton at Chalk Pit Cottages, Ruxley. It seems these are probably the grandparents Ernest lived with as the 1939 National Register shows that by then Joseph and Jessie were living at Firmingers Wells on Well Hill. This explains why Ernest is remembered on our war memorial although he lived in Dartford.

*Philippa Rooke
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Melanie Skydives for Chartwell Cancer Trust



With kind donations from the generous folk of the Chelsfield Village and of course Biggin Hill she raised over 4K for the Trust.

The next challenge is going to be firmly on the floor with all the parks of Bromley to be visited along with her girlfriends.

If you wish to support Melanie's brave feat by donating a sum of money retrospectively, you may do so by visiting:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MelanieStevens1>

Local resident Melanie Stevens, who is also Ward Councillor for Biggin Hill, took to the skies to raise money for the Chartwell Cancer Trust.

On Saturday 12 June she jumped out of a perfectly serviceable plane strapped to hunkie Simon with Biggles buckled in and did a tandem skydive.

Rev John Tranter - Retirement Collection

As most readers will be aware, John retired from his position as Rector of St Martin's at the end of May and has moved to Shropshire.

Covid restrictions meant that we could not give him a leaving 'do' at the time, but we plan to hold an event in August and there's a separate note below giving details.

John and Janet enjoyed their time in Chelsfield and involved themselves in various parts of village life. If any of their friends in the

village would like to contribute towards a leaving gift, we will be delighted to take donations – no surprise there! Could we please have donations by the end of July?

If you'd like to give you can:

- ◆ Pop an envelope** in my post box – 3 Oxenden Wood Rd, Chelsfield Park

- ◆ Pop an envelope** in Pam Ames' post box – 7 Orlestone Gardens.

- ◆ Take the money to

Church when there's a service (you know you're always welcome)

- ◆ Give online, either by following the link on the church website for card payments or transferring funds into the Church account (you'll need to ask for bank details – the number of scammers around means we don't publish them on the web)

Thank you

cheques payable to:
'Chelsfield PCC'
or cash, please.

Farewell & Welcome - Dates for Your Diary

Farewell

As you know, we had to postpone Rev John & Janet Tranter’s farewell not once but twice due to Covid restrictions. We are hoping it will be third time lucky as we will now be holding the farewell service for them on Sunday 8th August at 10am. This will be a Benefice service at St Martin’s followed by a reception.

Welcome

On Wednesday 25th August at 7.30pm the Benefice will be welcoming our new Associate Rector, Rev Michael Gentry, at his Licensing service at St Martin’s. Michael and his family will live in the Chelsfield Rectory. Please put these dates in your diary and watch the St Martin’s website, emails and next month’s

edition of the Village Voice for more information about both these events, as we find out what guidance we are required to operate under from 19th July.

Steve McCann
steve@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk



Walk For Water - 2021 Update



Brown’s School has now completed this year’s Walk for Water Charity Appeal. It certainly set us up for a challenge because the continued Covid Situation meant that we were unable to do the walk as a whole school group, as we usually do – but had to do 3 successive walks each Wednesday with 2

classes at a time (thus staying in their “bubbles”). Not surprisingly the time it took to complete was much longer than usual and the time allowed for sponsorship money to be brought back into school was also of a longer duration. But over the Months of May and June, all students managed to

complete the walk, and all monies collected for the charity are now in.

The walk this year is for the

“ALAOGIDI PRIMARY SCHOOL WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT”

located in Anambra State - a small village in Udi local government area with a population of 40.000 inhabitants. This school has 650 pupils and 32 teachers and currently has no access to drinking water facilities nor to adequate toilet facilities. The school has





complete 50 laps of the circuit in the time provided.

I am delighted to state that even in these very strange times, when many people have lost their jobs or having to work reduced hours the school still managed to raise £1028.97 – an amazing sum for such a small school.

Chris Nash the Rotarian School link person came into our school and collected a cheque for £2340.97 (which included the money raised from our trip to Holland walk (March 2019) with our partner school.

On behalf of the School may I thank everyone involved in this charity event for all their help and consideration during this difficult time.

Many Thanks

*Chris Ponulak
Brown's School*



PLEASE NOTE:

UNFORTUNATELY Due to the continued Covid Situation there will be NO Community Day before the school finishes this academic year.

BUT.. hopefully by the end of the summer holidays, with restrictions lifted, we have pencilled-in the **FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER** as our **COMMUNITY DAY** – I will be contacting our usual Chelsfield residents during August to ask if they again would like some help on that day and inviting them for the usual BarB Q and refreshments in the School Grounds in the afternoon of the same day.

a small improvised pit latrine toilet block that accommodates only three students at a time. The latrine block is not only inadequate for the number of children and teachers located at the school and unhygienic, but also the lack of water within the school makes it impossible to properly clean it. The aim is to raise enough money so that the people in this part of Africa have clean water.

The basic idea is to try and walk 6km, (roughly 5 miles) the same distance the inhabitants of Anambra have to walk for fresh water. Thus with our field marked out with corner flags, the students are asked to

Searching For a NHS Dentist

Keith, one of our local residents, is having great difficulty in finding a National Health Service dentist in the Chelsfield

area.

Are any of our readers able to advise on this matter?

Please send any responses to the Village Voice and we will both publish and forward the answers to Keith.

Chelsfield Cricket Club Fixtures 2021

DATE	OPPOSITION	HOME/AWAY	TIME	NOTES
July 4th	ODCuaco	Away	14:00	
July 11th	Horton Kirby	Away	14:00	
July 18th	London RAMS	Home	14:00	
July 25th	Chislehurst	Away	13:30	
August 1st	Wrotham	Away	14:00	
August 7th	Chelsfield Park	Home	14:00	Saturday
August 15th	Kent Royals	Home	13:00	
August 22nd				
August 29th	Kent Royals	Away	13:00	
September 5th	Chelsfield Park	Away	13:00	
September 12th	Stockbury & Hartlip	Away	13:00	
September 19th	Kent Royals	Home	12:30	
September 26th	Locksbottom	Home	12:30	

This is the current list which may vary through the season, any updates will be circulated in due course.

Chelsfield CC v Hildenborough CC 27th June 2021

A day for the bowlers at this away fixture!

It was a day for the bowlers with hazy overcast conditions and a spongy wicket. The Hildenborough skipper won the toss and elected to bowl first.

The Chelsfield openers got off to a flying start, putting on 50 for the first wicket in just 38 balls. Immediately after the 50 partnership was raised, Humza Ali was caught in the most unusual of dismissals with the ball

bursting through the bowler's hands and the mid off fielder taking a spectacular diving catch off the ricochet. After the first wicket the runs began to dry up, with the opening spin bowlers bowling tight lines to prevent free scoring. The next bowlers, Richard Sparks and Mark Davies continued more of the same, taking 2 wickets apiece.

Things weren't looking great for Chelsfield after their centurion from the last match, Zain Ali was dismissed for 27 and the

score was at 77 for 5. Shailendra Arya orchestrated a rescue mission to help Chelsfield reach a score of respectability; top scoring with 29. From 50-0, Chelsfield had crawled to 121 all out, courtesy of smart bowling and stunning catches from the home team.

At the halfway mark, it was clear that Chelsfield had to bowl well from the first over to have a chance at winning this. 17-year-old Ibrahim Iqbal was back this

season to once again lead Chelsfield's attack. He started proceedings off in the first over causing opener Tom Leahy to edge to the keeper who took a good catch after the ball hit his leg. This was shortly followed by a run out in the fourth over, courtesy of an Umar Shafi direct hit to remove Todd Herbert. Thomas Collier

and Mark Davies were doing well to play out the openers as the light drizzle was causing the pitch to become much more difficult to bat on.

The match was then turned on its head with 12-2 becoming 19-9 in the space of three spectacular overs thanks to Umar Shafi (1-0-2-6) and

Ibrahim Iqbal who took his first 5 wicket haul for Chelsfield with career best figures of 6-2-6-6. A few lusty blows from Steve Wood brought the score to over 30 but was given too much to do as he was the last to be dismissed for an entertaining 14. Chelsfield won by 87 runs and extended their winning streak this season to 3.

St Martin's - Calendar of Services - July 2021

We are open for services but in the current situation this schedule is very much subject to change,

potentially at short notice. Please watch the church website for updates (see link at bottom of page).

All services led by Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones unless otherwise stated

St Martin's

Sun 4 July	10.00am	Family Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer - <i>led by Reader Richard Jones</i>
Wed 7 July	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun 11 July	10.00am	Family Worship – <i>led by tbc</i>
	6.30pm	Holy Communion – BCP
Wed 14 July	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP – <i>led by Rev John Musson</i>
Sun 18 July	10.00am	Family Communion – <i>led by Rev David Graham</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer – <i>led by Reader Ken I'Anson</i>
Wed 21 July	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun 25 July	10.00am	Family Worship – <i>led by Reader Ken I'Anson</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer – <i>led by Reader Phillip Southby</i>
Wed 28 July	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP

Well Hill – outdoors*

Sun 11 July	10.00am	Ministry of the Word - <i>led by Reader Ken I'Anson</i>
Sun 25 July	10.00am	Holy Communion

*NB these services are weather dependent and have limited capacity – for more information please contact Anne Ireland on 07767 783189 / anneireland@icloud.com (As at 27 June 2021)



Chelsfield Equestrian Centre

SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST 2021



OPEN DAY

Chelsfield Equestrian Centre

Pony
Rides

Marco's
Kitchen

Cupcakes
by The Cake
Hive

Tea &
Coffee

10:30 AM

Riding Displays at 11:00am & 3:00pm



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Church Road. Chelsfield. Orpington, Kent BR6 7SN
T: 01689 855603

Facebook: Chelsfield equestrian centre
www.chelsfieldequestriancentre.co.uk

The Toddlers Group to Reopen



St Martin's Toddler Group



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

I am happy to say that all the volunteers who help to run Toddler Group are ready and willing to open again in September when the new school year begins if we are not in another lockdown situation.

Stay Safe Everyone,

Toddler Volunteers:
Jenny, Peter, Mary, Mo, Val and Anne.

Contact Details:

Toddler Group Leader - Jenny Wood 07752 678345

Email: smartinstoddlers@gmail.com

Five Bells Special Offerings

The Five Bells are promoting their 'takeaway' service for food & drink. They have two & four pint carry out cartons and their Sunday lunches, Fish & Chips, Sausage Chips & Pizzas are all available to takeaway, simply give them a call on 01689 821044, where a member of staff will be happy to help.



Friday 2nd July 2021 is Fish Day

STARTERS

- Mussels in a choice of sauces served with a rustic roll
- Traditional Prawn Cocktail in rose marie sauce
- Trio of pickled herring, sour cream & crispbread
- Salt & Pepper Squid served with lemon mayo dipping sauce

MAINS

- Baked Cod Loin with white wine or tarragon sauce
- Homemade Fish Pie (fish & prawns) served with fresh vegetables
- Baked Skate Wing with capers, beurre noisette
- Grilled fillet of Sea bass
- Mussels Mariniere served with French fries
- Seafood Pasta with garlic, chilli, olive oil, basil & sunflower seeds
- Grilled Red Snapper



We are now offering our delicious Sunday Roasts to takeaway!

Simply phone your order through by **12 noon on the Saturday**

before, pay and collect from the pub



The food will be hot at the collection time and packed in a foil container all ready to eat or pop back in your oven for 5 minutes to make sure it's piping hot. We are also happy to use your own plates if you would like to drop them up to us.

We are offering: Beef, Turkey or homemade Nut Roast, honeyed roasted parsnips, cauliflower, carrots and green cabbage with a Yorkshire Pudding & stuffing with the turkey and gravy

Fridays 5pm - 7pm

Fish (cod) & Chips Homemade Burger & French fries to takeaway

Court Injunction Obtained Re: Wheatsheaf Hill

Published Friday, 18 June 2021

An injunction has been obtained forbidding any development work associated with the stationing of any mobile home or caravan taking place in a Green Belt field in Halstead.

The news follows recent activities at the site which have included clearing the field of vegetation and the stationing of 6 mobile homes within the field. The injunction covers the "Land at the junction of Sevenoaks Road and Wheatsheaf Hill Halstead". Breaching the order could result in the defendant being found guilty of contempt of court and may be sent to

prison or fined.

Councillor Angela Page, Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom Ward Councillor and Executive Councillor for Public Protection and Enforcement said, "It is extremely rare to obtain an injunction from the courts but this reflects the utmost serious nature of what has happened here. We must and will act within the law and follow the various processes but we will act to protect Green Belt and that is precisely what we have done. We continue to closely monitor what is happening at the field and will take further action as necessary."

The injunction forbids the defendant from:

- ◆ Stationing or causing to be stationed any mobile homes, caravans, buildings structures or fences, whether portable or otherwise
- ◆ Using or permitting the use of the six mobile homes present for residential purposes without the express grant of planning permission
- ◆ Carrying out any further works to prepare the land for the stationing of mobile homes or caravans
- ◆ Undertaking any development on the site, including the laying of hardcore and creation of hardstandings and/or access roads



Further to the above injunction it has been observed that work has continued unabated on this site.

We trust that the London Borough of Bromley will take the necessary action to bring an end to this disregard of Planning Regulations and destruction of Green Belt land



Ice Cream & Gin at the BoPeep



**JULY IS
ICE CREAM & GIN MONTH
AT THE BO PEEP**

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Throughout the month of July we will be offering
Different Ice Creams and Gins each week!



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Chelsfield BR6 7QL
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info@thebopeep.com
www.thebopeep.com

Letter

Dear Editor,

I learned today that suggestions have been made that the village school could be closed to make room for a car park in its place (you could say that the cricket pitch or the allotments would both

make wonderful car parks?).

Anyhow, I hope this is only a rumour, but it would be nice to know whose brilliant idea it was. We don't want to wake up and find a closure sign on the

school and have people saying "well, I didn't know"!

Stranger things have happened?

Freda McClorey

Deadline for Business Grants 4th July

Deadline for businesses who are applying for grant funding extended

Published Tuesday, 22 June 2021

The closing date for businesses to apply for grant funding for the hardship or home-based business scheme has been extended to 4 July.

The closing date for businesses to apply for grant funding for the hardship or home-based business scheme has been extended to 4 July.

Businesses need to submit their application by midnight on Sunday 4 July, with the extended deadline following news that the Government have extended their funding deadline.

Businesses are being encouraged to check the criteria following the recent widening of eligibility. The grant funding schemes could be withdrawn earlier than the 4 July deadline if remaining funds are fully utilised prior to this.

Councillor Peter Morgan, Executive Councillor for Renewal, Recreation and Housing said, "Businesses need to apply now whilst funds are available. These grant schemes are particularly targeted at smaller businesses and as the criteria were recently widened, it is worth looking at, as you may now be eligible.

Thousands of businesses have already benefited in some way, with over £80 million distributed in

total."

The hardship grant provides funds of up to £10k for eligible businesses within the borough and is targeted at businesses who can evidence a 50 per cent decrease in income during any three-month period over the last year. The recent inclusion of businesses to the scheme who have been receipt of SEISS, is in addition to recent changes to the grant, where the requirement for businesses to have at least £50k turnover, no longer applies.

The £2k home-based business grant is targeted at those who can demonstrate an

unavoidable fixed cost for their business. This could include vehicle costs, professional fees, software, phone costs, insurance and any other unavoidable fixed cost that can be evidenced within the application.

Businesses that have previously received the

Self-Employed Income Support (SEISS) Grant are now also potentially eligible for both schemes. Businesses that have previously been rejected because they have been in receipt of SEISS, are now being strongly encouraged to reapply.

Applications, which should be made via the council's website, need to be received before the closing date, which is midnight on Sunday 4 July 2021.

For any business-related enquiries, please contact business@bromley.gov.uk

Write to Help Stop Broke Hill Development

Why do I need to write?

In 2019 Quinn Estates applied for planning permission to build more than 800 houses, plus business units and AstroTurf sports pitches with floodlights on the site of the Former Broke Hill Golf Club. Although twice rejected by Sevenoaks District Council, Quinn has now appealed to a Government Inspector through an Inquiry.

If you wrote previously to object to these planning applications you will have received a letter announcing the Inquiry and inviting you to respond again by 8th July. We intend to fight this Inquiry by Quinn Estates vigorously and will be

relying on your support. It is vital that as many people as possible write in to voice their objections. If you live in a household with more than one person, you can each write in your own name.

Our objective is to have at least 500 objections.

What should I say in my complaint?

First of all, it doesn't have to be a great literary piece. It is better if people do this in their own words. The important thing is that the Planning Inspector can see evidence of the huge swell of opinion against the Broke Hill proposals.

You should start the words in the box by

stating that you are a resident of Chelsfield and that you object/strongly object to the proposals to develop Broke Hill. In the next paragraph(s) you should state your reasons. This can be as short, or as long as you like, but we believe that it would be useful to include some of the points listed below as we believe that these are the kind of issues that the Planning Inspector will be taking into account.

Key Issues to include in your letter?

Green Belt

◆ Broke Hill is part of a highly functioning area of Green Belt. This was independently evidenced by a report commissioned by Sevenoaks DC from

Arup, which rated it as the third best performing area of Green Belt of 101 within the District.

◆ Green Belt land should only be built upon where there are “exceptional circumstances”. Quinn Estates has failed to prove such circumstances.

◆ The 2012 National Planning Policy Framework clearly sets out 5 purposes of Green Belt. These are: to restrict urban sprawl; to prevent neighbouring towns from growing into one another; to safeguard the countryside and environment; to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns and villages and to assist urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of brown-field land. The land within Broke Hill is meeting these purposes very well. You can state how the development at Broke Hill would run directly against these purposes.

◆ Halstead has contributed more than its fair share of new housing with all of the other developments within the village (Fort Halstead, Warren Court etc).

Landscapes

◆ Rhapsodise to your heart's content about the natural beauty of the site, the damage that would be done by the development and what this means to you!

Sports Facilities

◆ The new sports pitches have been stated as one of the factors that create “exceptional circumstances”. However, these are not for the benefit of Halstead villagers (we have perfectly good facilities already!) Plus, recreation is considered an acceptable form of development in the green belt, so attaching these onto the site doesn't create a special circumstance.

Education and Health

◆ The new residents would need access to education and healthcare provisions, neither of which is sufficiently dealt with in the plans.

Planning

◆ There is insufficient planning behind the proposals in a whole range of areas, including the Council's land supply

position, housing need (will the site meet local housing need?), the avoidance of loss of agricultural land and affordable housing and C2 housing provision.

How do I raise my objection?

Objections must be received by 8th July for them to count.

Appeal reference:
APP/G2245/W/21/327318
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You can either write a letter to: The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/J, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN
You must send three copies of your letter.

OR

By going to the website:
<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Details of how to submit your objection can be found here

<http://www.halsteadparish.org.uk/community/halstead-parish-council-15216/broke-hill-appeal/#:~:text=How%20do%20I%20complete%20a%20complaint%20on%20the%20website%3F>

Dates For Your Diary

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

Centre, Church Road
OPEN DAY
10.30am, Riding
Displays 11am & 3pm
£2 entry Under 12's
Free

Coolings Nurseries,
Rushmore Hill
FARMERS MARKET
9.00am-2.30pm

Wednesday 21st July
Chelsfield Village Hall
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.40pm

Sunday 8th August
St Martins Church
FAREWELL SERVICE
10.00am

Fri-Sun 17th-19th Sept
Coolings Nurseries,
Rushmore Hill
CRAFT SHOW
10.00am-4.00pm

Saturday 24th July
Coolings Nurseries,
Rushmore Hill
FARMERS MARKET
9.00am-2.30pm

Wednesday 18th August
Chelsfield Village Hall
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.40pm

September
Brass Crosby Room
ST MARTINS TODDLER GROUP

Wednesday 4th August
Chelsfield Village Hall
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.40pm

Wednesday 25th August
St Martins Church
WELCOME SERVICE
7.30pm

Sat-Sun 16th-17th Oct
Coolings Nurseries,
Rushmore Hill
ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES FAIR
10.00am-4.00pm

Saturday 7th August
Chelsfield Equestrian

Saturday 28th August

Recycling & Bin Collection Dates July 2021

Monday 5th July

Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste,

Monday 12th July

Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste.

Monday 19th July

Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste,

Monday 26th July

Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste.

Monday 2nd August

Plastic, Glass and Tins, 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) every
Month (Dec - Feb)

Green Garden Waste is collected fortnightly only from households that subscribe (£60 per annum) to Bromley scheme (Phone: 0300 303 8658)