

# July 2022

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Beer Tent Food Market Fun Fair Pony Rides

Croydon Steel Orchestra

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# Supported by Chelsfield Park Hospital

Part of Circle Health Group

# Chelsfield Village Fair

# Saturday 9th July 2022

Gates open 12 noon Music till 6:30pm Adults £5 Children £2 Under 5s FREE

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### **Broad-leaved & Great Willowherb**



After a dry start to spring the rain arrived with a vengeance. Most spring seasons I find that slug and snail damage to my vegetables in the allotment is not too bad an experience but his year I have had problems. I don't like to use slug pellets but have found my sunflower plants in particular have been attacked during the wet weather of May/June. Slugs usually climb half way up the stem before tucking into that stem causing the top half of the plant to collapse. Surprisingly I've been able to use splints secured above and below the damaged area to support the upper half and this seems to allow the plant to continue growing if the damage is not too severe. Another idea I have

employed this year, albeit only after most of the damage has already occurred, is to take a yogurt pot lid, cut a slit from the edge to the centre and the cut a small circle in the centre that neatly surrounds the stem of the plant. Then staple the two edges of the slit with the lid positioned above the first set of leaves on the sunflower stem. Having visited the allotment during the witching hour I have found that this approach does appear to work with the slugs unable to travel past the lid.

On another subject, in late May I found a large white pigeon egg in the cottage gardens. It had a large crack running around it so I prized it open and found a perfectly formed chick curled up like a fossilised dinosaur egg with it's hooked beak ready to break through its shell. It was clearly dead. I assume a predator had attacked the nest and in the process the egg had fallen out and had been missed by the perpetrator of the attack: probably a magpie or squirrel.

This month I'm going to

talk about a couple of willowherbs that I found in the cottage gardens last month. There are a number of willowherbs within the family which are so named due to their leaves which are similar to those of the willow tree. These include: marsh. hoary and square-stalked but I want to concentrate on two others: the Broadleaved willowherb (Epilobium montanum) and the Great willowherb (Epilobium hirsutum).

# The Broad-leaved Willowherb

The broad-leaved willowherb is usually considered a weed and is the commonest of the willowherbs and grows to a height of about half a metre with four small twin lobed pink flowers with the flower-head itself being iust a few millimetres across. The buds droop downwards but perk up once the flowers open. It's an inconspicuous skinny plant although it can flower when very young. It's fluffy seeds can travel great distances before taking root in new locations. It has a shallow root system making it easy to remove



from the ground and has runners similar in nature to those of the strawberry plant, which search out new around before taking root. They can be seen in hedgerows, woods, on rocky ground and in dardens. The willowherbs all belong to the same family as evening primrose and get their name due to having similar narrow leaves to those of the willow tree. The broad leaved willowherb is a bit of an oddity to the family hence its name.

This plant can be used in herbal medicine for aliments of the kidneys and urinary tract. The broadleaved willowherb is also a valuable food source for many types of moth including the striped hawk moth, the elephant hawkmoth and the small elephant hawkmoth. It is also not unpleasant to us



humans and the leaves, when young can be added to salads although they become bitter when taken from older plants.

### **Great Willowherb**

This plant is distinguished by the nature of its leaves which, as its Latin name (hirsutum) implies has downy soft leaves unlike the broad leaved variety described previously which is hairless. It is also sometimes known as the hairy willowherb. It's more usual common name prefix 'great' refers to the fact that this is the largest of the British willowherbs and is the distinguishing factor between the two plants. The broad leaved plant is small with tiny flowers while the great willowherb is a large plant growing to a height of 1.5 m with typically mauve/pink flowers although pure pink or white flowers can sometimes occur. The flowers are a little larger than those of the broad leaved variety.

This plant has a number of colloquial names such as 'codlins and cream', applepie and cherry-pie. Not sure why there are so many links to dessert-like food but it may simply be



the pink flowers reminding country folk of the colour of apples alongside the creamy flower centres. It prefers damp conditions, usually along rivers, canals and ponds so I'm not sure why it has taken refuge in my neighbour's garden unless they water more than the average gardener! It propagates via fleshy stems (rhizomes) arowina just under the ground surface and by issuing silky hairs that are dispersed by the lightest wind. The rhizomes allow this plant to create dense stands which can exclude other plants. Like the broad leafed willowherb this plant is a favourite of the elephant hawkmoth which I mentioned in last month's piece about hawkmoths.

Steve Fuller July 2022



Chelsfield Village Hall, Bucks Cross Road, BR6 7RL Box Office-07549 012140 www.ticketsource.co.uk/chelsfieldplayers

21st-23rd July at 8pm doors open 7.30pm £10 tickets

The Chelsfield Players presents...

By Amanda Whittington Directed by Sabrina Bell



An amateur production in association with Nick Hern books



### The R7 Bus Will Be Re-routed on 22nd July

Despite all of the protests against the re-routing of the R7 Bus, TfL have decided to ignore the interests of the bus users and proceed with truncating the service.

If you did not receive the message from TfL, here is what was sent out to "explain" their decision.

*"I am writing to update you on the consultation process we ran from 16 July to 27 August 2021 on proposals to reroute the R7 bus through Chelsfield Village in order to improve the route's reliability. We received* 

167 responses to the consultation and would like to thank you for taking part.

Having considered a number of factors including the reliability of the route, journey times, passenger numbers and the responses to the consultation, we have decided to proceed with our proposals as presented in the consultation.

We understand that some people may be disappointed with this decision and would like to assure you that all

feedback has been carefully considered. You can find a copy of our consultation report here: <u>https://haveyoursay</u> <u>.tfl.gov.uk/bus-route-r7</u> which contains details of our responses to the issues raised during the consultation. The change to the R7 service will take place from 23 July 2022.

Thank you again for taking the time to participate.

Yours faithfully **Geoff Hobbs** Director, Public Transport Service Planning Transport for London"

### Welcome to Chelsfield & The 5 Bells

Following on from the Farewell message from our great friends Kay and Ade in the June issue of Chelsfield Village Voice, this month we would like to extend a warm welcome to Sam, our new landlord at the Five Bells.

Sam will be continuing on with the regular Five Bells entertainment events and is looking forward to welcoming you to the pub.





# **Joshy's Heart of Gold**

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We are a newly registered charity based

in Chelsfield Village and we are looking for

volunteers to Join our team.

**Community Manager** 

JOIN OUR TEAM

**OLUNTEER** 

# **Event Planner**

Social Media Manager

Project Manager

### Fundraisers

Interested? send your Cv or Call 020 8090 0003

Joshysheartofgold.com



## **Chelsfield Community Cafe**



The Chelsfield Community Cafe has had some fun afternoons recently with Bromley Carers Choir getting us all singing & smiling and a special Jubilee event with cucumber sandwiches, sausage rolls, amazing cakes, an 'all things British' raffle, a quiz and a 'spot the queen' competition!

Special thanks go to all





volunteers who make it happen by baking, catering, decorating the hall and running the afternoons - these Wednesdays would not happen without them.

Each afternoon tea session raises charitable funds from patrons donations e.g.funds were recently given to the Bromley Homeless charity. It's a win/win situation for many!!

Please do come and join us on the first and third Wednesday afternoon of each month from 2:30pm at Chelsfield Village Hall.

All are welcome for tea, cake and friendly chat. We look forward to seeing you.

> Mags, Chelsfield Volunteers & many others!!



# **Cream Tea at Coolings**





# THE CLUB ROTARY CLUB OF ORPINGTON

INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM AT ARTHUR'S RESTAURANT

COOLINGS, RUSHMORE HILL SEVENOAKS, KENT TN14 7NN

ON

### WEDNESDAY 20th JULY FOR A DELICIOUS CREAM TEA WITH HOME MADE SCONE AND JAM



### PRICE £10 PER PERSON ALL PROCEEDS IN AID OF UKRAINE

### MEET BY ARTHURS RESTAURANT AT 2.45pm FOR 3.00pm

Please reply by MONDAY 18th JULY

Email rcorpington@gmail.com or phone Val on 07894 066093

ALL ARE WELCOME SO PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS





### **Local History Group**

### Gustav Mellin and Wickham Hall

### A grandiose house built on advertising riches

Gustav Mellin was the advertising wiz-kid of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. He had a simple product that he produced in his factory in Peckham and by using every 'modern' advertising trick in the book he made that product – Mellin's baby food – a worldwide success.

On the substantial wealth that his success brought him he bought Wickham Hall, an 18<sup>th</sup> century redbrick house in West Wickham, enlarging it to three times its original size creating a short lived monstrosity that was to physically dominate the neighbourhood.

Peter Leigh has

researched Gustav Mellin's business and Wickham Hall and weaved together the history of the Hall and the rise of Gustav Mellin in a fascinating talk which he gave to the Chelsfield Local History group in May.

A pharmacist by trade, Mellin came to London from Germany in 1852 and became a successful pharmacist in the Piccadilly Circus area, went bankrupt when he branched out into liquid baby food and then hit gold when he produced a dry food powder, setting up the Marlborough Works on a small back street site in Peckham. It stayed there until 1956.

But this little factory produced enough baby food each day to feed 100,000 babies for a month. "The food ... a blend of wheaten flour and malt ... was packaged for delivery throughout the globe," Peter told us.

"However, in my view the real secret of Mellin's success was advertising. The fact that he was able to take the whole of the front page of the Daily Mail "Coronation Edition" in 1902, shows the strength of his advertising."

Mellin used newspaper advertising, adverts on buildings, in chemists shops there were Mellin's Baby Balance scales for weighing baby, bookmarks and postcards aimed at markets all over the world – Europe, Japan, India, the colonies and America. And Peter has collected a large amount of this advertising material, which he brought along to the meeting.

"Mellins became a household name," said Peter. Meanwhile Gustav had married Emily Bliss, 30 years his junior and set up home in Camberwell. Then in 1865 he bought Wickham Hall.

Eighty-thousand pounds later Wickham Hall was unrecognisable and was







described by local diarist Emily Hall: "His new house looks quite gigantic ... it will be very ugly and is built of white brick." Later she described it as the Baby Food Factory or Lunatic Asylum ... "it may be anything – it is big enough to house the whole village."

The Hall sisters, spinsters Emily and Ellen, did not think much of their new neighbours, said Peter. Gustav Mellin offended them in the way he addressed them, by his house and his treatment of the garden, and they were in dispute with him over a fence and a right of way.

Probably many other West Wickham residents shared the Hall sisters feelings but Gustav Mellin was inordinately proud of his house and in 1897 he had

a photographer produce an album of the house, which he gave to friends and staff.

"Marble and other material was imported from Europe and Italian craftsmen were employed on the interior decorations," said Peter who had many slides from this album showing that every bit of space in every room was filled with furniture, pictures, ornaments, table clothes, covers, carpets and an enormous amount of stag antlers. In a 1976 talk Mrs Willshire, whose father had worked at the Hall. said of the Drawing Room ... "all that clutter it was something to behold."

When the contents were auctions just thirty years later it included "a unique collection of over 450 malformed antlers, buffalo, moose, rhinoceros

and other horns." The auction catalogue lists ebonised and tortoiseshell cabinets and pedestals. marble and bronze statuary, a large collection of porcelain including Satsuma. Dresden and Serves, paintings and engravings ... "the Antiques Roadshow would have had a field day and the catalogues included the equipment and furniture of 40 bedrooms," said Peter.

Gustav Mellin died in 1902 and the family continued at the Hall until 1928 although the sons moved away after the war. The house was sold for redevelopment and the only remaining part is the stable block, now incorporated into M&S in the High Street.

All the razzmatazz of Mellin's baby food advertising, which carried through into his taste – or lack of it – in architecture and furnishings has now all vanished. Mellin's baby food is forgotten; the short -lived house is demolished and even the family grave in St John the Baptist Church is neglected.

But Peter's talk brought an era and a house back to life again.

### **Bromley Arts Festival: July 2022**

# This July... you're invited. www.bromleyartsfestival.com

The Bromley Arts Festival brings together the arts events of the borough throughout July. To date, over 100 dates for the festival have been registered, including theatre, dance, comedy, music, art, crafts, walks and talks, and poetry.

Already a culturally abundant borough, Bromley has its own amphitheatre, several theatres, a strong musical heritage crowned by its association with David Bowie, numerous art societies and creatives, poets, dance groups and more. A large, diverse, and green borough, all of the borough is being brought together in this festival, from the town centre with its Churchill Theatre, often used to launch national touring shows, to Biggin Hill, the famous wartime air base and home to arts events at its Memorial Museum, to Beckenham, home of the Bethlem Art Gallery, and to Penge, noted for its eye-catching street art in the form of marvellous murals. From the 1st of July when Breaking The Code debuts at Bromley's Little Theatre, where actor Zoe Tapper began her career, to the 31st when Magpie Dance presents Global Moves and Grooves - A Festival of Dance and Culture, there is something for everyone in Bromley this July.

Mayor of Bromley, Cllr Hannah Gray, said, "The Bromley Arts Festival will shine a light on a dimension of Bromley that it truly deserves. We have a lively and well-established creative and arts community and the festival will provide a welcome focus on it and on the marvellous borough in which we live."

Contact: Darren Weale, telephone 07708 712011; email darren@intunepr.co.uk

Website: www.bromleyartsfestival.com

Social media: Facebook - Bromley Arts Festival; Twitter - @BromleyArtsFest; Instagram – bromleyartsfestival. Hashtags: #bromleyartsfestival #ProudOfBromley #bromleybuzz

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# **iCARE Open Garden in Chelsfield**

### Stroke rehabilitation and support



# **OPEN GARDEN IN CHELSFIELD**



### **CHARITY EVENT FOR ICARE DAY CENTRE TRUST**

- 2.00 4.30pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July
- 185 Worlds End Lane, Chelsfield, BR6 6AT
- Suggested donation £5
- If the weather is rainy, we'll postpone until next year
- Tea, coffee, squash, sandwiches, biscuits & home-made cakes
- Wheelchair friendly
- Tombola & Raffle
- Plenty of parking in Homestead Road, please park on LHS as you look down the hill (drive for disabled only)







# **Kent Heights Flower Club**

# **KENT HEIGHTS FLOWER CLUB**

# Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## Summer Supper and Flower Demonstration

At Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road, TN14 7EX

Everyone is very welcome to come along to our July Summer Supper meeting.

We will be offering a 2 course meal with wine, followed by a flower demonstration with Chelsea gold medallist Myra Lester

### 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Members £16 Guests £19 Come and join us, enter the raffle and you will have a chance at winning one of Myra's stunning arrangements

For Supper tickets and further information contact

### Sally Kemsley on 01959 534406

### **The Bromley Buzz Podcast**

'The weekly Bromley Buzz podcast previously featured in Chelsfield Village Voice continues to broadcast regularly on the internet, talking about all things Bromley. Checkout www.bromleybuzz.co.uk

for details of shows and where to listen platforms include Spotify, Apple, Audible, Podbean, Alexa, Amazon and more.'





### Ice Cream Month at The BoPeep

# JULY IS ICE CREAM MONTH AT THE BO PEEP

Throughout the month of July we will be offering Different Ice Creams each week in addition to an ice cream themed menu !

ETON MESS SUNDAE BELGIAN WAFFLE with honey combe ice cream BANANA SPLIT CHOCOLATE BROWNIE SUNDAE AFFOGATO (Vanilla Ice Cream with a shot of hot espresso)



We are open all day everyday from 12.00 noon Come and enjoy a relaxing drink in the garden or food from our extensive menu.

Plenty of parking, dogs and children welcome Visit our website at www.thebopeep.com

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### **Working Out in The Heat**

Hi Everyone,

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Fran Flin here, from Flin's Fitness.

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This might be the ONLY month I get to write an article about exercising in the heat, so I'm going for it while I can!

Classes get quiet at this time of year, as do the gyms ...people are on holiday, or just can't exercise in the heat. Not everyone has aircon to keep them going, so how can you prevent your exercise habits taking a nose dive at this time of year?

### **Potential problems:**

• It's too hot and you just don't have the energy or motivation!

• It makes you too sweaty.

• It leaves you feeling zapped.

• Your internal chatter is veering towards "can't be bothered....."

# Solutions to these problems:

 Mindset required firstly – plan your workout and commit.
Put your trainers on and then there's no going back! OR, you could buddy up with a friend and between you kick each other up the butt to go and get it done!

٠ This is a more tricky one if you are someone that hates to sweat (I have met people at classes over the years that literally HATE sweating!) My advice on this one is to switch out your usual workout for something which is slower and low impact focus on your posture and flexibility instead for a while. Try a Yoga or Pilates session which will keep you moving and is so good for your body and mind.

 Increase your water intake – before, during and after your workout.
I mean by a LOT! The amount of fluids lost even sweating just a little, is phenomenal! Dehydration = lethargy! Being adequately hydrated means that you will finish your session feeling sweaty but ENERGIZED! You will leave the gym or class on your usual high.

Do it at home! We have an On Demand dashboard which is very popular – and so cheap! You can wear your oldest / comfiest workout wear, stick the fan on, or go in the garden shade if there's a fresh breeze, choose one of 800 30 minute sessions on offer, and "Just Do It" as the saying goes! Details on the website, or message me email below.

Enjoy the sunshine while it lasts – or should that be IF? Is it raining as you read this???

Until next time, Keep fit and healthy,

Fran x

fran@flinsfitness.co.ukk www.flinsfitness.co.uk



### A New Business Based in Chelsfield

We are a very new family startup based in Chelsfield -Village, who offer a unique concept of creating your own fashion. It is what we all used to do when we were kids, drawing our dream item that we wanted, I'm sure you remember. Only now we can make it real

The concept is simple:

1) Person downloads a template of a garment that we offer from our website.

2) Designs and draws anything they want, using any media that they want without any limitations.

 Upload the picture on our website and we Print, Cut and Hand Sew every piece before sending it back to the customer.

This is an ideal way to get kids, adults and families creative and to make that special keepsake.

You can see what we do on our website at:

www.mycreativethreads.co.uk



### Knit & Natter Summer Social 14th July

On 14th July at 7.30pm we will be putting our knitting needles down for the evening to enjoy the sun, some nibbles and drinks!

Please contact Sophie on: 07983 656022 for location details.

Knitting will resume from next month.



# **Chelsfield Cricket Club Fixtures 2022**

DATE		OPPOSITION	HOME/AWAY	TIME	NOTES
03	/07/2022	Gravesend	Away	13:30	
10	/07/2022	Horton Kirby	Away	13:30	Village Fete 09/07/22
17	/07/2022	London RAMS	Home	13:00	
24	/07/2022	Stockbury and Hartlip	Away	13:00	
31	/07/2022	Wrotham	Home	13:30	
06	/08/2022	Chelsfield Park	Away	13:30	Saturday Game
14	/08/2022	Kent Royals	Away	13:00	
21	/08/2022	Petts Wood	Away	14:00	
28	/08/2022	Holborough	Away	13:30	
04	/09/2022	Chelsfield Park	Home	13:00	
11	/09/2022	Stockbury and Hartlip	Home	13:00	

### **HELP Needed to Print The Village Voice**

Chelsfield Village Voice has been published printed and distributed in the village and surrounding areas on a regular monthly basis, free of charge, for almost 14 years.

The printed version was initially photocopied in black and white until 2011 when Chelsfield Park Hospital stepped in and offered to sponsor us by providing a full colour printed magazine.

Unfortunately, due to pressures of cost they are now, after this July issue, are unable to continue with this support.

We owe the Hospital a

huge vote of thanks for everything they have done over those 11 years to support us, but now we have to explore new means of funding our monthly print run.

If there are any businesses out there able to sponsor a monthly print run of 400 copies of a 24 to 32 page newsletter then please contact me asap.

Alternatively, we could add a pull out centre spread (4 pages) of paid advertisements to cover the cost of printing the Village Voice. This would mean finding prospective advertisers willing to buy space at £100 per full page (or proportionally less for parts of a page).

If you would be interested in advertising in the Village Voice, or know a business that would like to please contact me.

Any other ideas on how to keep the Village Voice going would be very welcome, It's very important to maintain our free local magazine without it becoming page after page of ads!

Thanks

Dan Sloan 07414 920920 chelsfieldvillagevoice@ gmail.com



### u3a Orpington

"Against a background of sad international news we have cause to celebrate the 70 year Platinum Jubilee of our Queen and also another event very near and close to us.

Forty years ago this September the u3a was founded, set up by three friends in Cambridge with inspiration taken from the French model.

Today the u3a is worldwide with it's biggest presence in China!

In the UK there are some 500,000 member in over a 1000 u3a's. Orpington having 1000 members pre-Covid.

If you are retired or have

the time why not join us, we have eighty widely varied interest groups, which include Bridge, IT, Philosophy to Walking, an A-Z of interesting activities.

In addition there is also a monthly meeting with a topical public speaker, a chance to meet other members and potential friends over a cup of tea or coffee.

With the u3a Orpington celebrating its 40th Anniversary this September, why not become a member and pursue your undiscovered talents from 'Ambling in London', through the alphabet to 'Wordsmiths'?

for a General Meeting at the Crofton Hall BR6 8PR to hear speakers on the following dates:-

### 18th July

Ingrid Jansen 'Organise your House'

### 15th August

Anthony Poulton-Smith 'Origins of Place Names'

### 19th September

Irmgard Tonolo '29 years as a Volunteer at the Globe Theatre'

The above, founded on mutual cooperation is only £12 a year, if you would like to join us please phone our Membership Secretary on 07732 005819 or visit us on our website:

The u3a Orpington meets

ts <u>www.u3aorpington.org.uk</u>

### Hardly Sensitive Tree Surgery in the Village

We all try to respect the principals of conservation areas, of which Chelsfield Village is one. Yet here we see, right in the middle of the village, a tragic example of complete and utter disregard for protection of our village.





### **Badgers Mount Local History**

Badgers Mount is a close neighbour to Chelsfield Village. The Badgers Mount village website has road, early plans of the recently published a 'local area to the opening of the history timeline'. it's a work in progress and is looking for additions and

corrections It covers things from the local milestone on the turnpike M25.

If you can add to this

please let Gary know contact on the website. https://www. badgersmount.net/history Thanks

Gary Davies www.badgersmount.net Twitter:@Badgers mount

### Shocking Massacre at The Village Hall

It's actually the defibrillator training recently enjoyed by representatives of several of the local groups that make use of the village hall.

Kindly organised by Peter and Catherine Gandolfi who do so much in running and maintaining our hall.



### **Phil Lane's Amusing Contribution**



"The traditional giant Christmas Pudding arrives at the Five Bells December 1897"

(The cause of much discussion by the Mills Sisters by the look of it, as to how it will go in the oven!)

Phil Lane









The Benefice of Chelsfield with Green Street Green and Pratts Bottom

### St Martin's Chelsfield & Well Hill Calendar of Services – July 2022

All welcome! Come and join us any time. At the moment things might change at short notice so please watch the church website for updates (see link at bottom of page).

### St Martin's

Sun 3 July	10.00am	Family Communion
St Thomas the Apostle	6.30pm	Choral Evensong - BCP
Wed 6 July	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun 10 July	10.00am	Family Worship with baptism
4 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	6.30pm	Sung Eucharist - BCP
Wed 13 July	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun 17 July	10.00am	Family Communion
5 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	6.30pm	Choral Evensong - BCP
Wed 20 July	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun 24 July	10.00am	Family Worship with baptism
6 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	6.30pm	Choral Evensong - BCP
Wed 27 July	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun 31 July	10.00am	Family Communion
7 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	6.30pm	Choral Evensong - BCP
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### Well Hill

Sun 10 July 10.00am Morning Prayer Sun 24 July 10.00am Holy Communion







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### **Trading Standards Scam Alerts**



**Bromley Trading Standards** is warning residents that scam text messages claiming to be from the NHS and relating to Covid-19 are still circulating. For example:

'NHS: You've been in close contact with a person who has contracted the Omicron variant. Please order a test kit via [fake website link]'

Most people are no longer advised to get tested. The current guidelines on testing for Covid-19 can be found on the NHS website <u>Changes to testing for COVID-19 - NHS</u> (www.nhs.uk)

Covid-19 lateral flow tests are no longer free for most people. They can be purchased from some pharmacies and retailers, in person and online. Some people are eligible for a free test which are available via the **gov.uk** website <u>Order coronavirus (COVID-19)</u> rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

**Never** click on a link received in text messages or emails. This risks exposing your bank details and personal information.

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

- < If you have given your bank details, contact your bank as soon as possible. Call 159
- < Contact Citizens Advice for help and advice on 0808 223 1133
- < <u>Report scams to Action Fraud</u> on 0300 123 2040 or <u>www.actionfraud.police.uk</u>
- < Forward a suspicious email to report@phishing.gov.uk.
- < Forward a suspicious text message to 7726.
- < Report a suspicious website <u>Report a suspicious website NCSC.GOV.UK</u>.





# TRADING STANDARDS ALERT!

# Roofing scams Don't deal at the door

Alert 4.6

8<sup>th</sup> June 2022

"Your roof tiles are loose", & "We'll clean your <u>gutters for £30</u>" – this incident quickly escalated to several thousand pounds for unnecessary roofing work. The good news is that neither householder is out of pocket in these doorstep cold call cases reported to Bromley Trading Standards.

We urge you to follow the steps below. The risks in not doing so are shoddy work, a fraction of what was guoted being done, having no recourse, substantial overcharge and roques coming back for more, Don't be influenced by flashy leaflets, smooth talking, or vans that appear to be slickly liveried:

If you, a neighbour, or someone you know is being affected by roque traders, please contact our Rapid Response line on 07903 852090.

#### Don't deal with doorstep callers

Don't contact traders via leaflets that are delivered through the door - without making thorough checks beforehand >

Don't pay large sums of money in advance schedule payment as works progress

Don't be rushed into deciding – seek advice first from someone you trust.

Do get a minimum of 3 written quotes – prepare a clear detailed brief beforehand

Do seek references, read reliable reviews, ask to visit previous jobs

Do check directly with any reputable organisation named or who's logo is shown on a leaflet/website to make sure the trader is affiliated

Do get a contract in writing before work commence. Check the T & C's. You will be entitled to a 14-day cooling off period – with full written cancellation information and not just a mention on a leaflet or a tick box to say you agree.

Do check and verify a trader's insurance

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

< Contact Citizens Advice for help and advice on 0808 223 1133

< Find a reputable trader on Trading Standards Checked:

www.bromley.gov.uk/tradingstandardschecked

< You can also visit www.Bromley.gov.uk/scams

If you would like to receive Trading Standards Alert! direct to your inbox, please visit www.bromley.gov.uk/scams and complete the online form.

July 2022









- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned potatoes
- Cooking sauces
- Cold meat
- Squash
- Toothpaste (regular size please)
- · Washing up liquid
- Toilet Rolls
- Nappies size 6 & 6+

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PLEASE DON'T GIVE US FROZEN OR CHILLED ITEMS AS WE DON'T HAVE THE CORRECT STORAGE FOR IT AND IT SPOILS BEFORE WE CAN DISTRIBUTE IT.

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF: PASTA, CEREAL, TEA & BISCUITS

### TAKE A PHOTO OF THIS LIST WITH YOUR PHONE TO REFER TO WHILE YOU SHOP!

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# **Dates For Your Diary**

#### WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Tuesday Five Bells CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT 8.30pm

Every Thursday The Chelsfield Pub QUIZ NIGHT from 7.30pm

#### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Wednesday 6th July Chelsfield Village Hall Chelsfield Volunteers AFTERNOON TEA 2.30pm-4.40pm

Wednesday 6th July Five Bells Open Mic Night From 8.00pm

Thursday 7th July Halstead Village Hall Kent Heights Flower Club 7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Thursday 7th July Five Bells Live Jazz with Just Friends from 8.00pm Saturday 9th July Chelsfield Cricket Ground CHELSFIELD VILLAGE FAIR 12 noon - 6.30pm

Thursday 14th July Contact Sophie 07983 656022 KNIT & NATTER SOCIAL from 7.30pm

Saturday 16th July 185 Worlds End Lane iCARE Open Garden 2.00pm-4.30pm See page 12

Tuesday 19th July Chelsfield Village Hall Evening WI 7.30pm-9.30pm

Wednesday 20th July Chelsfield Village Hall Chelsfield Volunteers AFTERNOON TEA 2.30pm-4.40pm

Wednesday 20th July Coolings Garden Centre Afternoon Cream Tea From 2.45pm for 3pm See page 8 for details

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Wednesday 20th July Five Bells Open Mic Night From 8.00pm

Thurs 21st - Sat 23rd July Chelsfield Village Hall Ladies Down Under Chelsfield Players Doors Open 7.30pm See Page 4 for details

Saturday 23rd July Coolings Garden Centre Farmers Market 10.00am to 3.00pm

Thurs 28th July Chelsfield Village Hall Local History Group 10.30am-12.00 noon

Wednesday 3rd August Chelsfield Village Hall Chelsfield Volunteers AFTERNOON TEA 2.30pm-4.40pm

Saturday 17th September Chelsfield Village Hall Chelsfield Produce Show from 9.00am to 5.00pm

### **Recycling Bin Collection July 2022**

Monday 4th July Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste. Monday 11th July Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste Monday 18th July Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste. Monday 25th July Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste Monday 1st August Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste. Batteries, Small Electrical Items, Textiles (please only present Every week one small transparent bag each week, and re-present the following week if it is not collected Every 2 weeks (Mar-Nov) Green Garden Waste is collected fortnightly or monthly only every Month (Dec-Feb) from households that subscribe (£60 per annum) to the Bromley scheme (Telephone: 0300 303 8658 for advice)