



The Newsletter and
“What’s On” Guide for
Residents & Friends
of Chelsfield Village

June 2011

St Martin’s Wild West Fete

Help Raise Money for the Church
and for Christian Aid

Bring All the Family

The Rectory Gardens
Skibbs Lane, Chelsfield Village

Saturday 11th June

12 noon - 5pm

Kids Wild West
FANCY DRESS Competition!

Plus

Competitions - Face Painting
Bouncy Castle - Traditional Stalls

Refreshments - Games
Entertainment - and much more!

RAFFLE

Grand Prize: £200 Coolings Vouchers

Last Minute stall? - call 01689 872888
or visit: www.stmartinchelsfield.co.uk

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Contributions PLEASE !

Do you have any
concerns, pictures,
photographs, stories or
anecdotes to share?

Contributions for our
July issue should be
emailed to:

villagevoice@chelsfield.org

or posted to:

Chelsfield Village Voice
2 Bucks Cross Cottages
Chelsfield Village
BR67RN

By the 27th June please

Visit

www.chelsfieldevents.co.uk

St Martin's Toddler Group - Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a friendly volunteer to join our team. The group is open every Tuesday morning (during term-time). It involves arriving at 9.45am, getting the toys out, greeting the

children on arrival, offering refreshments, chatting to the parents, helping on the craft table, playing with the children, taking part in the singing and then putting the toys away at the end of the

session. Age no barrier! Feel free to pop in and see what we do.

Enquiries:

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Information on Rock Cottages Please

I am a resident of Hastings, East Sussex and currently researching for a book on a local coachbuilder James Rock (1791-1866) who in 1822 set up a coach building business here in Hastings. His parents were William and Lydia Rock who lived in Chelsfield as did James until he came to Hastings in 1822.

William and Lydia had ten children including James [William, Thomas,

Philip, Lydia, James, another Thomas, Parthany, George, Joseph, Catherine].

In the research that I have made so far both William and Lydia are described in various records as Blacksmiths and I am led to believe they lived in what are now called 'Rock Cottages' in Chelsfield.

I clearly would like to know more about them and where the family

lived. It was during my research I found the article in your magazine 'Chelsfield Village Voice' at page 9 of the October 2009 edition, where there is mention of 'Rock Cottages'.

Can you kindly tell me if 'Rock Cottages' are still there and if you have any information of any kind, on the Rock family.

Regards

David Renno

davidrenno@freeola.com

Village Fair will Auction Painting

Just over a month to go before the Fair (9th July) and we are delighted to launch, in the Village Voice, a special one-off fund-raiser. The publicity

flyers and posters for the Fair will be appearing shortly and the image they feature will be a stunning painting of the Kent Spitfire, over the

Village. The artist is Eddy Dodwell who is a photorealist artist based in Sevenoaks. He studied at the prestigious Camberwell School of Art and

following as career as an illustrator, he now paints full time; he will also be exhibiting at the Fair itself and you can see more of his work on his website:

receive an offer we can't refuse(!) by the end of the day on 9th July, the painting will be going on eBay that evening and you will have a chance to

with your offer, or telephone Dave Griffiths on 07796 696065.

We are also hoping to raffle one of the high quality prints of this painting in the Five Bells Pub between now and the Fair – more details later.

The Committee are now actively asking you, the good folks of Chelsfield, if you can spare us some time to help on 9th July. There are a number of jobs which require personnel and the more we have, the merrier. We need people to help marshal traffic (smiling, pointing and answering any number of daft questions!), we could do with people to help on the gate, sell ice cream and help out in the tea rooms. Sharon Wright is the person co-ordinating the volunteers and she can be contacted at: sharon@chelsfieldfair.com Being involved is great fun – we are a relaxed team and you will be helping a number of good causes including our headline charity: Cancer Research UK.



www.eddydodwell.co.uk

The original painting will be on display at the Fair and Eddy has generously donated it to be auctioned to raise money for the Fair. So, unless we

bid for it. You can view a colour image of the painting on our website: www.chelsfieldfair.com and if you would like to make an offer, please email: painting@chelsfieldfair.com

Finally, the Prize Draw

for the Village Fair will be launched in the next week. Tickets are available from the Five Bells, other outlets and members of the Committee and the prizes are a Family Ticket to London Zoo, Afternoon Tea at Fortnum and Mason and a Haribo Hamper for the

Kids. All funds go to our headline charity, I-Care and local good causes.

I may have time to send you a final update in the next edition of Village Voice, but if I don't, I hope you enjoy the Fair and if you would like to lend a hand, please get

hold of Sharon and we will put you to good use.

Dave Griffiths
Chairman
Chelsfield Village Fair
Email:
admin@chelsfieldfair.com
Telephone:
07796 696065

Property Marking

We have arranged with the Police that they will come to the Cricket pavilion on June 18th from 11am to 13.00pm to mark any property that anybody brings along. It would be most useful if you were to bring your gardening tools and equipment, and anything else (bikes etc.) so that

in the event of a theft, you may stand a reasonable chance of getting your property returned to you. If property is marked the villain's are less likely to be bothered to return and try to obtain possessions which they would have difficulty in passing on. Hence it is a double deterrent.

Remember also to report all crimes. The police will response to areas which are being targeted, but if they do not get told, they will never know!

John Leach
Chelsfield
Neighbourhood Watch

Bromley Residents Federation

We were told about the upcoming council "Snow Conference". Local residents; groups are invited to attend to hear talks about how the council coped with the snow last winter and what their plans are for next winter. Also a resident who acted as a "Snow Friend" will speak of their experi-

ences last winter. Refreshments will be provided. Chelsfield Village Society hopes to send a representative. Anyone can become a Snow Friend. You are issued with a snow shovel and a bag of salt/grit. The council will not be clearing pavements except near schools. Hopefully there

will be more details in the next issue.

Delegates reported that the new Bromley Council planning web pages do not seem to be working properly for all users. This may be work in progress but needs to be monitored as the information should be freely available.

The next Mayor and Deputy Mayor are the Liberal Democrat Councillors David McBride and Reg Adams. There have also been a few changes amongst the portfolio holders –those responsible for particular areas of the council’s remit. Changes are afoot with the neighbourhood policing arrangements. It has been suggested that Bromley may be combined with Lewisham for this aspect of policing. With the perceived higher crime rates in Lewisham it is important to report any crime in the area, however trivial it may

seem, or Bromley is likely to suffer a reduction in policing levels. School crossing patrols will continue at present but the council is looking at alternatives.

Our MP, Jo Johnson, has stated that he wants to keep Orpington Hospital open and will campaign hard to protect it. There has been an increase in street rubbish bins being filled with domestic rubbish due to the fortnightly collection. It is costing the council more to empty these bins regularly and it may be costing more than having a

weekly collection. The Chairman is a GP by profession, stressed the importance of taking advantage of available cancer screening. Some of you may have had letters from your GP’s surgery about free bowel cancer testing. Please take advantage of it. He also suggested that men should ask for a prostate cancer test once they have reached 55-60.

Some delegates reported that their GPs were reluctant to provide this as it was not a reliable screen. However, there is no current readily available alternative.

Chelsfield Riding School

The season started with Showjumping in April and Dressage.

Both were well attended and blessed with good weather.

Remember to visit our animal feed shop when next you’re passing the stables. We stock a variety of small animal, birds,

smallholder and domestic pet foods.

Events:

12th June
Dressage

17th July
Dressage Championship

31st July
Dressage demonstration & Hog Roast

Come and see for yourselves and experience Chelsfield Time!

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CHELSFIELD,
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www.chelsfieldequestriancentre.co.uk

Charity Bike Ride

Sunday 28th August 2011



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 your name to the list behind the bar at the Five Bells with a £20 deposit

Raising money for Help for Heroes and local good causes



Chelsfield to Brighton Bike Ride

On Sunday the 28th August (the day before a bank holiday Monday) I am arranging a Chelsfield to Brighton bike ride.

The list of participants is being held behind the bar in the Five Bells. £20 secures a place. That £20 will pay for a coach back from Brighton, a van to bring the bicycles back, fuel and some refreshments along the route. If I have sufficient participants I will also include a basic barbecue back at the Five Bells.

There will be a van driving along the route to assist anyone who experiences difficulties. Marshals to start and finish the ride, marshals at a

'pit stop' at The Plough in Bletchingley

On deposit of the £20 participants will receive a briefing pack which explains the requirements of the day and a detailed route plan for the ride.

The riders need to be by the village hall for 0830hrs that morning and will have at least 6.5 hours to cover the approximately 52 mile ride,

There will be a charity collection after the event. Half of what is raised will be donated to Help For Heroes. The other half will be donated to a charity that is the choice of one of the participants on the day. Anyone who

takes part can write down a charity (registered) of their choice, it will be drawn on the day. Whatever I have left from the event fee will also be put into the charity collection

I am looking for 49 people to ride on the day (I am limited to the number of seats on the coach). To make this successful or indeed even viable I need some real commitment from the local community so that I can book and pay for coaches etc. This translates into people going into the Bells and putting their names down.

Keith Lipscombe

An Early History of Chelsfield Village School - Part 5

In the late 1990s both at home and in School the provision of electric light is very much taken for granted but up until at least the early 1940's, paraffin lamps hung in each classroom at Chelsfield Village School, suspended from the ceiling. On dark, winter days or

overcast days these needed to be lit up and this task was one undertaken by the School Caretaker. Regular maintenance of the lamps was also essential by way of trimming the wicks to ensure a satisfactory burn and also keeping the lamps

topped-up with paraffin for immediate use. This important job was one of the multitudes of duties undertaken by the School Caretaker which enabled School life to function in a satisfactory way for pupils and teachers alike. It must have been essential for the

seemingly ever-present row of Lime trees along the front of the School playground to be cut back each year. Even today it is noticeable how much of a shadow they cast over the windows along the front of the School and with only paraffin lighting, it would have been very gloomy inside even in the summertime.

From the very earliest days of the Village School right up until the present time in the late 1990s the smooth, day-to-day running of School life has been greatly helped by the multitude of tasks undertaken by the School Caretaker. In the early days of this Century onwards the Caretaker's working life was extremely onerous and it seems particularly appropriate therefore to include a description of the many tasks undertaken at this stage in writing the story of Chelsfield Village School history. In total the workload of the School Caretaker has always consisted of seemingly never-ending cleaning work both inside

the School premises and also in the playgrounds and yard outside which need to be kept tidy. In the early years especially, the workload was very heavy indeed in the physical sense as well as the volume of individual tasks that needed to be carried out day by day in the School premises. Despite these demands the work of the Caretaker at Chelsfield Village School has always been undertaken most assiduously and with great devotion to meet the needs of the children and staff. It certainly strikes me that a School Caretaker has to be quite a special individual devoted to the School in order to cope with all the requirements of the cope week upon week for years on end.

Chelsfield Village School has been very fortunate in having a number of very hard-working Caretakers in its long history. In the early 1920s and for many years onwards the work of School Caretaker was carried out by Mrs. Martin who lived with her husband and family (including her brother, Ernie Packham) in Bucks

Cross Cottages. Mrs. Martin's husband was "Jumbo" Martin and for a long period he was the roadsweeper in the Chelsfield area along with Mr. Page who came from Pratts Bottom. Following Mrs. Martin, and for very many years the work of School Caretaker was undertaken by Mrs. Wickenden who lived with her husband and children in one of the three Crosshall Cottages located next door to the School. In more recent times the three Cottages have been converted into one large Cottage with its front entrance opening onto the end of Warren Road opposite the Five Bells Public House. Originally however, there were also two other separate dwellings as part of that site with their front doors opening onto the alleyway running along one side of the School playground (separated by the School railings as seen today). Children in the playground could look across to the two Cottages there - and no doubt still do so today! Mrs. Wickenden and her

family lived in one of the Cottages facing the School and Mr. and Mrs. Turner and family lived next door. The front Cottage was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their children with their front steps opening onto the pavement across the

road from the Pub. Mrs. Wickenden's children all attended the Village School along with all the other children from Crosshall Cottages and indeed the many other Cottages which made up the Chelsfield Village community. The onerous

work undertaken by Mrs. Wickenden as School Caretaker was alleviated on a number of occasions through help given by one of her daughters whose name was Gertie and who died in September 1997.

Carol Margetts

Scam WARNING from Trading Standards

Dear Residents,

Please see the following email. If you have information that may be of use please contact us or the Trading standards rapid response number below.

Matthew Nye
PCSO 7346 PY
Chelsfield &
Pratts Bottom SNT
Tel: 0208 7212605
matthew.nye@met.police.uk

We have been made aware of 5 scam/frauds in the last couple of months whereby residents are cold called at home and told that work is being done on a neighbouring property and that damp / roof / drain problems have been discovered which affects them. They are then asked for a de-

posit to pay for the hire of equipment to remedy the problem, which they are told will be refunded at the completion of the job. Once money has exchanged hands the cost of the hire inexplicably rises and a further request for money is made, and so on.

There have also been incidents where the resident has been told that work to their property has been required by a landlord and that the resident will be reimbursed by the landlord on completion of the job

So far £16,950 has been lost in this way.

We are preparing a press release to warn consumers of this problem but if

you have any residents who may have been approached at home by anyone claiming works are required on their property they should call us first on our rapid response number 07903 852090.

If you have intelligence on any cold callers operating in the Borough, please send me the details via my secure gcsx email.

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Trading Standards

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Criminal Damage to Vehicles

Dear Residents,
We would like to make you aware that in the past few weeks we have had at least 25 separate incidents of Criminal damage to vehicles, 10 of which were on the same night. This includes wing mirrors smashed and broken off and bonnets/roofs being jumped on. The main areas being targeted are, JULIAN ROAD, WORLDS END LANE, FOXBURY DRIVE, DALESIDE, WARING DRIVE, WOODLANDS ROAD, VINE ROAD and GLEN-TRAMMON ROAD. These incidents have taken place between the times of 22:00-0200hours. As you may already know Safer

Neighbourhood Teams do not work 24/7 so the majority of the time during these hours we are unfortunately not on duty. The latest we are working this week We will be putting in a request this week to see if it is possible to change our shifts from days to nights to try and combat this issue. We would like to ask residents to do as much you can to help us even if it's parking on a neighbour's drive if you don't have access to one or just tucking in the mirrors of your cars if possible. In the meantime we would urge residents to stay vigilant and to report any incidents of criminal damage or suspicious behaviour.

To report a crime please call the non-urgent crime reporting number 0300 1231212 or if it is happening at the time please always call 999. If you have any have any information that may be of use to us please do not hesitate to contact the team, all calls will be treated in the strictest confidence. Please take this opportunity to help us to make your area a more pleasant place to live. Thank you,

Matthew Nye
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Chelsfield &
Pratts Bottom SNT
Tel: 0208 7212605
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WARNING from Trading Standards

HMRC FRAUDULENT E-MAIL
It looks pretty genuine; the website link is correct; but anyone who decides to 'click here' is directed to a page asking for Bank account details. Apparently thousands of people have already fallen for this, mainly because of the HMRC web

page, but the link is nothing to do with HMRC and they don't seem to be able to do much to stop its proliferation:
"From: re-bate@hmrc.gov.uk
Subject: Tax Rebate
Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011 08:37:39
After the last annual calculation of your fiscal activity we

have determined that you are eligible to receive a tax rebate of: £ 244.79. Regarding this, please [Click Here](#) in order to process your tax rebate. TAX REBATE NUMBER: UK833859-HMRC/2011 Please allow us 9 to 14 days to process your refunds. Our head office address can be found on our web site at

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/>
Thank you,
HM Revenue & Customs
Officer
William FULTON
www.hmrc.gov.uk"

BRITISH GAS FRAUDULENT E-MAIL

Another one doing the rounds, which may be worth warning staff and consumers about:
"From: British Gas
[mailto:info@britishgas.co.uk] Sent: 19 March 2011 22:19

Subject: Notification

Refund Notification

After the last annual calculation of your gas and electricity activity, we have determined that you are eligible to receive a refund of 732.80 GBP.

Please submit the refund request and allow us 5-7 days in order to process it. Please fax the following 2 documents in order to have us process your request. Provide a legible, colour,

digital photograph or scan of both sides of your government-issued ID (e.g. driver's permit or passport). Name and Address
Town/City, County and Postal code
Please send us the documents by fax at:
+44 (0)117 315 0456
Please do not reply to this email. This mailbox is not monitored and you will not receive a response.

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Bromley Council

Main switchboard:

020 8464 3333

E-mail:

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.

Books can be reserved from here, or over the Internet via the Bromley library website for later picking up from the mobile library.

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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

Five Bells

Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am
Contact Pam Keeper on
01732 458930

EVERY THURSDAY

Viva Acappella

Ladies Barbershop Chorus
Practice
Contact Helen 07984
961696

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday 9th June (2nd Thursday Each Month)

Brass Crosby Room

Crafts For All

Come and Try Your Hand at
a Range of Crafts
11.00am

Friday 10th June

The Five Bells

Dupe, Live Rock

8.30pm (closes midnight)

Saturday 11th June

The Rectory—Skibbs Lane

St Martins

Church Fete

Sunday 12th June

Chelsfield Riding School

Dressage

Wednesday 15th June

(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

Parish Room-Skibbs Lane

Internet Cafe & Local History Transcription

2.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 15th June

The Five Bells

Open Mic Night

Thursday 16th June

(3rd Thursday each month)

Brass Crosby Room

Local History Group

10.15am—Midday

Sunday 19th June

The Five Bells

Fathers Day

Don't Forget to Book a
Dinner for Dear Old Dad

Sunday 26th June

The Five Bells

Lee Harrison & His Guitar

Starts 4.00pm in the front
bar

Sunday 3rd July

Holly Cottage (Phone 01689
858634 for full address)

Railway Open Day

12.00 Midday-5.00pm

Wednesday 6th July

(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

Parish Room-Skibbs Lane

Internet Cafe & Local History Transcription

2.30-4.30pm

Thursday 7th July

The Five Bells

Live Jazz—Just Friends Sextet

Starts 8.30pm

Saturday 9th July

Cricket Field

Chelsfield Village Fair THE BIG ONE!

Wednesday 13th July

The Five Bells

Open Mic Night

Sunday 17th July

Chelsfield Riding School

Dressage Championship

Friday 22nd July

The Five Bells

Ray Rich Band

Starts 9.00pm (pub closes
midnight)

Wednesday 27th to Saturday
30th July

Chelsfield Village Hall

Chelsfield Players present

Love in a Mist

A comedy by Kenneth Horne
Box Office 01689 831187

Sunday 31st July

Chelsfield Riding School

Dressage Demonstration & Hog Roast

Saturday 6th August

Holly Cottage (Phone 01689
858634 for full address)

Railway Open Day

12.00 Midday-5.00pm

Sunday 28th August

Chelsfield - Brighton

Bike Ride
