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## White Admiral Butterfly

Last summer while on the lane back to Chelsfield from Shoreham I saw a White Admiral butterfly (*Limenitis camilla*) and thought what a striking colour scheme it has. When settled the adults are unmistakable with the uppersides of their wings being black with broad white bands. By contrast the undersides are in complete contrast with a mix of black, white and brown. The manner in which it flies is not typical of most butterflies as it tends to glide more than most and for this reason its closest relatives are known as 'gliders' on the continent.

This butterfly can be found primarily in the region defined by a line running from the Bristol channel to the Humber estuary although isolated colonies exist outside this area. This is one of those species that has had an improvement in its fortunes in the last century and during this time its distribution has spread out from southern England. It may be that global warming has allowed the species to

thrive at sites that had previously been too cool

of its larvae. Almost any type of woodland is



or the cessation of coppicing, that has been detrimental to so many woodland butterflies, has benefited this species

suitable as long as honeysuckle is available. The adults feed on honeydew, betony, thistles and brambles. In



which requires honeysuckle growing in shady woodland for the successful development

fact their wings can become very tatty when spending too much time on brambles probing for

nectar.

The caterpillar associated with this butterfly is one of those peculiar types that looks as if it would be more at home in a tropical setting (see photo).

While on the subject of butterflies I'm reminded of a time I was hiking in the Canadian Rockies. I had just rinsed a piece of clothing in a stream and had left it on a rock to dry in the sun. Very quickly a butterfly settled on it to feast on the residue salt still on the clothing. I took a photo of it and decided to try to identify the species when I got home. To my surprise while looking up this butterfly on the internet I found there were many almost identical species which only an expert could separate. Each was associated with a different mountain range



(from memory these were the likes of Kananaskis, Jasper and Sundance). Many of these ranges were in close proximity to each other and it seemed that the process of speciation was taking place. This is the process whereby one species, divided by a natural barrier such as mountains or rivers causes small groups of that species to become genetically isolated. Once this happens the

group begins to evolve away from its mother group until interbreeding is no longer possible and a new species is born. But I digress. The white admiral is less common than the better known red admiral and its colours are not as vibrant but they are striking in their bold contrast. So keep an eye out for them in the next couple of months when they are most likely to be seen.

*Steve Fuller*

## Last Post on Windsor Drive

Dennis and Leonie Penny are to shut up shop at the Chelsfield post office in Windsor Drive after 12 years behind the counter there. The exact date of its closure is unknown but is likely to be before the

end of August. The popular subpostmaster and his wife have been hit by a triple whammy. Many services carried out by post offices for the government have been taken away in re-

cent years, parking restrictions at Windsor Drive have affected custom and the Pennys' landlord has obtained a court order for repossession. He wants to sell the flat above the shop which

has been the couple's home since they took over the post office after leaving South Africa in 2001.

As traditional services dwindled, Post Office Ltd's "transformation team" pressed Dennis, aged 67, to turn his business into a "local" – essentially a limited service consisting of an open post office counter within a shop, rather than a shop attached to a post office protected by a security screen, which it considers an unviable model for modern times. But Dennis did not want

to take that option, arguing that the parade could not support another newsagent, general store or sweetshop. He calculates he would have to increase his retail business by 50% to make up the income lost by going "local".

The couple are now resigned to being both jobless and homeless before long. "We'll be out on the street, no roof over our heads, no income, no money – destitute," Dennis told Village Voice. According to Dennis, there have been some "expressions of interest"



by others in setting up a new-style "local" at the Windsor Drive shop, which has been a post office since the 1930s. But at the moment its future is uncertain.

## Chelsfield Cricket Club

Did you know that Chelsfield Cricket Club is one of the oldest clubs in Kent? More of this later.

Originally the playing area was sited adjacent to St. Martins Church with the actual wicket approximately where the current layby is on Court Road.

When the by-pass (A224) was constructed in the '20's, the old ground was obliterated. However a wealthy local landowner kindly gave over some arable land from which today's ground was

created.

The Club currently play other local villages on a 'friendly' basis. There are local leagues but the small size of the club makes it difficult to be competitive in such competitions.

It is a worrying time for cricket in general as, each season, clubs in the South East disband through lack of interest and support. This seems to be associated with the fact that little cricket is now played at schools and therefore the number of

younger available players is reducing.

We at Chelsfield certainly feel that it is important to promote one of England's traditional pastimes and rue the day when no longer will be heard the sound of leather on willow in the village.

You may be aware that the Club has recently renewed the lease on the ground for a further 25 years but to continue to survive we need more support in terms of playing and non-playing membership.

If you can play, rest assured that at Chelsfield enthusiasm is much more important than skill! Phone the Captain now, number below.

Don't be worried if you haven't got all the right equipment as we will be able to kit you out for games.

Similarly, if you wish to finan-

cially support the club by being a non-playing member then please make contact with one of the officers below.

Also, if anyone wishes to hire the ground for a wedding, family picnic or private party then please contact our secretary.

So, whether you want to play, spectate or just be a

supporter of your village club then please do not hold back, do make yourself known and help maintain the village sport.

Back to the introduction, how long has cricket been played in Chelsfield?

*Dave Lambert*

## Cricket Club Fixtures

DATE	OPPOSITION	HOME/AWAY	TIME
SAT 19 APRIL	SHOREHAM	AWAY	01:30
SAT 26/SUN 27 APRIL	NO FIXTURE		
SAT 3 MAY	CHELSEFIELD PARK	HOME	02:00
SUN 11 MAY	HSBC	AWAY	01:30
SAT 17 MAY	ORPINGTON	HOME	02:00
SUN 25 MAY	KNOCKHOLT	HOME	02:00
SAT 31/SUN 1 MAY/JUNE	NO FIXTURE		
SUN 8 JUNE	PAKISTAN 11	HOME	02:00
SUN 15 JUNE	PETTS WOOD	HOME	02:00
SUN 22 JUNE	WROTHAM	AWAY	02:00
SUN 29 JUNE	BRASTED + SUNDRIDGE	HOME	02:00
SUN 6 JULY	OTFORD	AWAY	02:00
SUN 13 JULY	ST. MARYS	HOME	02:00
SAT 19/SUN 20 JULY	FETE		
SUN 27 JULY	LEIGH	AWAY	02:00
SAT 2 AUGUST	ORPINGTON	HOME	02:00
SAT 9 AUGUST	CHELSEFIELD PARK	AWAY	02:00
SUN 17 AUGUST	WEALD	AWAY	02:00
SAT 23/SUN 24 AUGUST	TBA		
SAT 30/SUN 31 AUGUST	TBA		
SEPTMEBER FIXTURES TBA			

## Church Update/News

The Tryhorn Field has finally been rolled and seeded not only with grass but a lot of wild flowers. By July it should all look very different, and ready to receive the first burials. Due to the collection of ramshackled build-

ings that once adorned the site, we had to pick off about 50 barrow loads of bricks and rubbish that came to the surface during harrowing. When the grassed area is established we shall cut meandering pathways

through with the mower to see the wild flowers, which should be an added bonus. If anybody wants the rocks and bricks as hardcore please contact me and come and take.

*Philip Lane*

## Chelsfield Village Fair 2014

This year's Fair is on Saturday 19th July and will be held, as usual, on Chelsfield Cricket Green. All the preparations are in full swing, as indeed they have been since November 2013 and we are sticking to the winning formula. So we welcome back Eagle Heights with their ever popular Birds of Prey display and we are delighted that Croydon Steel Orchestra are with us, despite the fact that they have to split in two to be in the Isle of Wight and Chelsfield simultaneously that day (a clever trick and painless, I'm given to understand). Mike Delaney will be taking up his traditional slot displaying his outstanding football skills and letting the kids all have a go. We have a classic car display

including a contribution from the Metropolitan Police Historic Vehicles collection and on the opposite side of the arena, we will have pony rides and, for the first time this year, a small petting zoo run by Second Chance Animal Rescue. We think it will be cuddly cute things with the odd crocodile thrown in to liven things up but reptile fans will be catered for by our friends Reptile Events who will be bringing their superb collection of rescued lizards and snakes. If we can keep eagles, snakes and rabbits from becoming one another's lunch, I think we'll chalk it up as a success!

Our headline charity this year is Bromley Mencap, who provide wonderful

services for disabled people, their family and carers and the remainder of the charitable funds will go to all our local good causes.

But what about the aeroplanes, I hear you cry! Well, provided the Spirit of Kent Spitfire has a new propeller in time (a slight landing mishap the other week), we will be having the D-Day Spitfire Duo - that's right, two Spitfires! And after a few formation passes, a single Spitfire will thrill the crowds with what is becoming a traditional feature of our Fair. And this brings me on to Chelsfield Flying Club. The Flying Club consists of anyone who pays £50 or more towards the cost of the aircraft displays - to date we have never had

# Chelsfield Village Fair

Saturday 19th July 2014 from 12 noon

All the fun of the Fair!

Eagle Heights: Birds  
of Prey

Mike Delaney Soccer  
Skills Academy

Croydon Steel  
Orchestra

Barbecue  
Hog Roast

Commemorating  
the 70th Anniversary  
of D-Day with a  
formation Spitfire  
duo and solo display  
PLUS a Hurricane  
solo display

*(subject to serviceability and weather)*

Beer Tent  
Tea Rooms

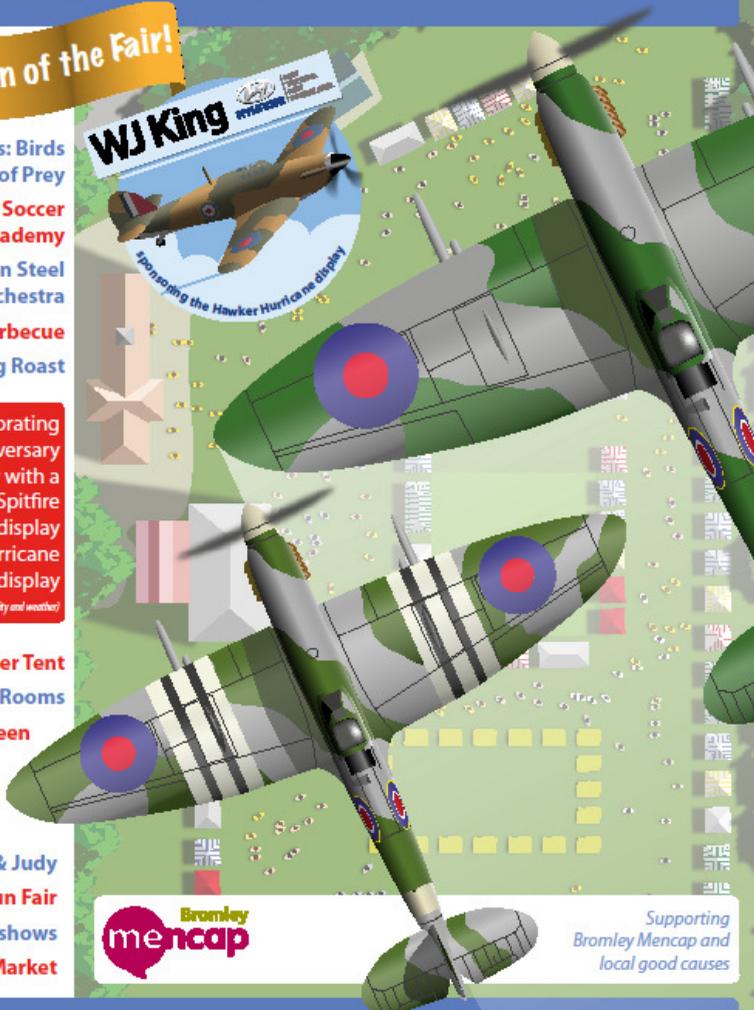
May Queen

Miniature  
Railway

Pony Rides

Punch & Judy

Fun Fair  
Sideshowes  
Market



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to dip into Fair funds to pay for the aircraft, it has all been paid for by the generosity of the Flying Club members. £50 will get you the exclusive 2014 T-Shirt and an invitation to a special hangar visit at Biggin Hill to see the extraordinary collection of Spitfires. You can send a cheque made out to Chelsfield Village Fair to me (4 Orlestone Gardens, Chelsfield, BR6 6HB) or give me cash, or indeed pay on-line by going to [flying.chelsfieldfair.com](http://flying.chelsfieldfair.com). However if you want a T-Shirt, please email [admin@chelsfieldfair.com](mailto:admin@chelsfieldfair.com) with your T-Shirt size by Sunday 8th June when I will be ordering them and it's a minimum of £50 per T-Shirt.

But that's not all, our new promoter David Padilla (another Orlestone Gardens resident) has hit the ground running. He has managed to persuade W



J King (Bromley) to pay for a display by the Hawker Hurricane which is absolutely superb.

Next month I will update you with more details about traffic and parking (and other dull stuff like that), but in the meantime, if you'd like to get involved, we always need volunteers so please email me at [admin@chelsfieldfair.com](mailto:admin@chelsfieldfair.com) and I will pass your details on to Sharon who

organises our armies of volunteers.

In the meantime, do what you can to cheer up the weather and behave yourselves! And Like our Facebook page - just go to [www.facebook.com/chelsfieldfair](http://www.facebook.com/chelsfieldfair).

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## I'm Collecting Tobacco Tins

I am collecting pipe tobacco tins. As an erstwhile pipe smoker (one pipe a

year) I have become nostalgic for all the old brands. If anyone has any old to-

bacco tins they can pass on, gratefully received. I have about 20 so far.

# **CHELSEFIELD, WELL HILL AND DISTRICT PRODUCE SHOW**

**Saturday 6th September 2014  
In Chelsfield Village Hall**



*Patricia Peek, 2012 entry*

## **SCHEDULE AND RULES**

**Set up from 9.30am**

**Viewing from 2.00pm**

**Prize giving time to be announced on the day**

## Flower arrangements

1. A culinary design using herbs and foliage only.
2. A classical triangle arrangement no taller than 18in.
3. 😊 A teacup posy arrangement
4. Men only: A flower arrangement with a garden tool.

## Flowers

5. 3 Dahlia blooms, of different varieties
6. A spray of miniature roses.
7. The purest white flower.
8. The best single bloom of a rose, a chrysanthemum and a fuchsia.
9. An arrangement of flowers and fruit on a plate.
10. The most unusual pot plant and where it comes from.

## Vegetables

11. Gardener's choice. Enough vegetables for a meal for 2 comprising potatoes and 2 other vegetables.
12. X2 A clean sheet. A collection of 5 different single vegetables on a plain sheet of A4 paper.
13. 5 Potatoes – one cultivar.
14. 3 Onions- tied & trimmed.
15. A spray of cherry tomatoes.
16. 5 medium to large tomatoes.
17. 7 Pods of Runner beans.
18. A pair of cucumbers.
19. 3 Beetroot, one variety, trimmed.
20. 😊 A humorous vegetable.
21. Any other vegetable.
22. A bucket of home produced compost.

## Fruit

23. 3 Dessert Apples- polished.
24. 3 Cooking Apples- unpolished.
25. 3 Pears.
26. A bowl of 3 types of fruit.
27. The heaviest apple.
28. A dish of wild fruit and nuts.

## Wine

29. A bottle of dry white table wine.
30. A bottle of sweet white table wine.
31. A bottle of dry red table wine.
32. A bottle of sweet red table wine.
33. A bottle of root wine.
34. A bottle of ginger beer.

## Country Fare

35. Fruit loaf, made in a 1lb tin.
36. 5 Chocolate truffles –to given recipe.
37. Themed cake – Autumn theme – decoration only to be judged.
38. Quiche Lorraine.
39. X2 Lemon souffle - to given recipe.
40. A jar of crystallized citrus peel.
41. A jar of blackberry jelly (jam).
42. A tub of beetroot chutney.
43. 3 Squares of chocolate brownie.
44. ☺ Men only and children: 5 shortbread biscuits – to given recipe.

## Photographs - All to be unmounted max size 8½ " x 6"

45. Dawn or dusk.
46. Emotion.
47. A local scene (Chelsfield or Well Hill).
48. Learning.

## Handicrafts

49. A Knitted or Crocheted item.
50. A cross stitch sampler – own design.
51. An item of patchwork, machine or hand sewn.
52. A greetings card with a max. 3 in. square textile window panel.
- 53.☺ A decorated picture frame, max. 7.5in. x 9 in. – any medium.
- 54.☺ Any craft or hobby (specify if using a kit).
55. Watercolour wild flowers.
- 56.☺ An illuminated letter S.
- 57.☺ Knit a Christmas pudding and robin to hold chocolates for Harris Hospice – patterns provided.

## Miscellany

- 58.☺ A matchbox (standard size) filled with real listed items starting with the letter W for Well Hill.

Classes marked X2 earn double points.

Classes marked with ☺ can be entered by adults or children. The children's entries will be judged separately in 4 age groups: under 5, 5-7, 8-11 and 12-18. The Individual's best 3 scores to count.

## Additional schedules and enquiries

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# The Cups & Trophies

KNOX-CUNNINGHAM CUP - Household cup, adult classes only.

WELL HILL CUP – Household cup, all classes.

KEN PICKERING CUP- First awarded in 1996. This is awarded to the “best in show”

TOM CASTLETON ROSE BOWL – This is awarded to the garden judged to most enhance Chelsfield Village.

ALLOTMENTS CUP- First awarded in 1996. To be awarded to the individual with the highest number of points in the vegetable class.

CHILDRENS' CUP- This is awarded to the child with the highest number of points in the Children's' classes.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II GOLDEN JUBILEE PLATE - This is awarded to the individual with the highest number of points not awarded the Knox-Cunningham or Well Hill Cup.

WINE CLUB CUP - First awarded in 1996. This is awarded to the individual with the highest number of points in the Wine Class

COUNTRY FARE CUP – This is awarded to the individual with the highest number of points in the Country Fare class.

TRISS & JOHN COTTENDEN TROPHY – First awarded in 2007. This is awarded to the individual with the highest number of points in the Flower classes.

## PROGRAMME

Staging: 9.30-11.00 a.m. Entries will not be accepted after 11.00 a.m.. Judging 11.30. Viewing 2.00p.m. Prize Giving 3.00 p.m.

## RULES

Open to residents of Chelsfield, Well Hill and District.

30p per entry. Children's classes free.

Competitors may submit more than one entry in each class, but can only win one prize per class. Children may submit entries in adult classes 30p per class.

Fruit, vegetables and flowers (except in classes 1-4 and 28 must be home-grown. Handicrafts, cookery and wine must be homemade. No item may have been exhibited at this show in previous years.

Winning entries will be awarded points as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize: 3 points (red card) & prize (will vary according to class)

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: 2 points (blue card) & prize (will vary according to class)

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: 1 point (yellow card) & prize (will vary according to class)

Class 12 and 39 will merit double points for each prize. Handicraft classes and children's classes will be judged on individual merit.

Children's classes will be judged in four age groups - up to 5, 5-7, 8-11 and 12-18. Best 3 scores to count

## Household cups

The Knox Cunningham Cup will be awarded to the household with the highest number of points gained in all adult classes. The Well Hill Cup will be awarded to the household with the highest number of points in all classes. No household may win both cups. Only the best score in the household in each class will be counted.

Each entry must be accompanied by a 2" square of white paper (yellow for children, provided). On the back should be:

Your name

The class number of your entry

You will be given a competitor's number when you arrive, which must be written on the front of the square of paper.

Entries for the children's classes should show the child's age on the front of the square of paper.

Lovely names Parson's Pleasure; Presbyterian Mixture; No Name; Digger

Mixture etc. Dad and I smoked most of them and dad still does. As he is

nearly 98 does not seem to have done him any harm!!  
*Philip Lane*

## Hospital Open Day

The Princess Royal University Hospital (PRUH) is holding a community Open Day on Sunday 6 July. The free-to-attend event will take place from 11am until 3.30pm in the hospital car park.

In the first event of its kind in the borough, the PRUH is inviting Bromley residents to discover the inner workings of a busy acute hospital, and find out more about common health conditions that can affect us all.

The Open Day has been running for many years at the PRUH's sister hospital, King's College Hospital in



south London, and has regularly attracted in excess of 2,500 visitors.

King's took over the running of the PRUH in October 2013.

## Chelsfield Primary School - Forest School

Those of you that walk around or across the village green, may have noticed that a clearing has been made amongst the trees and scrub on the far side of the field, and alongside the footpath. This is the start of a 'forest school' area for our local Chelsfield Primary school. The idea of Forest Schools is to encourage

and inspire individuals of any age to appreciate and enjoy their local woodlands, and to learn and play in a woodland environment. Forest schools originated in Sweden during the 1950s, and was a way of teaching children about the natural world. The idea was adopted by Denmark as an important part of Early Years provision, and the concept was

introduced to Britain in 1995. Many other local schools are incorporating these concepts to support and enrich the National Curriculum. Apparently this area next to the field used to be allotments before it was allowed to revert to the wild. Its interesting to see this area being used for a worthwhile purpose.

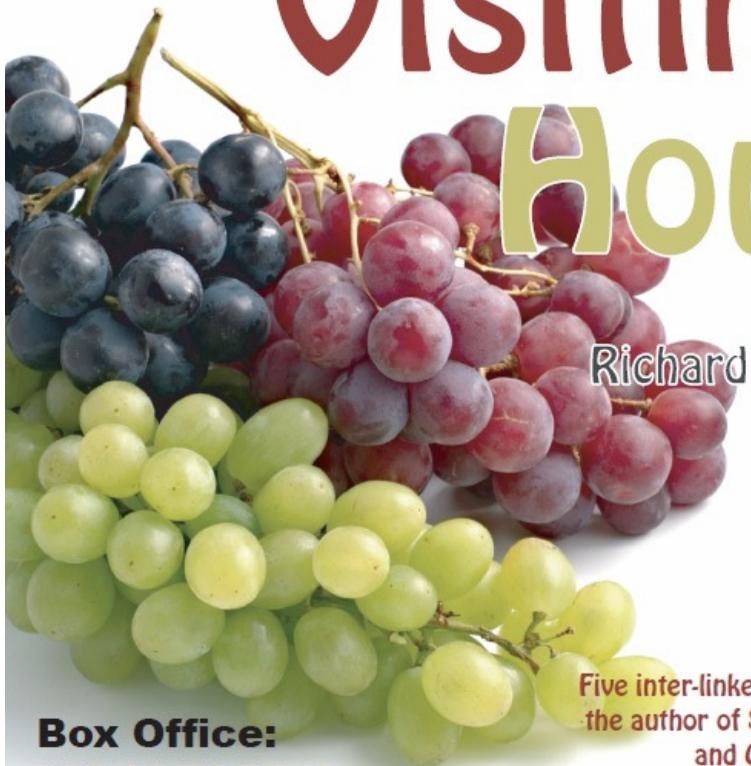


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## Local History Group

A colourful piece of Bromley history with special interest for Chelsfield was the topic of Patrick Hellicar's talk for the local history group at St Martin's in May entitled "The Morrell brothers – the boys who built suburbia". The Morrells arrived in our corner of Kent amid the house-building boom of the 1930s. Over a mere five or six years Morrell (Builders) Ltd transformed farmland into suburbia at Petts Wood – the Queensway side; Coney Hall, where they built 1,200 houses; part of West Wickham; and bits of Bromley, Shortlands, Southborough, Hayes and Orpington. They also developed the Castlewood Estate, off Shooters Hill at Eltham. At the end of October 1933 they turned their attention to Chelsfield, snapping up 85 acres of green fields around what became Windsor Drive from the Waring family for £8,500. They described it as "peaceful and charming" and "quiet, beautiful and healthy". By 1936 development was under way and their adverts boasted:

"You'll remember Chelsfield as the finest estate you've ever seen." Under the direction of twins Cyril and Stanley Morrell (born 1908) and their younger brother Frank, the firm's rise was meteoric. At first the trio operated as CH Morrell from their home territory of Herne Hill, in south-east London. But in 1932 they changed the firm's name to Morrell (Builders) Ltd and the next year set up HQ in Bromley High Street and began building in Hayes and Petts Wood. They kicked off at Coney Hall in 1934 and had completed 800 houses there by February 1935. Just when everything was looking rosy, Frank, now 24, was killed in an early-morning car crash just after Christmas 1933 at Beckenham Road, Clockhouse. His brothers named Franks Wood Avenue in Petts Wood as a tribute to him. Morrells are often lumped in with the "jerry builders" of the 1930s and many people think they only built semi-detached and a few detached houses, all in mock-Tudor style. But

Patrick showed they produced properties of reasonable quality that have stood the test of eight decades and are sought-after today, and that they embraced other styles. The brothers took a stand at the Ideal Home Exhibition in 1935 and displayed a flat-roofed Art Deco-style house in the "Village of the Future". The design, by architects Leslie H Kemp and Frederick E Tasker – well known for their Art Deco cinemas including the Commodore at Orpington – had won a Daily Mail prize in 1934 and Morrells offered to build it anywhere the buyer chose. Only three were built, but two are Grade Two listed and the third, in Dublin, is designated a "protected structure". Kemp & Tasker also designed a house for Cyril and his wife Pat, and it was built by Morrells in 1936 at Dorchester Drive, Herne Hill. An Art Deco dream, recently restored and with all its original features still virtually intact, it was Grade Two listed in 1997. Dorchester Court, containing 96 luxury flats in eight blocks

alongside Cyril's home, was built by Morrells in 1934 and is also listed. Generally, Morrells catered for a lower-middle-class market and in 1935 their cheapest house was a two-bedroom semi on the Old Mill Farm Estate at Orpington (behind Carlton Parade), costing £479 – mortgage repayments 11s-2d a week. In 1936 a few two-bed semis could be had at Chelsfield for £575. But Chelsfield also boasted more expensive homes – a three-bedroom detached cost £1,395. In 1935 the brothers decided to float the company on the Stock Exchange. The plan was to raise £150,000 of new money to build shops on their estates, the rents providing funds to finance further building. However, the flotation was a flop and before long Morrell (Builders) was in severe financial difficulties. A “company doctor”, Sir Harold Moore, was brought in and in January 1937 the company went into voluntary liquidation. Twelve months later, Sir Harold presented a scheme to transfer the assets of Morrell (Builders) to Morrell Estates & Development. It was approved but before

the year was out the *parent* company was also wound up. One big casualty was the Chelsfield estate. When the axe fell, only High Beeches, Spring Gardens and Warren Drive had been built, plus a few houses in Windsor Drive and Warren Road. Ultimately, Orpington Urban District Council stepped in after the Second World War and bought the site to develop the Windsor Drive estate [the subject of a talk by Patrick in June 2013 for the history group]. Morrells' troubles were multiplied by a High Court action famously known as “The Borders Case”. In 1934, Jim Borders, a London cab driver, and his wife Elsy – both Communist Party members – bought a Morrells house at Kingsway, Coney Hall, for £730 with a mortgage from The Bradford Third Equitable building society. The Bradford handed over the cash to Morrells but kept back £43 in a building societies' “pool” set up to cover any losses from mortgage defaults. Soon a catalogue of faults emerged with the house and during 1937 the Borders began withholding their mortgage repay-

ments. The Bradford sought to repossess the house but Jim and Elsy replied with a counter-claim for £500 to cover the cost of repairs they said they had to carry out. The hearing began on 13 January 1938 and lasted 18 days, Elsy handling the case herself. The Borders accused the Bradford of misrepresenting the value of their property, which they claimed was “shoddily built”, and challenged the legality of holding back part of the cost in a pool while charging interest on the full amount. In the end, the judge dismissed both the Bradford and Borders actions but gave Elsy and Jim title to their house without having to pay any more instalments. However, appeals on both sides kept the Borders case alive until a House of Lords ruling in the building societies' favour in 1941. That seemed to be the final chapter of the Morrells story. However, Patrick discovered that only days after Britain declared war on Germany in September 1939 Stan and Cyril formed a new company called Ixworth (Contractors) to build, erect, supply and deal in

“air raid shelters of every description” and to carry out land development. His research also revealed that despite Cyril being declared personally bankrupt in December 1940 and Stanley likewise in September 1941, Ixworth continued in business until the 1970s, carrying out notable building schemes at Beckenham and Billericay and property projects in many other places. Installed in a new Bromley HQ by the early 1950s, the brothers also formed a string of other active prop-

erty companies over the following decades, though all were eventually liquidated.

In 1949-50 Stanley and his wife Barbara had a new house built for them at Garden Road, backing on to the Sundridge Park, golf course, and lived there for the rest of their lives. The house was demolished recently and replaced with a larger one. Cyril and his wife, Pat, had left their stunning Art Deco house in Dorchester Drive by 1950 and in 1967 bought a sixth-floor apart-

ment in a new block overlooking the Brighton sea-front.

Stanley died in May 1979 at the age of 71 leaving an estate worth £100,000. Cyril passed away the following October, leaving £92,600. Cyril's wife died in 1982 and the Morrells' sister Winifred in 1989. None of them had children and the family fortune trickled down to Barbara, Stan's widow, who died in 2009 aged 95 and bequeathed all the Morrell money to charity.

## **Broadband - Have You Got a Speed Problem?**

Chelsfield Village Society has been approached by Steve Barnes of Downe Residents Association regarding rural broadband speeds. This has been taken up with Jo Johnson MP, and Bromley Council.

Steve Barnes wrote: I'd like to understand if there is a problem in other parts of rural Bromley. In discussion with Catherine Gandolfi, it seems that Chelsfield have a similar problem of slow broadband speeds, and no current

prospect of getting "superfast broadband" (fibre optic technology). I'm keen to understand the problem a bit more, and it also makes sense that Chelsfield join in with Downe and Cudham in a campaign to improve things.

Therefore, I'm keen to hear from people who are experiencing slow speeds, to build an accurate picture of the problem.

To help, please go to [www.speedtest.net](http://www.speedtest.net)

and check your speed (just press "begin test" then note the download and upload speed when finished). Please e-mail these (plus your exchange code - eg 01689 plus your postcode) to me at [sj.barnes@btinternet.com](mailto:sj.barnes@btinternet.com) (no personal information needed). Hopefully we can then work to get decent broadband speeds in this area - the only area in Greater London which is not yet promised them!

You may be interested in looking at this map, which I have marked with the (anonymous) data I've collected so far....

<https://www.zeemaps.com/map?group=946366&location=Bromley&add=1>  
*Steve Barnes*

Note: You can also view the Uswitch map to see the speeds other local areas are getting.  
<http://www.uswitch.com/broadband/speedtest/streetstats/>

## Progress so far

As a result of concern at residents association AGMs at Cudham and Downe, Rev John Musson and myself resolved to try to do something to improve the slow broadband speeds we are getting in the local area. The approach so far has been the following:

### 1 Establish the facts

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By asking yourselves to supply some details of the speeds you are getting, we are building a good picture of what is

happening. The issue is on Farnborough (01689) and Biggin Hill (01959) exchanges, with a few people on Knockholt (also 01959). Farnborough and Biggin Hill are "superfast broadband" ready – but not for our area. Both Openreach (BT) and Virgin Media have confirmed they have no current plans for rolling out superfast broadband here (but Openreach certainly could do so if funded).

### 2 Get a Bromley Council person appointed –

we have spoken to Cll Richard Scoates and MP Jo Johnson. Both have undertaken to appoint a role in Bromley responsible for rural broadband. The Government have said that it is a Council responsibility. We would expect this person to "lead the charge" !

### 3 Identify sources of funding –

There are a range of options here, but we are firstly aiming for Govern-

ment grants that are available for improving rural broadband speeds around the UK. Jo Johnson has agreed to write to the Government department responsible. If we can get the money, we would ask Bromley Council to steward this money and plan for implementing solutions. So far, there has been a positive response from Jo Johnson, and we are awaiting the outcome of Bromley discussions with Stephen Carr (Leader of Bromley Council).

We are thinking through a range of alternative strategies should any of the above fail – for instance what happens if we cannot get a Government grant (next step is to press for Bromley funding).

Hopefully we can then work to get decent broadband speeds in this area - to quote Jo Johnson "I agree it is completely unacceptable that areas within the M25 do not have access to superfast broadband".

*Steve Barnes  
Rev John Musson*



We would like to thank  
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## 7th Annual Well Hill Musical Concert

The 7th Annual Well Hill Musical Concert will be held at the Well Hill Mission Church on Sunday 13th July. The very popular Annual Classical Concert will be performed by The Thames Gateway Quartet. Weather permitting it will

be held in the lovely church gardens. The tickets are priced at £6 and includes delicious tea and cakes. All profits will go towards the Mission Church. Please contact the following for tickets:

Carol and Chris Courtney  
01959 535022

Wendy and Norman  
McDonnell  
01959 534310

Julia and Terry Sparkes  
01689 823749

Vera and Gerry Walker  
01689 606738

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### **Bromley Council**

Main switchboard:

020 8464 3333

E-mail:

[csc@bromley.gov.uk](mailto: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 be-  
tween 11:15 and 11:45.

### **Chelsfield Village Society**

[cvscontact@gmail.com](mailto:cvscontact@gmail.com)

### **BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital**

Main Reception

01689 877855

Helpline

0845 6032932

Physiotherapy

01689 885914

### **Councillors**

Julian Grainger

01689 889392

[julian.grainger@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:julian.grainger@bromley.gov.uk)

Samaris Huntington-Thresher

020 8464 3333

[samaris.huntington-thresher@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:samaris.huntington-thresher@bromley.gov.uk)

Russell Jackson

[russell.jackson@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:russell.jackson@bromley.gov.uk)

### **Chelsfield Village Voice**

[villagevoice@chelsfield.org](mailto:villagevoice@chelsfield.org)

### **Chelsfield Primary School**

01689 825827

BT Line Faults 0800 800151

**EDF** Electrical Power Failure  
08007838866

**Thames Water** Emergencies  
0845 9200800

**Transco Gas** Emergency  
Service 0800 111999

**Bromley Police Station** 24 hrs  
0300 1231212

**Samaritans** 01689 833000

NHS Direct 0845 4647

**Safer Neighbourhood Team** 020 8721 2605

**Chelsfield Village Hall**  
(bookings) **01689 831826 / 836808** or email to  
[cvhlettings@gmail.com](mailto:cvhlettings@gmail.com)

### **Chelsfield Players**

[info@chelsfieldplayers.org](mailto:info@chelsfieldplayers.org)  
[www.chelsfieldplayers.org](http://www.chelsfieldplayers.org)

### **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 01689  
853215

#### EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall and  
Brass Crosby Room

#### Chelsfield Housemartins

Monday Afternoons, for  
local people who are unable  
to go out without help Contact  
Anne on 01689  
826349

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Brass Crosby Room

#### St Martin's Toddler Group

10.30am-12.00 midday  
Contact Sarah Ford:  
01689 853415  
[stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com)

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Outside the Village School

#### Mobile Library

11.15am-11.45am

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells

#### Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

#### EVERY

#### WEDNESDAY

#### Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am  
Contact Pam Keeper on  
01732 458930

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Thursday 5th June

Five Bells

#### Just Friends (Live Jazz)

Starts at 8.30pm

#### Saturday 7th June

The Rectory Gardens

#### St Martins Fete

#### Wed 11th June

Five Bells

#### Open Mic Night

Starts at 8.30pm

#### Sat 14th June

Five Bells

#### World Cup

England vs Italy  
Starts at 11.00pm (Tickets)

#### Sunday 15th June

12 The Meadows

#### Open Garden

NGS Scheme  
From 1.00pm - 5.30pm  
Admission £4 (Kids Free)  
Tel: 01689853210

#### Tues 17th June

Chelsfield Village Hall

#### Evening W.I.

Newcomers Welcome  
From 7.45pm  
Contact Pat 01689862326

#### Thurs 19th June

(Third Thursday of every month)

Brass Crosby Room

#### Local History Group

From 10.30am

#### Thurs 19th June

Five Bells

#### World Cup

England vs Uruguay  
Starts at 8.00pm

#### Saturday 21st June

Warren Road Primary  
School

#### Summer Fete

12.30pm - 4.30pm  
Admission £1 (Kids Free)

#### Tues 24th June

Five Bells

#### World Cup

England vs Costa Rica  
Starts at 5.00pm

#### Wed 25th June

Five Bells

#### Open Mic Night

Starts at 8.30pm

#### Thurs 26th-Sat 28th June

Chelsfield Village Hall

#### Visiting Hour

A Chelsfield Players  
Production (see page 14)

#### Friday 27th June

Brass Crosby Room

#### Coffee Morning

Plants, Cards, Cakes and  
good company  
10.00am

#### Saturday 28th June

Parish Church of All Saints'  
Bark Hart Rd, Orpington

#### Choir & Orchestra Concert

7.30 pm Mozart –  
Nunes Garcia  
Tickets £12 at the door or  
£10 in advance from  
01689 871925

#### Sunday 13th July

Well Hill Mission Church

#### 7th Annual Well Hill Concert

Tickets £6 Contact Chris  
01959 535022

#### Saturday 19th July

Chelsfield Cricket Ground

#### Chelsfield Village Fair

The BIG event of the year!

#### Sat 6th September

Chelsfield Village Hall

#### Produce Show

The Longest Running  
Village Annual Event