



The Newsletter and
"What's On" Guide
for
Residents & Friends
of Chelsfield Village

March 2009

ORIENTEERING

Is it for you? - Try it !

How do you loose weight without dieting, live longer, save money and keep the children happy at the weekend?

What is the miracle cure? Sport. Any sport will do. If you've not got one already why not try an accessible one such as Orienteering. Orienteering is an outdoor adventure sport.

The aim is to navigate between control points marked on a map to complete the course in the quickest time. It does not matter how young, old or fit you are, as you can run, walk or jog the course and progress at your own pace.

The Kent Orienteering league is coming to Lullingstone Park on Saturday 18th April. Even if you know an area well, orienteering is a great way to discover hidden corners of our countryside..

Beginners can enter by

registering in the car park by the visitors centre between 11.00 and 12.00, Check our website www.dfok.co.uk for further details and any changes. Basic instruction and equipment are provided, no map reading experience is necessary. We suggest you email us at newcomers@dfok.co.uk before the event so we can help get you started. Alternatively just ask one of the officials on the day. The Kent Orienteering League is great for adults, juniors and families.

We are also opening a permanent orienteering course on the same day. We will leave markers in the woods for you to find whenever the park is open, though to really experience the sport you need to go to an organized event.

Entry fees for Kent Orienteering League events are

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CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE !

If have an event, a story, an amusing experience, anything, tell us, this newsletter is your voice to speak to the village.

Contributions should be emailed to:

villagevoice@chelsfield.org

or posted to:
Chelsfield Village Voice
2 Bucks Cross Cottages
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£4 adults/ £1 juniors/£8 family. You don't need any special kit to begin with. Compare that to gym fees. And as you get into the sport you'll find you won't need so many cheer yourself up shopping trips – you'll be enjoying yourself too much.

Sean Cronin (Coach, Dartford Orienteering Club).

Here are some pictures of previous events - the runner in the lower picture is Graham Griswood who is part of the UK world championship relay team (*no serious competition then ! - Ed*)

The key details for your diary are:

Sat 18th April
 Meet at Visitor's Centre
 Car Park - GR TQ
 526638 - don't forget to
 pay-and-display.

Off the A225, Farningham to Otford road, S of Eynsford.

Start times; 11-12.30
 Courses: 2k very easy,
 4km moderate, 5.5km
 hard.



Phil Lee-Jones 2008



Newcomers of all ages are welcome. Map, basic instruction and electronic timing equipment will be provided. You don't have to be a member of an orienteering club. We recommend you email us at newcomers@dfok.co.uk so that we can arrange

for someone to give you some help to get you started. Alternatively just ask one of the officials

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 ONLINE**
 go to
www.chelsfieldevents.co.uk

The Albino Squirrel is back!

Dear Villagevoice,

Reading the latest village voice I noticed the photo of the albino squirrel. I have a photo of this squirrel in the gardens behind Chalk Row Cottages, Maypole Rd: which is some distance from the area it has previously been seen.

Clearly the range of a squirrel is larger than I thought. The photo is a photo of a photo so please excuse the poor quality. Note the ongoing theme of a bird feeder...

Regards

*Steve Fuller
4 Chalk Row Cottages
Maypole Rd*



A COMMUNITY SHOP IN CHELSFIELD

The idea of community shops is to be supported. Would it work for Chelsfield? I am not sure.

Small population and proximity to Orpington are factors against. Physical location may also be a problem. However, perhaps people remember the Court Lodge Farm shop. It was within walking distance of the village and the produce was local. Very local to be exact.

Something on the same lines which, maybe, could also sell daily items such as newspapers, stamps, bread, milk etc is, I think, worth further consideration.

An aside:

May I also raise the subject on internet access in the area? I have a broadband connection via my phone line. The maximum download speed I can get is not much more than 1Mbit/sec. Do others in the area suffer in the same way?

Graham Stead
Bucks Cross Farm

25 years drinking Homemade Wine

On February 14th Well Hill Wine Club celebrated their 25th anniversary with a dinner at the Five Bells. Rather than print the very formal article written for the *Village Voice* by Les Cox, founder of the wine club, I thought it more amusing to print the speech he made to members at the dinner:

“As the founder and one of the original members of the Well Hill Wine Club, I would like to say a few words.

The first meeting was at my home on Friday 13th January 1984, a lucky day for us. Meetings were held at Rosewell Cottage for over 14 years, until March 1998 when, due to our house move we decided to alternate the venue between the members.

At the same time that the wine club was started so was the Gardening Club, which lasted only a few months. Proof, if any is needed, that fruit and veg are better *after* fermentaion!

The format of the club has changed during the past 25 years:

◆ In February 1987 we started voting for each others wine, I personally thought this was a bad idea, I was last on that 1st occasion and many times since.

◆ In July 1994 I started making notes of topics discussed . . . highlights later.

◆ In the summer of 1997 to add competition to the voting, trophies were introduced, Pat’s idea.

◆ For several years we had a tasting stall at the Church Fete, a good excuse to drink on Saturday afternoons.

Dans has been in the forefront of new ideas for other social events, e.g. dressing up as women and going to St Lucia or Amsterdam . . . and these were his better ones!

In 1991 Dan invited the World’s Press to our Friday meeting but unfortunately only the News

Shopper turned up, but we did get a good write up, even if the photo only had Dan & Pat in it! One of the paper’s comments was that we all walked to the meeting - I do not remember Dave ever walking even though he lived the nearest!

Dave was also at that 1st meeting, along with Ted Checksfield, Ken & Sue Pickering. Andy, Bill & Pat followed at the 2nd meeting, Dan in February 1986. Chris, the new boy, started in March 1999, and after 10 years, is still unable to master the scoring!

I have recently reread the notes of the meetings and could spend all night reading them out. Most comments are a surprise even to those who actually said them, perhaps the alcohol is responsible. You ladies may think you know what we get up to, but some of the comments are quite unrepeatable, but here are a few examples:

◆ Dave wanted to come back as a lesbian

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◆ Chris once wore black eye make-up

◆ Andy believes we are all aliens and that cows cause more emissions than aircraft.

◆ Pat told us of his experiences with trawlermen and sailors

◆ I have never said anything controversial but have always been trying to tap the knowledge of the Builders and Do-it-Yourself members (*oh Yea !!! Ed*)

The comments can generally be summarised as “full of Alcohol”, the dictionary definition of which we recently found to be *CRAPULOUS*, what more can I say!

Finally, all good things must come to an end, but this is not true. Once the funds permit we are all going to take advantage of the advances in Cryogenics and meet every 25 years. We have already booked the restaurant for our half Centenary—see you then *CHEERS*”

Les Cox

Friday 6th March - Five Bells

Live Irish Music with Liam Coleman & Friends

Tuesday 10th March - Five Bells

Charity Quiz - 9.00pm

Wednesday 11th March - Five Bells

Credit Crunch Busting Promotion from 6.00pm Curry and a Pint for £7.95

Tuesday 17th March - Five Bells

St Patrick's Day Charity Quiz - 9.00pm

Thursday 19th March - Brass Crosby Room

Local History Group - 10.15am

Friday 20th March - Five Bells

Live 60's Music with Billy Shears (Prize for best 60's dressed person / couple) - Fun night free admission

Sunday 22nd March - Five Bells

Mothering Sunday Lunch/Dinner - special family menu - Booking essential

Tuesday 24th March - Five Bells

Charity Quiz - 9.00pm

Wed 25th - Sat 28th March - Chelsfield Village Hall

Chelsfield Players present “*A Ghost on Tiptoe*”
Tickets £6.00 - Phone 01689 831187

Tuesday 31st March - Five Bells

Charity Quiz - 9.00pm

Friday 10th April (Good Friday) - Five Bells

Beer Festival Starts 20 guest ales & Live Irish Music (Willie Austen, family & friends) - 9.00pm

Saturday 25th April - Chelsfield Village Hall

St George's Day Evening Dinner and Party

Saturday 25th April - Five Bells

St George's Day Banquet

Saturday 6th June - Rectory Gardens

St Martins Fete

Saturday 11th July - Cricket Field

Chelsfield Village Fair

A Ghost on Tiptoe (The Chelsfield Players) — Synopsis

Barnstable learns he is suffering from Blum's Disease and has only 18 months to live. He at first decides to keep it a secret from all but his friend Henry. However he cannot resist the temptation of letting the cat out of the bag and is constantly disappointed by the effect the news has on his loved ones. During the course of the play he discovers what life is all about and his family learns what it is to live with a man determined to make his mark as an artist and to entertain them with his cooking.

But the play, like life, is a comedy with all the twists and turns you might expect - and some you wouldn't!

Box Office Opens 16 February 2009

To Book:-

telephone(01689) 831 187

or write to **The Chelsfield Players,**
c/o Mrs. B Payne,
24, Cheltenham Road,
Orpington,
Kent.
BR6 9HU

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well Close, Bromley, BR1
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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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Why not join Chelsfield Village Society?

Chelsfield Village Society acts as the voice of Chelsfield Village. We receive and disseminate local information. We are consulted on various local, council, borough and Greater London matters. We have the opportunity to represent the Village on several local bodies. Without the Village Society our voices would not be heard and we would not be informed of local information. As a member you can elect the committee, serve on the committee and take part in decision making about the future of your village.

It only costs £3 a year to be a member of Chelsfield Village Society, or £30 for life membership. If you would like to join please fill in the form using capitals and send to Catherine Gandolfi,

3 Orlestone Gardens, Chelsfield Village. BR6 6HB

I enclose £3 for annual membership, or £30 for life membership of Chelsfield Village Society.

(cheques payable to Chelsfield Village Society)

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| Transco Gas Emergency Service | 0800 111999 |
| Orpington Police Station 1000-1800 Monday-Saturday | 0300 1231212 |
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