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

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Quiz Night

Chelsfield
Village Hall
Saturday
March 8th
7pm for 7-30pm

Ticket £6

(Bring own

drink)
Refreshments

Enquiries Anne 01689 826349

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If you have any upcoming events, amusing stories, photos or illustrations, that you would like to share with your fellow residents, then send them in for inclusion in the April issue to:

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By Friday 28th March please

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Leyland Cypress or The great Leylandii disaster of Christmas 2013

On the 23rd December a storm blew through most of the country and visited Chelsfield on its way. I saw from the last issue of the Voice that a number of trees fell in the village. some causing blockages to the roads. A fallen tree that was probably unnoticed by the majority of inhabitants of our village fell in the gardens of Chalk Row Cottages and so I decided this month to write about this particular species of tree: the leylandii tree and the events of the 23rd December.

The story begins about 30 years ago when a previous owner of Maple House known as Dave Higgs decided to grow a



boundary marker between the gardens of
Chalk Row Cottages and
his property: the stables
that surround our gardens. He decided that a
good way of creating a
quick boundary would be
to plant some fast growing saplings such
as....leylandii, also
known as the Leyland
cypress or
(Cupressocyparis leylandii).

Before going on with the story some horticultural history is required. This tree which causes so many problems between neighbours is an interesting example of the rare occurrence of a cross between two trees from different genera (i.e., they are not closely related). This cross fertilisation occurred between a Nootka cypress (a false cypress) and a Monterey cypress in 1888 at Welshpool and created a tree that had the hardiness of a Nootka and the fast growth of a Monterev. In fact it is the fastest growing conifer in

Britain, growing as much as 4 foot a year. Interestingly, no leylandii tree alive has yet reached maturity: all are still growing!



So, back to the story. To create a good dense boundary Dave planted the trees about a yard from each other as they were, after all, very small plants and quickly the saplings set about their chosen task in life: growing.

Fast forward 30 years and 50 to 60 foot of growth, mix in a Christmas storm and a weakness within one of the



trees created by the ingress of years of water seepage and the inevitable happened. It began with my neighbour Gary knocking on my back door telling me that a tree had fallen on our cars. He had heard the crash. but me, being slow of wit and senses had not heard a hoot. We battled through the rain, wind. dark and potential dangers of a second tree falling to find what at first appeared to be an extraordinary lucky situation. It seemed that the tree, which was tall but thin due to having spent

ly between our two cars and amid the copious foliage appeared to have done little damage. We quickly decided that due to the storm and the potential possibility of more trees falling we would address the problem in the morning. Christmas Eve morning bought the realisation that our luck had not been as good as we had thought the previous evening and that the tree had actually caught Gary's car on its way down doing extensive damage to the side of his car. I had been relatively

mirror and a few dinks that could only be seen under the right lighting conditions.

The full extent of the damage was only truly revealed after my neighbours; Gary, Mike and the owner of the stables Lewis, and I had thrown the combined forces of two chain saws, one guad bike and three hours of labour at the problem, see photos. From a legal point of view such incidents as this constitute 'Acts of God' and can only be attributed to the negligence of the tree's owner if the potential problem had been pointed out (in writing) prior to the event. Although we had eyed the trees on many occasions and wondered, I guess we never really though the inevitable would happen. When it did, Lewis's help was much appreciated and strangely, gave us the opportunity to get to meet him when most of us had only been on nodding terms. The future plans are for these trees to be cut back to a 'safe' height and hopefully this will happen in the spring.

Steve Fuller



its life growing in close proximity to other trees of its kind, had fallen directlucky in that the only damage to my car was a nominally attached wing





CHELSFIELD VILLAGE HALL

BUCKS CROSS ROAD, BR6 7RE 26-29 March 2014, 8pm Tickets £,8.00

CARRINGTON

VC

BY DOROTHY & CAMPBELL CHRISTIE

War hero Major Carrington is accused of stealing money from the regimental safe. With his career and marriage at stake, he finds himself up against British military justice and his vengeful nemesis Colonel Henniker

Box Office: 07816 505448

www.chelsfieldplayers.ticketsource.co.uk (10% booking fee for online purchases) www.chelsfieldplayers.org chelsfield.players@gmail.com This play is being entered into the Bromley Theatre Guild Play Festival



Bromley Museum Improvement: The Priory Revisited

Residents may be interested in progress with plans to renew the Bromley Museum at the Priory from the 13th century, when it was used by clergy on journeys from Lambeth to Canterbury.



in Orpington, which were set out at an open afternoon on 16 January. The project costs are still being finalised following consultation, but Bromley are planning to apply for upwards of £2m Heritage Lottery Funding. The bid will be decided in September.

Following consultation last year, Bromley set out their plans to improve the fabric of the building and redesign the displays. The building is Grade 2* listed and parts of it date

Since then it has been converted for family use. Georgianised and re-Medievalised. Caroe Architects explained that their plan is to "bring the building back to life". The oldest parts of the building will be carefully improved for exhibitions/displays. This will also include an education room/function room, community space on the Gallery, and better facilities for staff and volunteers (who are crucial to the Museum). The

building is currently on seven different levels, but a cleverly designed ramp and a lift will vastly improve access. WCs and a spacious cafe will be incorporated, with good circulation and wheelchair space throughout. Caroe have sought to "recover the character of the historic landscaping" by moving the car parking away from the front of the building and restoring the area in line with the original design.

There will be permanent exhibitions on "Bromley's Past": and on "Innovation and Creativity" which will focus on famous people who lived in the Borough. There will also be a room dedicated to John Lubbock, the father of the heritage movement. Among his many achievement he is said to have taught a dog to read and kept a pet fox! A fourth theme will be the story of the building and the people who lived there. There will be temporary displays for 3 months at a time on, for example, HG Wells, Heather Firbank dresses:



and loans from national collections.

Finally, there will be a range of events, activities and tours for both children and adults, designed in line with the many ideas which came from the consultation. If successful, the bid will provide a wonderful facility for the north of Orpington and should promote wider renewal of the area.

Plans can be viewed at the Museum, or



downloaded by going to the Bromley Museum website and looking the pages on The Priory Revisited (files are large!).

Pam Temple

2nd Chelsfield Guides

2nd Chelsfield Guides meet in the Brass Crosby room on Wednesday evenings (term time) 7.30pm until 9pm.

We welcome new Guides from aged 10 years and over. Our meetings are extremely varied with crafts, games and outings and girls come from many different schools and therefore develop new friendships outside of the school environment. Subs are £20 per term.

In the last year we have learned many skills and taken a number of badges. We have also had outings to the Theatre, ice skating, bowling, abseiling, zip wire, archery, camp to name but a few. In our meetings we have learnt cooking, flower arranging, manners and posture, made our own cosmetics,

dancing, sewing, First Aid, Fire Safety,etc. During the summer we spend time at Cudham learning campfire cooking skills and having fun in the woods.

If you think you would like to join Guides or try it out for an evening, please email pen@chelsfieldguides. co.uk or ring Penny on: 07711989958 or Liz on

07774995276



The New Rector of Chelsfield

Welcome to Rev John Tranter and his wife Janet as they move into the Rectory and join us in the

village and at St Martins.

Police Help You From Becoming a Victim of Burglary

Having your home burgled can be a traumatic experience, and therefore we are determined to reduce the chances. of it happening in the first place by raising peoples' awareness of security. 36 per cent of burglaries result from insecure properties – please don't let your home become a target. Help us to protect your home by taking simple steps such as using timers to turn lights and radios on, fitting alarms, making sure homes are properly locked and by keeping valuables and presents out of view. Please be vigilant and

use these simple steps to secure your home and keep criminals out. Our ten top burglary crime prevention tips for residents:

- 1. Mark or etch your property with your post-code, house or flat number or the first three letters of your house name.
- 2. Register items with a serial number at www.immobilise.com
- 3. Do not leave your car keys, valuables or ID documents near a door, letterbox or window.
- 4. Always check who's at the door and don't open it if you feel anxious.

- 5. Close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you are only going out for a few minutes.
- 6. Keep your valuables out of sight
- 7. Leave some lights on if it will be dark before you get home
- 8. Fit a mortice lock to your front door and other external doors. Consider installing a burglar alarm.
- Always keep sheds and outbuildings locked
 Cancel milk or other deliveries if you will be away for days or weeks at a time.

John Leach Neighbourhood Watch

News of Orpington Hospital

A recent advertisement appeared in the Bromley Times for nurses for Orpington Hospital. King's College Hospital is opening a new purpose-built Neurorehabilitation/step

down ward. This ward will have 20 beds delivering rehabilitation for patients, supporting and assisting them to live as independent a life as possible. The stated aim is to ensure

that the local community have access to excellent health care as part of a high quality healthcare system for Kent and south-east London.



What Happened to February?

Sincere apologies to all contributors and readers of Chelsfield Village Voice, due to other commitments and general pressure of work there just was not enough time to put together the February issue. We hope this has not been an inconvenience or problem have dated this March to any of you.

I must say, however, that it is encouraging to realise, from the enquiries and emails received, that we have been missed!

In order to ensure that readers don't think they have missed an issue we copy "February / March",

to bridge the missing month!

Thank you all for your continuing supply of articles, notifications of events, photographs and general support.

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Olympic Hero Supports Active Life Campaign

OLYMPIC HERO JOINS ACTIVE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN TO **IMPROVE BROMLEY'S JOINT & BONE HEALTH**

Steve Backley OBE, the former Olympian and javelin world record holder, has joined forces with BMI Healthcare in London to support BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital's Active for Life campaign. Looking after your bones and joints takes a lifetime of dedication and the BMI Active for Life campaign aims to raise awareness around joint and bone health to help people

keep flexible, active and doing the things they love.

Research from the National Joint Registry has shown that in 2012 the number of knee replacements performed in the UK increased by 7.3% while the number of hip replacement procedures, during the same period. increased 7.5%. The main indication for surgery in the majority of these cases (92% for hip replacements and 98% for knee replacements) was osteoarthritis, a condition that affects the ioints. Osteoarthritis, the most common form of

arthritis in the UK, was also the main leading cause for ankle replacement procedures (83%) and shoulder replacement procedures (61%). It is estimated that around 1 million people each year visit their GP for this condition.

Steve Backley is supporting the BMI Active for Life campaign to raise awareness around the growing number of people each year who are having knee, hip and other joint replacement procedures. Steve underwent a hip replacement back in 2005, and knows all too well the pain that patients



can go through before surgery, "My need for a hip replacement left me in pain and reduced my mobility. But, my hip replacement has completely transformed my life, giving me back both my freedom and mobility. I'm supporting BMI Active for Life to highlight the importance of joint and bone health to hopefully help more people lead an active life to reduce their risk of needing joint replacement surgery as they age."

"Osteoarthritis affects different people in different ways. The main characteristics of the disease are mild inflammation of the tissues in and around the joints, damage to cartilage and bony growths that develop at the edge of the joints," Commented Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Mr John McAllister at BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital. "This can result in pain, stiffness and difficulty doing certain activities. While it is not always possible to prevent osteoarthritis you can take steps to help minimise your risk of developing it by staying healthy, look-

ing after your weight. avoiding injury and keeping your joints and bones as healthy as possible." Mr McAllister and his team at BMI Chelsfield



Steve Backley OBE with Ruth Hoadlev Executive Director at BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital.

Park Hospital have put together a guide on how Bromley residents can maintain their bone and joint health at any age.

To download the guide visit www.bmihealthcare.co.uk health." /orthopaedics

As part of the campaign an advice line has been set up for people suffering from joint pain, or in need of an orthopaedic replacement procedure.

You can get in contact with us by calling: 0808 101 0373 for advice.

"Joint health and bone health is something that we can all take for granted. While arthritis is never completely preventable we hope that this campaign, with the support of Steve Backley will help educate people to the steps they can make to alleviate their risk and keep them active and mobile well into retirement," commented Ruth Hoadley Executive Director at BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital. "Hip, knee and all forms of replacement surgery are extremely effective and can transform a patient's quality of life but as with many things prevention is always better than cure. We hope that the BMI Active for Life campaign will help raise awareness around the issues surrounding joint and bone



Local History Group: Part 2 - Secret War

During the war, many camouflaged coaches were going to Knockholt Village. Peter recalled that his father used to deliver groceries from Orpington around the local country villages including Knockholt. He came home one evening and said "someone is broadcasting something from Ivy Farm". Knockholt is the highest point in Kent, approximately 800ft above sea level. Paul Rason told us that during the war the ivy Farm tower was intercepting calls from U-boats in the channel and forwarding them to Bletchlev Park for analysis. Thus we learned many of the U-boats movements. Up to 850 people worked there in shifts who were being taken there in the aforementioned camouflaged coaches. Probably local people worked there as cleaners, cooks etc, but they all had to sign the Official Secrets Act.

We have all heard of Churchill's secret army. Following the retreat from Dunkirk our army was in disarray and Churchill was worried as an invasion seemed imminent. He ordered the foundation of a querilla movement to attack the enemy from behind their own lines. In the summer of 1940, 3,500 men were recruited to spearhead the resistance. All volunteers and using the cover of the Home Guard. They were trained in explosives, taught to become silent assassins and heavily armed. In the event of an invasion they would melt away from their homes into their prearranged hiding places and try to cause havoc to the invaders. There was such a man near Green Street Green. Along the A21 on the way to Pratts Bottom are some farm cottages. Next to them is a driveway (now overgrown) that leads to

Norsted Manor which has many acres of land including a farm. A manor house still exists. Halfway up the drive on the right hand side is a large wood and inside the wood in a bank is a cave — natural or dug into the bank. In that area a man was seen by a farm worker. He quickly vanished. After the war it was discovered that he was a member of the secret army. Luckily the invasion didn't happen.

I did go down the cave a few years after the war. In early June 1944 my friends and I used to go up to the woods to climb trees and make catapaults etc. To reach the woods we had to cross the A21. That morning it took 20 minutes as there were hundreds of army lorries heading south. I realised years later that they were on their way to the coast for the D-Day invasion.

Bentley Loss

An expensive 6 litre Bentley Continental GTC became one of the latest vehicles to be seized and removed from the roads across Bromley, as part of the targeting of uninsured drivers. Actions are targeting the minority of





drivers who commit an offence by not insuring their vehicles and over the past eighteen months this has had a tremendous impact across the borough.

Police in Bromley have now

seized over 1,300 uninsured vehicles in the last eighteen months, removing them from the borough's roads.

NHS Medical Information

Sometime in January 2014 you may have received a leaflet via junk mail. entitled "Better information means better care". Polling indicates that fewer than a third of adults recall seeing one. Even if you did, it may not be clear from the leaflet that a significant change in what is done with your medical records is about to happen. The information will be available for sale to companies. This "anonymised" information includes (along with medical records) age, sex, full postcode and NHS number which

means that it isn't very anonymous. The plan has now been delayed but act now before you forget.

Unfortunately, NHS England – the arms-length commissioning body that now runs the NHS in England – decided not to include an opt out form with the leaflet and in the information it says you should "speak to your GP practice" if you want to stop your and your family's confidential medical information being uploaded and passed on. Please don't be misled.

You do not have to speak with your doctor, and you certainly don't need to book an appointment. The choice to keep your medical records private is completely down to you; all you need do is inform your GP of your choice, which you can do simply by writing a letter or dropping a form into your surgery. Many among the medical profession are opting out themselves.

If you wish to know more visit:

http://medconfidential.org /how-to-opt-out/

Electrifying Numbers - For New Collection Service

Over 75 tonnes of electrical waste has been collected during two months alone from residents in the free collection service. The convenient door to door electrical recycling collection service generated a staggering 36.5 tonnes of unwanted

electrical items during December and a further 41 tonnes in January. The additional service helps divert from landfill, which is a better financial disposal option. Last year 35,000 tonnes of borough waste was sent to landfill, costing Bromley taxpayers in excess of£2.2 million in landfill tax costs alone. This will rise to over £2.5 million this year unless more is recycled or less is thrown away. Residents with broken or unwanted items, large or small which need a plug or battery to work, can



use this weekday collection service by calling the hotline 017954 34114 or email brom-

lev@sweeep.co.uk giving ma

their name, address, and contact numbers and a list of the items to be collected. For more information on all the waste and recycling services available go to www.bromley.gov.uk/was tenews



Explosive Times in Chelsfield

When I was a young teenager I became very fascinated by explosives. Not very PC in today's climate. It was relatively easy to buy the ingredients and even school textbooks told you how to make rockets and bangers! My exploits leading to frequent shattering of the peace locally in Chelsfield Lane, were encouraged by my grandfather, who made me a cannon (pic enclosed of me charging it), and a friend Mike up the road who also loved the buzz of a big bang or whoosh!

My grandfather told me tales of how he dismantled ordnance from WW2 to get at the parts, especially incendiary bombs that could be turned down on the lathe to make very inflammable magnesium ribbon that burned with a brilliant hot flame. I later discovered that this mixed with an oxidizing agent, bought at Boots under some medical pretext, made a powerful explosive. We even found that safety match heads if used in a particular way could make a big bang.

One chap at school had a father in the army and used to come to school with a small container of mortar bomb propellant which was sold for 6d a pinch.-till a master found out.....! There were constant apocryphal tales of local lads losing fingers etc from messing about with weedkiller and sugar, a mixture we never touched as it could go off without ignition. Eventually the weedkiller was sold denatured to deter this abuse.

We used to send beetles and other hapless creatures into orbit using ci-





gar tubes with fins attached, with their own little cabin complete with windows.

In those days, some 6 years after the War, there were no terrorists incidents so people were not as twitchy as today and most pursuits were allow-

able, tree climbing, digging huge holes and tunnels, bows and arrows, catapults, stone throwing, cowboys and Indians and hurtling down Chelsfield Lane in home-made trolleys, oblivious of any cars that may come up. Sadly, I went on to destroy many of my Dinky

Toys by filling them with gunpowder for battle enactments, firing flaming matches from Brittain's cannons at them. An act of vandalism I now regret.-dug a couple up in dad's garden a few years back in an unrestorable state.

The Explosive Period eventually came to a spectacular end one summer afternoon with an enormous bang, using up all the magnesium etc, showering my mother's roses with glowing debris, rattling the windows and tiles along the road. I ran out to the front to tell Mike what I had done to find half the residents out there looking skywards. I was by now aged 18 and was rebuked for this particular disturbance.

They were exciting times during the 50's/60's and whilst I don't regret our boyish escapades, would definitely not encourage either of our granddaughters to pursue this particular pastime when they grow up.

Philip Lane



Local History Group Talk on Postcards

Paul Rason introduced his talk about postcards by outlining the history of their use from their appearance as personal mementos of travel to destinations both home and abroad to fast methods of communication and the sending of holiday greetings. There is now a thriving network of collectors, supported locally by "Rob Roy Cards" based in the Village.

In 1902 the Post Office introduced the divided picture postcard, with one side for the address and the other for a message. Millions were sent as a means of communication prior to the use of the telephone. All towns had sets of cards depicting local scenes

(including Chelsfield). Paul had brought along his collection of books on postcards for us to view. The cost of a postcard was 1d (old money for our younger readers) and a stamp was 11/2d. guite a big outlay at the time. The messages were often very short such as "See you for tea", showing how quick and frequent local deliveries could be and sometimes showed poor literacy. Saucy seaside postcards became very widespread in the 1930s with sales peaking at 16million in a year.

The main market for postcards is now for tourists and museums and galleries with collections for sale depicting

collections. Collectors may specialize in a particular geographical area or a specific subject. Dealers now sell on ebay with prices for single cards being very high. Better prices are obtainable at regular specialized markets or fairs such as the monthly one at Crofton Hall.

Paul brought along some of his collection of cards from local towns and villages which we looked at in small groups. We enjoyed reading the messages on the reverse so much that he did not manage to finish his talk so will continue at another meeting. We were encouraged to bring along our own

Speaking Out for a Better Bromley

Last year we lobbied about the future of the fire service in Bromley. The decision has now been made to keep Biggin Hill Fire Station open along with Beckenham and Bromley. The Orpington fire station will be rebuilt. We are one of only two boroughs in London to get increased fire service cover. Together with our Orpington MP, Jo Johnson, we've also successfully

lobbied to secure the future of health services in Orpington with the announcement by Kings the hospital will no longer close.



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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.

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Bromlev 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

Chelsfield Players

info@chelsfieldplayers.org www.chelsfieldplavers.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 Tod-

dler Group

10.30am-12.00 midday Contact Sarah Ford: 01689 853415

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

Wed 5th March

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

Open to everyone. Now's the chance if you can play or sing to have a go! From 8.30pm

Thurs 6th March

Five Bells

Jazz Night with Just Friends

Our regular Jazz fix, commencing at 8.30pm

Sat 8th March

Chelsfield Village Hall

Quiz Niaht

7.00pm for 7.30pm £6 per person, contact Ann to book 01689 826349

Tues 11th March

Five Bells

Special Charity Quiz

In aid of Second Chance Animal Rescue Centre

Sat 15th March

Five Bells

St Patricks Day Fiddlefit-Live

Music from 9.00pm

Wed 19th March

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

Open to everyone. Now's the chance if you can play or sing to have a go! From 8.30pm

Thurs 20th March

(Third Thursday of every month) Brass Crosby Room

Local History Group

From 10.30am

Sat 22nd March

Five Bells

Slipjig-Live

Music from 9.00pm

Fri 28th March

Brass Crosby Room

Coffee & Chat

From 10.00am Cards. Plants. Books and other items for sale

26th-29th March

Chelsfield Village Hall Chelsfield Players Present

Carrington VC

mq00.8 Tickets £8 Box Office 07816 505448

Thurs 3rd April

Five Bells

Jazz Night with Just Friends

Our regular Jazz fix. commencing at 8.30pm