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## The Wood Pigeon

The humble wood Pigeon (*Columba palumbus*) is well known to us all and particularly to the farmer whose crops are often the food of choice to this bird. This bird is the largest British pigeon, in fact the most numerous large, truly wild bird in Britain and has many regional names including Ring/ed dove, Woody (widespread), Culver (England), Cushat (Scotland), Ringdow (Essex) and Stoggy/ies (north east England). The name ring dove should not be confused with the similarly name collared dove which arrived in the 1950's.

This bird has a call that always invokes windless, warm summer days and sounds rather like somebody saying "who cooks for you"? For such a numerous bird, its nest surprisingly usually only contains a couple of eggs and consists of a sham-ble of twigs which is barely capable of retaining its contents.

At one time the bird was a confirmed woodland creature but as agricultural methods changed the

advantages of living on, and indeed off the fields have turned this bird into something of a pest. It has a particular liking for the brassicaceae family which includes cauliflow-

heard of them being referred to as J Edgar Hoovers due their voracious appetites and there are records of shot pigeons being found with almost 200 beans or 20 small



er, cabbage, broccoli and brussel sprouts as well as beans, waste corn and the tops of turnips. However, it's diet includes nuts (pine, acorns, beech, hazel and ivy), berries and also includes some non-vegetarian items such as ants and worms. Although a very numerous bird it is their habit of dining on crops that brings them into conflict with man. I have

potatoes being present in their crops or stomachs. Having spoken of the birds destructive habits I still find it difficult to reconcile the control of a pest with the killing of animals for pleasure. Killing for food is one thing but killing for pleasure? There are farms in the local area that invite shooters in to control numbers but if the shooters where actually doing

the farms a service then clearly the farmers would be paying the shooters. In reality it's the shooters who no doubt pay the farmer for the pleasure of killing these birds – which it must be said, they are legally enabled to do. In the 1950s there were government funded culls in the early winter to reduce the population. However, the author R.K Murton, a long time observer of the species and author of the '*The wood pigeon*' demonstrated that many of the birds would have died naturally from food shortages later in the winter. An argument that was met with

much scepticism by the hunting fraternity. Although pigeons have never enjoyed the status of grouse or pheasant, the wood pigeon is considered by some to be excellent sport due to 'being wary and flying fast and high'. Personally I find this a little strange as from what I have seen the birds seem to be drawn in by very simplistic machines that have two dummy pigeons rotating round and round on sticks. Hardly behaviour that I would have called 'wary'. And if they had any sort of intelligence they would move away immediately the guns started up – howev-

er, they seem to repeatedly return to take another look at the whirling pigeons on sticks ! And while I'm on the subject, the last time I was in Yorkshire I noticed magazines with names such as '*Shooting and conservation*'. Sounds as if the shooting fraternity are trying to have their 'cake and eat it!' Any way, I'm sure the species has safety in numbers although why a farmer would want to have his soil peppered with steel pellets (and in years gone by with lead) is a mystery to me! Rant over !

Steve Fuller

## Superfast Broadband Campaign Update

### Feb 2015 update (bad news)

The last update outlined how the Government had agreed (in December) to subsidise superfast broadband implementation in rural Bromley. Since then, they have been in touch with Bromley Council to plan for the work. However, as with Government paying approx half the

cost, Bromley Council needed to find their share. This they have sadly declined to do - with the backdrop of council cutbacks. Obviously this is a real setback. However, this does not stop the campaign. Next steps include:

- Ongoing discussions with Bromley Council to look at creative ways of solving the problem

- Ongoing discussions with the Mayor of London's office / Greater London Authority to get them to take a role in helping out

- Re-visiting the Government decision to see if extra funds can be leveraged

- Continuing to talk to suppliers about possibilities

I still believe this is a case of “when” and not “if”, so am committed to seeing it through. I believe there are many options for solving the problem - I just need to con-

vince the various authorities to play their part !

*Steve Barnes*

I receive regular communications from Steve

showing that he is pursuing many avenues and has built up an impressive network of contacts in high places.

*Catherine Gandolfi*

## Dog Training in Chelsfield Village

Hello my name is Julie Oldfield and I've lived in the local area for about 20 years with my family. I spent many years working with animals and have always wanted to run my own dog training business. This dream has turned into a reality for me with the recent launch of my company - **Best Friends Dog Training**. I am a qualified Dog Trainer with the Institute of Modern Dog Training. I was very inspired by the IMDT as we use only reward based force free methods to train dogs. There is no out dated yanking on the lead or using harsh punishments on your best friend. I have no need to be a Pack Leader to my dogs but rather a positive encourager enabling them to understand me while I

do my best to understand them.

Dogs are never too old to learn new things so if you have any behavioural issues or would just like to have some fun with your dog please give me a call. If you have any ideas about classes you would like to attend with your dogs please let me know and I will do my

best to facilitate them locally. I can offer 121 dog training on an individual basis and will be running Puppy Training Classes at the lovely Chelsfield Village Hall in Bucks Cross Road starting in April. Please phone or email for details.

You can contact me on 01689 890665 or email [oldfieldjulie@aol.com](mailto:oldfieldjulie@aol.com)



## New Hospital Manager

BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Sue Jones to the position of Hospital Manager at Chelsfield Park Hospital.

Sue joined BMI Healthcare in 1991 and has held many positions across a number of our hospitals including

Chelsfield Park. Sue has a wealth of healthcare experience having started in the business as an enrolled nurse, working on the wards and providing care management for elective surgical patients. Sue has worked her way up to become Director of Clinical Services. She has been in post at BMI

Blackheath for over 6 years and is ready for a new challenge. During Sue's time at Blackheath she has been instrumental in driving many changes and improvements including a number of services. Her broad range of skills and experience will be instrumental in developing BMI Chelsfield Park further.

## The Croft Tearoom Says Farewell

Dear Friends,

I am very sorry to let you know that the Croft Tearoom will be closing and that our last day will be **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

We have had an amazing 5 years and it's very sad that we are closing, but Norman and I now wish to 'retire'!

Until then, we will remain

open Wed-Sat, 10-4 and business will carry on as normal. This includes our scheduled events and outside catering services.

I will shortly be producing details of events and what's happening after March. There will also be a farewell event, celebrating our achievements since we opened in Nov 2009.

On behalf of myself and my team, I would like to say a huge thank you for your support and friendship – it has been an absolute pleasure.

With very best wishes,

Carole  
Croft Tearoom CIC  
02084624801 /  
07725543377

[www.crofttearoom.co.uk](http://www.crofttearoom.co.uk)

## Cannabis Factory in Chelsfield

On 29th January 2015 Bromley police found a huge cannabis factory worth £250,000 at a farmhouse in Chelsfield.

Officers discovered 600 fully grown cannabis plants in an outbuilding at the secluded farmhouse. A 26-year-old woman

who arrived at the property as officers searched it was arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis.

## Bromley Balances the Budget

Bromley Council's balanced budget recommended by the Executive on 11 February was agreed at Full Council on Monday, 23 February. The Council has to save more than £60 million over four years, so nearly £9 million savings and a small increase in the Bromley element of the Council Tax were necessary to balance the 2015-16 budget.

Bromley residents will see a net increase of 1.2 per cent in their Council Tax bills. This is made up of an increase of 1.99 per cent on the Bromley element of the Council Tax and a 1.3 per cent reduction in the GLA element. The combined effect of both will equate to a £16 increase a year on a band D property, with other bands calculated pro rata.

Council Leader, Cllr Stephen Carr said: "It is regrettable that we have had to make a small increase in Council Tax this year, but this decision was not taken lightly. During our budget consultations over the past couple of years, many residents told us they

would be prepared to accept a small rise to help protect essential services. The truth is we have to do things differently as we continue to look for more efficiencies.

"Residents can be assured that we are doing everything in our power to ensure the long-term stability of the Council's finances and to spend taxpayers' money wisely. These are challenging times - as budgets contract we will all have to take more responsibility and accountability within our families and communities so we can ensure those who need our services most can get the help they require.

"Following discussions with Bromley Youth Music Trust, which ended yesterday, I am pleased we have been able to reach a joint solution. Bromley Council has agreed to make £153,000 of funding available to the Trust in 2015-16, as well as maintaining support, until 2017, through the provision of premises. We want to continue to support BYMT but in the current financial climate, it no longer seems appro-

priate to do so through the Council's revenue budget. We will continue working with BYMT to explore other sources of funding such as the Arts Council, schools and commercial sponsors.

"Despite the bleak financial outlook, we are determined to continue Building a Better Bromley. A number of achievements are in progress including the development of a multi-million pound complex at Bromley South and improvements to Bromley North Village, working with TfL to provide improvements in Beckenham, while Orpington will see a new cinema opened this year. We have maintained our track record in recycling half our waste to save landfill costs, saved more than £70,000 in electricity costs by installing modern street lighting and encouraged more than 8,000 Friends Group Members. We support carers in the borough and older people and disabled residents are helped to be as independent as possible, while our young people are encouraged to achieve their full potential. Together with sup-

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To prepare, inhale.....

1. Exhaling initiating from your tailbone, slowly peel spine off mat until hips are lifted and weight is resting between shoulder blades (weight should not be resting on neck). Do not arch lower back. Articulating up vertebrae by vertebra peeling off the mat, sending your knees

away on the low diagonal

2. Inhaling keeping your abs engaged and expand back of rib cage, keeping head and shoulders relaxed.

3. Exhale to return spine to starting position.

Complete 3–5 repetitions.

Francesca

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**Local History Group**

At the start of the meeting Christine Hellicar told us about the uncertain future of Orpington Priory which houses the Bromley Museum. Further to the arti-

cle in last month’s Village Voice, she informed us of the campaign to stop the sale of The Priory. A community group has been formed to take this

forward. Bromley Council has postponed their decision for 3 months. Anne Mead had arranged a petition supporting the campaign which we were

invited to sign. Some people had already signed the online version.

Paul Rason introduced his talk by reading out an extract from a Pub Spy review from a recent News Shopper. This was

originally from Northern Ireland. He qualified as a barrister but at the age of 24 opened his first pub in 1979 in Muswell Hill. He named his chain after an old teacher of his in New Zealand who told him he would never succeed in

this ideal. The name “The Moon Under Water” is used by 15 pubs in all. Television screens are present but silent, making use of subtitles. The Harvest Moon opened in 1994 in premises previously occupied by Ketts



of the Harvest Moon in Orpington High Street. The reviewer’s first impressions were not favourable as the entrance was crowded by smokers. The pub’s High Street location allows no provision for the excluded smokers so they have to congregate on the pavement outside. The Harvest Moon is one of a chain of over 900 J D Wetherspoon pubs. This was Paul’s chosen topic.

Founder Tim Martin came

business. As is the case with our local Wetherspoon’s, many pubs have the word Moon in their name. This has its roots in an essay by George Orwell, published in the Evening Standard, describing the ideal English pub as having Victorian architecture, good food, experienced bar staff and no music so that people could enjoy conversation. This pub he named “The Moon Under Water”. This was Tim Martin’s inspiration and his pubs follow

electrical store.

Many Wetherspoon pubs have taken over old shop premises which results in there being no downstairs toilet facilities except for the disabled. Paul had brought along some menus for us to see. The menus are identical at all branches but the prices vary depending on location. Different days of the week have special menus which again are universal. The scale of the business enables bulk buying

economies for food and drink, and permits good beers at very competitive prices. The House of Commons has many bars and their prices are based on those at their local Wetherspoon's.

Most pubs in the chain open for breakfast at 8.00 and many are open until 11 or 12 at night. Orders are taken at the bar and delivered to numbered tables. Coffee and tea are also available at cheaper prices than the well known coffee chains. The premises are large enough to accommodate large groups without affecting other customers. The chain has a house magazine full of good news about the chain and its employees, known as associates. All staff dress the same. The chain has 33,000 employees.

During the refreshment interval we enjoyed looking at many large prints of photographs of Edwardian Bromley that Christine had rescued from the Priory as they were being discarded. Patrick displayed these along one side of the room.

Paul then went on to show us pictures of many of the pubs (taken from the internet) as he took us on an imaginary pub crawl. Some of the pubs had taken over existing pub businesses so retained their previous names but others, in old shop or office premises, were given names appropriate to the local history of the area. The individual pubs display posters of local historical interest. Starting at the Harvest Moon, the favoured moon

being paired with harvest to denote the rural heritage, we proceeded to The Sovereign of the Seas in Petts Wood. This gets its name from the ship built by the local Petts family. Some of the others visited were The Tailor's Chalk in Sidcup on the former premises of a tailors and dry cleaners, The Richmal Crompton in Bromley, (Do we all remember the Just William books?), the London & Rye in Catford on the old coaching road, The Edmund Halley in Lee (the astronomer is buried nearby) and The Great Harry at Woolwich named after a ship built for Henry VIII and built at Woolwich dockyard. Our tour included many other pubs too numerous to mention. It's a good job it was only imaginary.



A BIG THANK YOU to Adrian and Kay for hosting Diana's Charity event at The Five Bells, Chelsfield.

It was truly a light-hearted, fun-filled painting event for



everyone and the place was buzzing. As you can see below all the painters (over 15 were "first-timers") took home a painting of which they were proud.

This was a fundraising event for Diana Lomax who is volunteering again in the slums of Nakuru, Kenya in May 2015 with West Ham United Community Sports Trust. With contributions from ticket sales, the raffle and

online donations a massive £400 was

donated to the Trust. Thanks!



## Illegal Tobacco Seizure By Trading Standards

Officers from Trading Standards in Bromley seized 5000 cigarettes from a shop in Orpington following a joint visit with the HMRC.

The tobacco products are suspected to be imported from Eastern Europe and have failed to comply with safety regulations requiring them to display health warning labels. The cigarettes have an estimated value of £1,750.

Investigations are being conducted with the owners of the business.

Cllr Tim Stevens, Executive Member for

Public Protection and Safety said: "I welcome this action. It demonstrates our commitment to tackle illegal tobacco products.

Availability of these illicit products not only encourages people to keep smoking, and young people to take up the habit, but it also undermines the local economy through tax evasion. I would urge anyone who knows of shops in the

borough who sell these products to report them to Trading Standards."

*Councillor Tim Stevens with some of the haul of illegal cigarettes.*



## Recent Accidents Along Court Road

We seem to have had a number of serious accidents along Court Road recently in the last few months. These are ones we know about, there may have been more. Is this road becoming more dangerous?

### **Monday afternoon 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015,**

An accident between the Warren Road / The Highway junctions. One car overturned after hitting barrier. Emergency services were called and two ambulances, two fire engines, police and the Helicopter ambulance attended. One occupant needed to be cut out by the fire brigade, a 60 year old female taken to hospital.

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015,**

Two car collision along Court Road near Park Avenue junction, Emergency services called.

### **Saturday afternoon 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015,**

Eight people were injured in a three-car crash at the Court Road/Warren rd junction. Emergency services were called to the

scene where one car had overturned and another had struck a bollard. Two adults were taken to Kings College Hospital and two other adults and two children were treated at the scene before being taken to hospital. Two teenagers made their own way to hospital Two days earlier on

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January,**

There was a two car collision along Park Avenue in the vicinity of the Court Road junction, where emergency services were called and the two drivers treated for minor injuries.

### **8th September 2014**

A motorcyclist was injured when his motorcycle collided with a car at the Court Road/Warren Road junction. Emergency services were called to the scene.

### **22nd June 2014**

At 11am there was a crash between a Land Rover and Vauxhall Meriva, happened on Court Road near the junction with The Highway. The Vauxhall Meriva ended on its roof. Emergency services including 4 ambulance crews were called to the scene, where 7 people were injured. Court Road was closed for several hours after the incident.

In the past we have tried to keep a record of local accidents along Court Road, but unless these are seen by residents, they can get cleared away very quickly, and never reported back. If any residents are aware of any road accidents in this area, could they please contact the VV with details.



## Bromley Council Put Museum Closure on Hold

Local campaigners have won a temporary reprieve for the Bromley museum service and halted the sale of the borough's oldest building, the 700-year old Priory in Orpington. Last month's Village Voice gave details of Bromley Council's plans to move the museum to Bromley Central Library but without the funding to continue a proper museum service. The Priory was to close and be put on the market by the end

of March.

There were protests and questions to the council from many heritage, community and educational groups and an online and paper petition has attracted over 2,000 signatures.

The Executive Committee of the council have now deferred a final decision to allow three months for consultations. It is understood there will be four strands to the consultation: heritage and collec-

tions, heritage and education, The Priory and the community and The Priory and Orpington town centre.

Latest information on the local campaign to stop the Priory sale can always be found on the Green Street Green Village Society website at:

<http://gsgvillagesociety.weebly.com/village-news>

## Have Your Say on 7th May



The Council is reminding residents who are not currently on the electoral register or have moved recently they have until **Monday 20 April** to register to have their say in the General Election

on **May 7th**.

Residents who haven't registered yet should also be aware registering to vote has changed.

Individual Electoral Registration (IER) requires you to register and update your details individually. No one can register for you. The new system means you can register on-line at:

[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

Once on the page you

need to fill in your name, address, date of birth and a few other details including your National Insurance number. If you don't have access to the internet or can't use it a form can be posted to you. Once registered you can vote at a polling station, by post or by proxy.

And remember it's a legal requirement to register and you can face a fine if you fail to do so.

## Police Response Times

Can you please let me know if you have had the misfortune to call the

police, just how long they have taken to get to you. If you could email me and

I can keep track on what is actually happening - [Johnleach2000@aol.com](mailto:Johnleach2000@aol.com).

*John Leach*

## Police Targets

The police "promises" or activities they are

targeting in the immediate future for our area are

- road safety, burglary and vehicle crime.

## Chelsfield Village Voice - On the Internet

The Village Voice newsletter has now been produced for over 7 years and as it has been available on the Internet we do occasionally get interest from many places around the globe. This has

prompted putting together an archive so that all past editions can be available, and searched for. There is now a library of Village Voice newsletters from the latest copy back to the earliest (in 2008).

This can be found at:

[www.greenstreetgreen.co.uk/villagevoice](http://www.greenstreetgreen.co.uk/villagevoice)

There should also be a link to this site from the Chelsfield Events website in the near future.

## Trading Standards



Now is the coming time of year when the somewhat undesirable people cold call to offer their services. Be it tree surgeons, door to door gutter fixers, jet wash drive cleaners, block paving layers and so forth. We have all had

them and they are very plausible people.

It is so easy to be initially taken in and sometimes there follows threats over payment, incomplete works and the like. It is most important that we keep an eye on our neighbour's, especially the elderly, to make sure that they are not being taken in and or being fleeced. Quite often, victims do not want to report a possible crime.

If you have any doubts, the Bromley Trading Standards **07903 852090** will act swiftly, and in conjunction with the police to investigate and check out any suspicions. If you see things happening dial 999. They say they would much rather waste their time than hear the story that you thought it suspicious, but did nothing.

*John Leach*

*Safer Neighbourhood Watch*

## Letter to John Peel on “Home Truths”

Home Truths  
BBC Radio 4  
9th July 05

Dear Sir,

I am known to be a bit eccentric and have a lot of hobbies, including acting.

A few years ago I found myself in a surreal situation that could have been a disaster for the rest of the cast of Blythe Spirit, in which I was playing Mr Condomine, the lead.

It was a November late afternoon when, for some strange reason I decided to check the deep sewer manhole that lurks in the front flowerbed of our house. We had had problems with this once before when it became blocked due to earth and roots, and it filled up to a depth of 10 feet. I could not find the manhole cover which had become covered in earth and vegetation so I got a trowel to clear it. I managed to lift the cast iron cover and peered down. All was well I was pleased to see but as I

lowered the cover I kicked the trowel down the pit, where it fell right across the exit trap down in the gloom.

There was no choice but to descend using the steel rungs set in the sides of the pit. It was about 5pm and virtually dark.

As I reached the bottom I realized that the rungs stopped short and I had to drop some five feet to pick up the trowel. As I turned to retreat I realized to my horror that I could only just reach the first thin steel rung with my hands, let alone my foot.

At first I found this amusing but as I struggled to get my middle aged body into the contortions necessary, and stared at the darkening blue square 10 feet above my head it began to dawn on me, with increasing concern, that I was due on stage in two hours and my wife had no idea where I was! I did not have my mobile phone, which in those days may well not have worked from deep in the

earth.

After a moments panic or two I realized that the only way out was to climb, crab-like, up the walls until I could get my feet on to a rung on the level, and hope that I had



the strength to pull myself into an upright position. It took some time and as I left the top and replaced the cover all that remained was to go indoors, tell my wife why I was late getting ready, and have a bath. I received little, if any, sympathy for this reckless act of folly either from her, or from the rest of the cast as I arrived for the first performance of Blythe Spirit! However after the show one cast member commented that my lines had been especially effluent.

*Yours  
Philip Lane  
Chelsfield Players*

We would like to thank

**CHELSEFIELD PARK HOSPITAL** for their sponsorship printing the Chelsfield Village Voice



## Fraud

FraudLineUK is new a non-government organisation set up to combat fraud, and help stamp out corruption and bribery in the workplace and the UK economy. E scams should be reported to them.

FraudLineUK  
Investitec,  
Box 122,  
80 High Street  
Winchester,  
SO23 9AT

They are non-profit making and are funded

by our carefully selected sponsors, partners, advertisers and affiliates who share their values and goals.

If you have any information call them on a confidential line - 0800 144 4944

## New Parking Restrictions

The implementation of new parking restrictions in Woodlands Road and the tree roads off Worlds

End Lane have been approved by the Council, and implementation will

start in early March.

*John Leach*  
*Safer Neighbourhood Watch*

## 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.

### **Village Neighbourhood Watch**

Contact

John Leach 07711304965

### **BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital**

Main Reception

01689 877855

Helpline

0845 6032932

Physiotherapy

01689 885914

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### **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  
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## 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 MONDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Pilates Class**  
6.30pm-7.30pm  
Contact Francesca on  
07791073445

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Brass Crosby Room  
**St Martin's Toddler Group**  
10.30am-12.00 midday  
Contact Sarah Ford:  
01689 853415  
stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Pilates Class**  
09.00am - 10.00am  
10.00am -11.00am and  
11.00am to 12.00 midday  
Contact Francesca on  
07791073445

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells  
**Charity Quiz Night**  
from 9.00pm

#### EVERY WED & FRI

**Pilates Classes**  
Chelsfield Methodist Church  
Hall, Windsor Drive  
Wed 8.00pm -9.00pm  
Friday 9.35am-10.35am  
Contact Bethany Lucas on  
07415 638546  
bethanylucaspilates@gmail.com

#### EVERY WEDNESDAY

**Hatha Yoga Classes**  
10.30am-12.00am  
Contact Pam Keeper on  
01732 458930

#### EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Pilates Class**  
6.30pm-7.30pm  
Contact Francesca on  
07791073445

#### EVERY FRIDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Pilates Class**  
3.00pm-4.00pm  
Contact Francesca on  
07791073445

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Wednesday 11th March (2nd Wednesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Afternoon W.I.**  
Newcomers Welcome  
Contact Irene 01689 835143

#### Saturday 14th March

Five Bells  
**Fiddlefit**  
Husband and Wife Duo play  
Irish Music  
Starts at 8.30pm  
Entrance Free

#### Tuesday 17th March (3rd Tuesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Evening W.I.**  
Newcomers Welcome  
From 7.45pm  
Contact Pat 016898623

#### Wednesday 18th March

Five Bells  
**Open Mic Night**  
So all you budding musicians out there, why not come along and have a go! Starts at 8.30pm

#### Thursday 19th March (3rd Thursday each month)

Brass Crosby Room  
**Local History Group**  
10.30am

#### Saturday 21st March

Five Bells  
**Live Music with Last Orders**  
Traditional Irish Music  
Music starts at 9.00pm

#### Wednesday 25th to Saturday 28th March

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Chelsfield Players present "This Happy Breed"**  
See Front Cover

#### Sunday 5th April

Five Bells  
**Easter Bonnet/Hat Competition, Easter Egg Hunt and Bonfire**  
**Live Music with International Rescue**  
Music starts at 9.00pm  
Pub closes Midnight

#### Friday 10th April

Five Bells  
**Charity Race Night**  
Enjoy a flutter and cheer your horse home  
Racing starts at 9.00pm

#### Saturday 25th April

Five Bells  
**St Georges Day, Medieval Banquet, Jousting on Wii & Photo Opportunity in the Stocks**