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Mother's Day

Sunday 31st March

TREAT YOUR
MUM THIS
MOTHERS DAY!

*Don't forget to book at table at one
of our great local pubs!*

The Bo-Peep 01959 534457

The Chelsfield 01689 880288

The Five Bells 01689 821044

Send your Thoughts, Articles, Event Details, etc., to The Chelsfield Village Voice

You tell us what's going on or
planned, and we will pass the
details to the residents and
friends of Chelsfield

Please send anything you feel
suitable for the

April 2019 issue to:

chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com

or post to:

Chelsfield Village Voice
2 Bucks Cross Cottages
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BR6 7RN

to arrive by

Friday 29th March 2019

The Chestnut Tree (again)

**Stop Press:
Many birds and thousands of invertebrates made homeless. Please help these poor individuals. Contribute to the charity EVETS (Environmental Victims (of) Expired TreeS) via The Voice or directly into my bank account...**

A diseased horse chestnut tree close to my cottage and about which I have written previously back in 2014, fell in early February and so I want to update that tree's story this month.

However, before starting that story I also want to follow up a story from last month. This was the badger killed on Maypole road by a passing car. As I said previously, I placed it into the hedge to avoid it being hit by other vehicles (anybody that cannot see something the size of badger in the open road should not really be driving)! It stayed there for some weeks until it again appeared in the road minus one leg so I assume a fox may have dragged it there while collecting his evening meal. Happily it disappeared soon after so it would appear that the council collected it before it

became an unholy mess....

So, back to the subject of this piece. I would usually do a piece on a bird as I usually rotate the subjects I write about but due to the timely circumstances I want to write about the Horse Chestnut tree (*Aesculus hippocastanum*). The reason I want to go over old ground is that the large horse chestnut tree that stood opposite one of the entrances to the stables on Maypole Rd fell of its own accord recently. It seems that some time on Sunday the 3rd February it fell into the adjacent field and away from the road and power lines. It seems

that nobody heard it falling so it may have happened late at night. I was away in Wales for the weekend and arrived home after 10pm and did not notice anything unusual. It was only on the following Tuesday morning while waiting in the lane for a lift from a friend that I thought "something doesn't look right here": the light in the lane looked different. I even looked up and it was only after a few moments I realised that the tree was gone. My neighbour Karen first noticed its absence while opening the gates to the stables on the Monday morning and is sure it was there the previous



morning.

What I find strange is that in the previous weeks we had some strong winds which did not bring this tree down but over the early February weekend, which admittedly was a snowy weekend, despite the wind being light it decided to give up the ghost! Strangely, the tree severed about 2 metres above the ground leaving a trunk which is clearly hollow. This in itself is not a sign of disease as many hollow trees live a long life but the only time I have seen another tree fall in this manner was after the 'hurricane' of October 87 when many trees were destroyed in this manner as if the top had been twisted off the root system. The November 2014 article made a point of the tree's poor health as it was losing its leaves early in the season and a year or two later produced no new leaves in the spring and was clearly dead. In the *Voice* article I concluded that it was probably suffering from guignardia leaf blotch or from the attention of a leaf mining moth called *Cameraria ohridella*. I contacted Lester Barnes, our resident lepidopterist, to ask about this moth but found that he had never caught one in his moth trap so I starting

to think that the cause may well have been the leaf blotch. However, further research suggests that this disease is not serious enough to kill a tree so what ultimately caused it to die I am still unsure.

I tried to take a photo for this article but such is the manner in which the tree fell away from the road that it was not possible to get a suitable image without trespassing. Consequently I contacted a local 'tame' drone flyer and he used the drone to get a few photos from the air. The tree is to the lower bottom right. Surprisingly the tree looks a lot smaller once it's on the ground that it did when it was in its full glory! I have chosen an image that includes the set of cottages that I live in to give the tree some perspective within its countryside setting.

I have also included a black and white photo taken in 1927 (I believe – from the text in the lower left hand corner) which shows one the cottages that I live in and on the left hand side along the lane, a young looking tree which, as the tree would today be at least 150 years old would give it an age of about 50 years or more at the time of the photo. While on the subject, the



large tree on the right hand side has long since gone but it does bring to mind the fact that whenever I look at old photos in agricultural settings it surprises me how few trees there are compared to now. A generally good trend I believe.

I'll finish on the point that this tree fell without anyone noticing. It simply slumped into a piece of waste land without any fanfare. If it had fallen the other way it would have taken out the power supply, blocked Maypole road and the entrance to the stables. Falling in early February was also possibly the best time of the year to fall to cause as little wildlife disturbance as possible. It is a shame to have this tree missing from the local area but at least it went with a whimper, not a crash bang wallop!

P.S, The bold text at the beginning of this piece is of course an attempt at humour.....

*Steve Fuller
March 2019*

Mutterings From The Millers

Steve and Pete have been busy fertilising with potash, phosphate and nitrogen on the winter barley and the second wheats. The first wheat doesn't require any nitrogen just yet because of nutrient in the ground from the break crop. It has been great to be out in the tractor again and working on the fields.

Although the soil temperatures are higher than last year, it is still too early to plant the spring oats, as they are a little sensitive to cold weather. They will be planted towards the end of March or beginning of April as they like to germinate and grow away quickly. Planting the seed in cold ground could lead to the seed dying or a poor

crop.

The sunshine during the last week of February was amazing enabling the boys to remove all the remaining straw from the barn, move the tractors and combine into a side barn ready for the building to be made suitable for the wedding reception. Pete had quite a job clearing all the giant cobwebs from the roof of the barn but it is all clean now and the job of transforming will begin.

Can't believe that by the time this is printed the wedding will be over and Peter and Leah will be on their honeymoon and the barn will be back to normal.

Plenty of different birds in

the garden and is has been delightful to watch long tailed tits on our fat balls. The blackthorn blossom is out and has a wonderful fragrance over on the Green.

Weather offering for this month is:-

A peck of March dust is worth a king's ransom

A dry March means that the newly sown seed will not be washed away and the farmer can expect a good crop.

A short report this month because as you can imagine we have plenty to do with the wedding.

*Chris Miller
Court Lodge Farm*

Chelsfield Afternoon W.I.

As usual, we had our meeting on the second Wednesday of the month.

We are all looking forward to a busy time to come. We had a very good meeting with our speaker Ms. Pauline Martindale showing us lots of lovely photographs

and clips of her holiday travelling across Canada by all different types of transport, It looked amazing.

We had an enjoyable games afternoon yesterday, we played Bingo, had tea and homemade

cakes. Small groups then played cards and other games

We have several events coming up.

Our Kent ACM is on 19th March with a couple of good speakers. We have lunches to look

forward to and our walking group are going to Holland Park. The planned outing to Hastings and Pevenise on the 15th May.

Our usual monthly meeting will be on 13th March followed by our Annual Lunch at Chelsfield Lakes Golf Club which is on

Saturday 30th March.

Visitors are always welcome so come along and join us or telephone Sue on 01689 827407

Aerial View of the Bo Peep Area



This snow this year (so far) has been very light, but here Philip Lane has just captured the final traces around the Bo-Peep on 27th January

Thank You For Your Support

ICARE Quiz Night

Thank you for your support for our February Quiz Night, it was a sell-out once again and Chris Miller's team did very well.

We raised over £1,600. We could not continue to provide our services to our clients without the support of our local community.

Thank You

Please look out for future ICARE fundraising events.

*Diana Lomax
(Treasurer of ICARE)*

Plant a Native Shrub or Tree for Wildlife!



Hawthorn can support 300+ insect species



Cherry Plum for early pollinators



Beech: 64 insect species eat its leaves



Elder: nectar for insects, fruit for birds & mammals



Sallow: good for early pollinators & insect larvae

Many invertebrates have suffered huge declines since the 1950s, contributing to decreases in animals that eat them e.g. birds, bats, hedgehogs and toads.

Flying insects are food for bats & some birds. They start life as larvae, fed by many birds to their chicks.

Native invertebrates are adapted to eat native plant species.

Why not plant at least one UK grown native shrub or small tree in your garden this year?

Ask if it might be possible to plant a native shrub or small tree in your local allotment, school or sports ground or park.

Buy UK grown native shrubs & trees online, e.g. from the Woodland Trust. Plant Nov-March.

For more information about what to plant see www.bromleyfriendsforum.org Look under Biodiversity useful documents 'Hedgeplants to improve biodiversity'.



Hazel: leaves eaten by >70 insect species



Gelder Rose: flowers for pollinators e.g. hoverflies



Dogwood: flowers for pollinators, fruit for birds



Field Maple: good for pollinators & lichens



Silver Birch: leaves eaten by 230 insects

Bromley Biodiversity Partnership is a partnership of local groups, organisations and individuals with specific expertise committed to protecting, enhancing and celebrating biodiversity within the London Borough of Bromley.

Bromley's Rare and Declining Species

In September 2017 Judy John talked to Residents Associations about Bromley's Rare and Declining Species, and many responded with sitings etc. We will publish the findings of these observations here in the Village Voice over the coming months for your information. Starting this month with The Common Toad.

For information

Email for Dr Judy John:

We are running surveys again this year, for toad, house sparrow, hedgehog, swift and purple emperor butterfly. The hedgehog and purple emperor butterfly posters are unchanged from last year, the toad and house sparrow posters have had minor amendments and the swift poster will

be supplied by Bromley RSPB who have joined the Bromley Biodiversity Partnership. The swift report and poster will not be available till March.

Bromley RSPB are giving a free talk about the swift survey on March 6th, 7pm at Bromley United Reform Church, Widmore Rd, Bromley. It is open to all if any residents would like to attend. [Meeting oversubscribed]

Would you be able to send out the posters again this year? We also have them available as A5 leaflets if they are more useful.

We are also asking people to try and plant at least one UK grown native shrub or small tree in their garden in 2019, or to ask at local sports and school grounds,

allotments and parks etc. if they could consider planting one or more- or possibly a hedge. This would help many of Bromley's rare and declining species, since UK invertebrates are adapted to eat native plants and the catastrophic decline in invertebrates has greatly affected many declining species. We have produced a poster for this too. Would it be OK with you to send this out to residents associations too?

Let me know what you think and I can send you posters as required.

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The Common Toad *Bufo bufo*

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Common toads spend the winter lying dormant in places such as compost heaps, beneath log piles or in crevices in walls, sometimes coming out to forage for invertebrates.

They are generally nocturnal and emerge on damp, mild nights when the temperature is above 5 degrees Centigrade. In the Bromley area breeding typically occurs in March, sometimes going on into April, but will

vary from year to year and according to site. When toads are mature enough to breed (2-3 years old) they return to the pond where they were originally spawned, travelling up to 400 metres (occasionally as

much as 2kms) but if suitable ponds are constructed en route to the original breeding pond these may be used. Males often start to move first and will wait around the pond for females to arrive and then climb on their backs. When they are returning to ponds many are killed on roads. Toadspawn is laid in long ribbons wound around the underwater stems of pond plants so toad ponds will have submerged and/or emergent plants. Vegetation around pond margins is also very important, providing toadlets leaving the pond protection from drying out and from predators such as birds. Native plants in and around ponds are always better than non-native as they are used as food by the invertebrates which are then eaten by toad poles and toads. The ideal toad pond is deeper than that required by frogs and has a depth in some areas of 90cms. Toadlets leave ponds in large numbers over a few days in summer. Toads spend most of their lives on land, living in scrub, woodland, beneath hedgerows or in coarse grassland feeding at night on insects, worms, slugs and other invertebrates.

According to Froglife, toad populations in south-east



England have fallen by more than 68% since 1986.

Records of toads in the London Borough of Bromley submitted to Bromley Biodiversity Partnership Species and Habitats Sub-Group in 2017 show that there are breeding ponds in High Elms Country Park, gardens in Newstead Avenue near Newstead Woods, and West Way Petts Wood. Records of toads in terrestrial habitat suggest it would be worth looking for breeding ponds in the Keston Common/Padmall area, ponds around Belmont Lane and Bull Lane allotments Chislehurst, Covent Wood area, ponds in the area of Lower Chesham Allotments Elmers End, Crystal Palace Park, near Bromley Hill cemetery, ponds near The Knoll and Westgate Road Beckenham, near Manor Park Road West Wickham

and Green Street Green. The toad survey was repeated in 2018 with posters going out earlier than in 2017. 24 records were received. Breeding was confirmed at Keston and toads were also reported breeding in the pond at Spring Park and in nearby garden ponds, garden ponds near Coney Hall, near Grove Park Cemetery, near Crofton Woods, near Sundridge Park (known in the past for ponds where toads bred) garden ponds near Hollydale Open Space, near the Hawkwood Estate in Chislehurst and in the Norman Park area. New areas where adult toads were reported include Nash Farm near Keston, Darrick Wood and Scadbury Park (under log near Pond 5). Toads had previously been noted breeding in most ponds at Scadbury during a 2016 pond survey.

Surveys in 2002/3 also recorded toads in Jubilee Country Park, The Warren, Bassetts Pond and Camden Park. It would be useful to recheck these sites in 2019.

Next steps: Work for 2019

Results from 2017 and 2018 have revealed a few ponds where toads breed and many areas where the presence of juvenile toads suggest they are likely to be breeding nearby, but hard evidence regarding which ponds is often lacking. In 2019 we therefore need to look at some of the possible ponds to see if we can confirm where they are definitely breeding. The easiest and safest way to do this is to have a look, in daylight, for male and female toads in amplexus (a male on top of and holding onto the larger female) in or very near to a pond. Help with this would be very much appreciated but it is very important that great care is taken near ponds, the banks of which may be very slippery at this time of year. Using binoculars to look from a short distance away should be ok but we urge that no-one takes any risks in looking out for toads. If anyone is interested in having a look for toads in amplexus, please contact bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com

Information received regarding when amplexus is first noted in the borough can be sent to interested parties so they know when to start checking nearby ponds.

Threats to Toads

- ◆ Loss of suitable ponds
- ◆ Loss of suitable terrestrial habitat (scrub, rough grassland, hedgerows, walls with crevices)
- ◆ Habitat fragmentation: death on roads
- ◆ A decline invertebrate prey
- ◆ Pesticides (indirect effect: decline in invertebrate numbers, direct effect: build up of pesticide within toads from having eaten poisoned invertebrates).

The following measures could help toads in Bromley:

- ◆ Plant more native species in gardens and encourage others including schools and sports grounds to plant hedgerows of native species and leave areas of grass uncut during the summer. This would help to increase prey items available for toads because the invertebrates they eat tend to be adapted to live on native species rather than exotic plants.
- ◆ Decrease pesticide and herbicide use and encourage others to do the same.

◆ Have a wild area in your garden or local park with some scrub, a log pile and a pond.

◆ If you are thinking of creating a pond which might be suitable for toads remember it needs to be about 90cms deep in some parts, contain pond plants which toadspawn could be wrapped around and include some marginal vegetation in which they can hide and feed on emergence. See <https://freshwaterhabitats.org.uk> for further advice.

◆ When toadlets are emerging from ponds stop cutting or strimming grass in this area for a week or so until they have disappeared.

◆ Consider contacting Froglife regarding helping toads cross roads: see www.froglife.org/what-we-do/toads-on-roads

◆ Continue to send records to bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com

Bromley Biodiversity Partnership Species & Habitats Subgroup

January 2019

Local History - Orpington Video & Film Makers

David Laker presented an illustrated talk about the local video and film makers group which has been running for 60 years. Three years ago the club ran a film show at All Saints Church to 150 people. This sell out performance was so popular that they ran it again to another full house. Thus started the group's local history project, making short films about different parts of Orpington. David showed us extracts from these films. The films also covered a wider area including Kemsing and Otford.

He managed to track down Andy King, the owner of a painting of Orpington Priory and found that the local artist, his ancestor Richard Rayner, had been a prolific painter of local scenes of the Victorian era. The owner had about 100 paintings, many from the Orpington area. David brought along copies of many of these paintings for us to see. The paintings will be the subject of a future film to be shown at All Saints Church.

David showed us extracts from several short films made by Orpington Video and Film Makers.

The films. Orpington Remembered was found in the old Commodore Cinema before it was demolished

in the 1980s. The clip we saw showed the 1929 wedding at All Saints Church of the daughter of the Commodore's owner, Spencer May. Poverest Road Roman bath house during an open day. Old roads in Orpington.



OVFM
Orpington Video & Film Makers
Spring Film Show
2019

FRIDAY
MARCH 22ND
7.30 PM

Methodist Church
 19 Sevenoaks Road
 Orpington
 BR6 9JH

TICKETS - £5
 - includes refreshments -

BOOK IN ADVANCE:

Telephone: 0208 3254454 (Daytime) 01689 851116 (Evenings)

Email: info@ovfm.org.uk **Website:** www.ovfm.org.uk



Canadian Corner at All Saints Church.

The old turnpike road.

The 1847 general election.

A few short clips of local history including the V2 landing in Kynaston Road, views of Otford and Kemsing.

After refreshments David showed us a film of the Richard Rayner paintings which compared the scenes with modern day photographs. There were paintings of St Martins, other local churches, the

Priory, Orpington High Street and other rural local scenes. One was titled Strawberry Field, somewhere off Poverest Road. David wondered if that was the Rayner family's own name for this as he could find no other mention of this name.

The completed film will be shown at All Saints Church in June. The church has been given the rights to sell A4 and A5 prints of the paintings.

David asked for

suggestions for other films and for any material which could be used. He was pleased to talk with many of the group who had ideas or information to pass on and asked if anyone had any Richard Raynor paintings.

Orpington Video Film Makers has a website www.ovfm.org.uk. They have a public spring show on 22nd March in Orpington Methodist Church Hall, Orpington High Street.

Action Fraud Warning

Rented Property Deposit Schemes

Action Fraud have received several reports where fraudsters are claiming to be landlords of properties offered for rent online. Prior to a viewing the suspect requests that the individuals pay a deposit and sometimes a month's rent upfront, claiming that this money will be put into the Tenancy Deposit Scheme, and is therefore protected under government legislation.

After the individual pays the money, the suspect sends a bogus email

purporting to be from the Tenancy Deposit Scheme confirming they have received their deposit. However, this is not the case as the money is sent directly to an account associated with the suspect and the victim is left out of pocket and without the home they had thought to be putting a deposit on.

What You Need To Do

Always make sure you, or a reliable contact, has viewed the property with an agent or landlord before agreeing to rent a property. Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Only transfer

funds when you're satisfied a genuine property, safety certificates and valid contract are in place. Only pay for goods or service by bank transfer if you know and trust the person. Payments via bank transfer offer you no protection if you become a victim of fraud.

Once you've paid your deposit, you can check whether it's protected by entering your tenancy deposit certificate code on TDS website

www.tenancydepositscheme.com

Hope you've room for these bits, the second item is a bit late for us now the kids are beyond uni age!!!

THE GREEN STREET GREEN MAMMOTH



Here are two woolly mammoth teeth found during gravel extraction at the Green Street Green pits, in the 1920's. The pits were worked by Fordyce Brothers and many such remains were found. The pits were backfilled with chalk from the Bypass in 1927. Mr Fordyce was a dental patient of my grandfather Archie Lane and he gave them to him (in exchange for a painless visit no doubt!) The whole Orpington Valley had gravel pits at some time, starting at Rushmore Hill, Charmwood Farm, Green Street Green, Spur Road and then through the Crays. When the water table was high they would be partly flooded as are the existing pits at St Pauls Cray. At this time a stream flowed along the valley in winter



Woolly Mammoth photographed just outside Waitrose Green Street Green. Note the lack of cars.

More on those Mammoth Teeth

When I was a child there was an even bigger tooth that grandpa had been given by Mr Fordyce. It was the size of a briefcase and he fixed a carrying handle into it and used it as a doorstep for the scullery! Heresay! I hear you cry. Orpington Museum tried to take these teeth off me a few years back. The then curator snapped at me "So you've got them. They belong here you know"! There was no way I was going to give them up since they couldn't even display all the exhibits they had.

When Dad was a teenager he used to visit the various gravel pits which were often flooded, and collect frogs and pond life. The Orpington Valley used to flood regularly in winter and there was a stream flowing from Green Street Green down to the Priory Pond. The pumping station and a big drainage pipe that was laid in the 70s, dropped the water table. It did rise again during that very wet spell in 2006 when the gardens opposite Orpington Hospital flooded for weeks. Indeed, as mentioned

before, the air raid shelter excavated by Dad and his father filled up with clear water as winter approached. "Be bombed or drowned" was the choice the Lanes had. Likewise, quirkily, the Leaney family had a similar choice at Knoll Rise " Be bombed or asphyxiated by the Old Man's evil pipe"

Oh such fun to be had during those carefree days, simple pleasures, and when Brexit was nothing more than a breakfast cereal.

Phil Lane



An interesting old view of the late Kent Hounds, which I hand coloured - *Phil Lane*

Lilly's Wood

Many of you must know of Lilly's Wood, a patch of woodland between Chelsfield Lane (just before the houses start and opposite the entrance to Goddington Park) and Skibbs lane with access via a footpath opposite the coal post. What you may not realise is how bio diverse this little patch of ancient woodland really is. In fact it may be the most bio diverse patch of ancient woodland in the whole of the borough of Bromley.

Lilly's wood is an area of mixed broadleaf ancient woodland of around 12 acres together with another 6 acres of more recently planted mixed woodland, and ancient layered hedges. The mature species rich hedgerows provide foraging, nesting and roosting to a range of species.

The recently planted woodland, stretching back to Chelsfield Lane, was planted as part of a woodland restoration project on a plot of reclaimed former arable land in 2000 by volunteers, including

some local residents

During a 2017 study a total of 38 different bird species were recorded, of which 28 were confirmed to have bred.

Of these 38 species, 8 are listed on the RSPB red list, and 13 are listed as Bromley Action Plan priority species. (bullfinch, dunnock, fieldfare, goldcrest, green woodpecker, kestrel, lesser redpoll, linnnet, mistle thrush, song thrush, spotted flycatcher and yellowhammer).

The arable farmland adjacent to the wood supports a range of farmland bird species including skylarks. These species have been helped over winters by the use of set aside and using the land for growing seeding species as feed for the birds over the winter. In fact Skylarks could be heard here last weekend.

Lilly's wood also supports a range of mammals, with badger, fox, hedgehog, weasel, roe deer, two types of pipistrelle bat, wood mouse, bank vole, common shrew and

rabbit all being recorded.

Three common reptiles have also been recorded in recent years, grass snake, common lizard and slow worm, as well as an impressive array of types of butterfly. A range of woodland plants can be found later in the season, including wood anemone, wood sorrel, dog's mercury and yellow archangel.

My thanks to a report from Jamie Fletcher, an experienced ecologist specialising in ornithology, for providing much of this information. His full report can be found on the Bromley Local RSPB website – <https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/groups/bromley/events/> this also gives details of other woods in our vicinity.





SPRING SHOW

THURS 28 MARCH

AT

HALSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

Staging 7:45 pm Judging 8:15 pm

Members free, Non-Members £2.

**Non-Members wishing to submit entries
please contact**

Jan on 01959 533320 or

Chris on 01959 533180

**Or just come along to enjoy the lovely
floral display.**

Excitement(!) in The Village

Early in February there was a major gas leak outside Rock Cottages in Church Road with four or five properties evacuated.

Sometimes in such cases there can be a dramatic explosion usually caused when an electrical appliance (fridge or freezer) starts up or when someone operates a light switch.

Fortunately no such happening for the village although pandemonium ensued for the next week as the gas company closed the road to carry out repairs.

The source of the gas escape was a crack in the 6" gas main which was repaired by fitting a clamp.

Further investigations revealed that the individual gas pipes to the properties needed to be renewed which prolonged the saga.

It was a nightmare week for Ade and Kay in The Five Bells who spent much time trying to accommodate their customers, parking



Many of the properties in Church Road have cellars which can be particularly vulnerable when adjacent gas pipes fracture.

In discussions with the gas supervisor it seems as though the company records don't currently highlight the cellar problem and it could result in a revised risk assessment that might mean the replacement of the cast iron with plastic.



Good and bad!

Enhanced safety would be the good for the future but at the expense of major mayhem for a much longer period than a week!



Situation Vacant - Chelsfield Park Hospital

BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital are looking for a Bank Housekeeper.

Closing date is 17/3/2019

Please apply in the first instance to

Rachel Beer

Operations Manager

Rachel.beer@bmihealthcare.co.uk

To apply go to www.bmihealthcare.co.uk/careers

Guided Spring Walk



GUIDED SPRING WALK Saturday 13th April

**Circular Walk starting at
St. Martin's Church, Chelsfield
At 10.00am**

Approx 4 miles - some stiles to cross



**Teas and
coffees served
from 9.30 to
12.30**



**Breakfast buns
available at the
church from 11.30
to 12.30 - £4**



Scam Calls

Regrettably it's almost impossible to stop scam calls completely, For an easy way to stay safe below is a list of common tricks that scammers use so you know what to look out for.

It's probably a scam if someone calls you out of the blue to:-

1. Tell you that your

service has been hacked

2. Try to remotely take control of your computer or another device

3. Tell you they've found a problem with your computer

4. Ask you for an urgent payment and threaten to disconnect your service

5. Ask for payment

details to activate Call Protect, Caller Display, or any of our free services.

6. If something doesn't seem right, you can still stay in control. Make sure not to give out any personal details, hang up the phone, and report the call on your provider's website.

Neighbourhood Watch

Where Is This...Any Ideas?



We would like to thank
CHELSEFIELD PARK HOSPITAL for their
sponsorship printing the Chelsfield Village Voice



This is a local photo but
have never been to able to
identify it. Can any readers
shed any light? The

"catslide" roof is a
Kentish feature making
the scullery and kitchen
area very low ceilings.

As Dan Sloan is well
aware!!

Phil Lane

Grow Your Own!



Dryhill Lane, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 6AA
Tel: 01959 561274 Open Mon - Sat / 8am to 5pm

Saturday 23rd March -10am-3pm - (Stalls Sat Only)

Take advantage of a weekend of 'Grow Your Own'
offers, local stalls selling a range of hand-made
products and local horticultural groups with helpful
advice and membership offers.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Bromley Council

Main switchboard:
020 8464 3333
E-mail: fixmystreet.com
Opening hours Monday to
Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm

Address: Civic Centre,
Stockwell Close,
Bromley, BR1 3UH

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Can be reported via the
council website,
www.bromley.gov.uk/report,
or if urgent by phone out of
hours Emergency Duty
Team 020 8464 4848.

Neighbourhood Watch

John Leach 07711304965.

NHS Non-Emergency 111

Chelsfield Primary School
01689 825827

BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital

Main Reception
01689 877855
Physiotherapy
01689 885920
Outpatients
01689 885905

Councillors

Mike Botting-
mike.botting@bromley.gov.uk
Angela Page
angela.page@bromley.gov.uk
Samaris Huntington-Thresher
samaris.huntington-thresher@bromley.gov.uk

Chelsfield Village Voice

chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com

EDF Electrical Power Failure
Call 105 or 0800 316 3105

BT Line Faults 0800 800151

Thames Water Emergencies
0800 714614

National Grid (Gas)

Emergency (leaks) 0800 111999

Bromley Police Station & Police non emergency 101

Samaritans

Freephone 116123

Safer Neighbourhood Team 020 8721 2605

chelsfield.prattsbottom.snt@met.police.uk

Chelsfield Village Hall

(bookings) **01689 831826** or
email to:
cvhlettings@gmail.com

Chelsfield Players

info@chelsfieldplayers.org
www.chelsfieldplayers.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive
Live Singer
 From 6.00pm Contact 01689 880288

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.

EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

Christ Church Hall,
 Charterhouse Rd
Pilates Classes

Monday

10.45am Over 60's/Osteo
 6.00pm Beginners Pilates
 7.10pm Mixed Ability Pilates

Tuesday

7.15pm Beginners Pilates
 8.25pm Mixed Ability Pilates

Wednesday

9.30am Mixed Ability Pilates
 1.30pm Over 60's/Osteo

Saturday

8.45am Improvers Pilates
 10am Beginners Pilates
 Contact Sally 07786 035640
sally@orpingtonpilates.co.uk
 see www.orpingtonpilates.co.uk
 for venues and more info

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

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive
Quiz Night
 From 8.00pm Info: 01689
 880288

EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells
Charity Quiz Night
 from 9.00pm

EVERY WED THURS & FRI

Chelsfield Methodist Church
 Hall, Windsor Drive

Pilates Classes & Pre & Post- Natal Pilates Classes

Wed 6.50-7.50pm
 & 8.00-9.00pm
 Thursday 8.20-9.20pm
 Friday 9.35-10.35 & 10.45 -
 11.45am
 Post Natal Pilates 12-1.00pm
 (Babies Welcome)
 Call Bethany Lucas
 07415 638546
bethanylucasplates@gmail.com
 Further classes at:
www.bethanylucaspilates.co.uk

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am
 Contact Pam Keeper
 01732 458930

EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall
Class Street Dance
 4.30pm-6.00pm
 Boys & Girls all Ages
 Info: Clare 07960 865518
www.class-streetdance.co.uk

EVERY FRIDAY

The Chelsfield (Windsor Drive)
DJ NIGHT
 From 8.30pm Contact 01689
 880288

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday 2nd March

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive
Singles Karaoke
 Starts 8.30pm

Monday 4th March (1st Monday of Month)

Brass Crosby Room
St Martins Memory Cafe
 2-4pm. Contact Jackie McCann
 01689 854119
memorycafe@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk

Thursday 7th March

Five Bells
Jazz Night with Just Friends
 Our popular sextet with their
 swing jazz standards
 Starts 8.30pm

Wednesday 13th March

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive
**Table Sale for Mothers Day
 Gifts**

Wednesday 13th March (2nd Wednesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall
Afternoon W.I.
 Newcomers Welcome
 Contact Sue on 01689 827407

Wednesday 13th March

Five Bells
Open Mic Night
 So all you budding musicians out
 there, come along and have a go!
 Starts at 8.30pm

Saturday 16th March

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive
International Rescue (Band)

Tuesday 19th March

(3rd Tuesday Every Month)
 Chelsfield Village Hall
Evening W.I.

Newcomers Welcome
 From 7.45pm
 Contact Jules Phillips (President) on
 0203 441 5669 or Lisa Lobb
 (Secretary) on 01689 608070

Saturday 23rd March

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive
Keval Reggae Band
 Starts 8.30pm

Thursday 25th March (Last Thurs each Month)

Brass Crosby Room
Local History Group
 Starts 10.30am

Wednesday 27th March

Five Bells
Open Mic Night
 So all you budding musicians out
 there, come along and have a go!
 Starts at 8.30pm

Thursday 28th March

Halstead Village Hall
Spring Show

So all you budding musicians out
 there, come along and have a go!
 Starts at 8.30pm

Monday 1st April (1st Monday of Month)

Brass Crosby Room
St Martins Memory Cafe
 2-4pm. Contact Jackie McCann 01689
 854119
memorycafe@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk

Thursday 5th April

Five Bells
Jazz Night with Just Friends
 Our popular sextet with their swing
 jazz standards Starts 8.30pm

Saturday 6th April

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive
Singles Karaoke
 Starts 8.30pm

Saturday 13th April

St Martins Church
Spring Circular Walk
 Starts 10.00am