



The Newsletter and
“What’s On” Guide for
Residents & Friends
of Chelsfield Village

May 2011

Village Clean Up Day

Saturday June 4th 10.30 - 12.30
PLEASE JOIN US!



At this time of year the pavements and hedgerows become very overgrown, as does the village pond.

Between us we can tidy things up and give the permanent plants more growing space.

It is surprising how much can be achieved by many hands in a just few hours

We will meet at the bus shelter opposite Ivy Cottages, please wear wellies and gloves

Liquid refreshment will be provided

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Contributions PLEASE !

Do you have any concerns, stories or anecdotes to share?

Contributions for our June issue should be emailed to:

villagevoice@chelsfield.org

or posted to:

Chelsfield Village Voice
2 Bucks Cross Cottages
Chelsfield Village
BR67RN

By the 27th May please

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www.chelsfieldevents.co.uk

Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Dear Residents,
We would like to make you aware that in the past few weeks we have had at least 25 separate incidents of Criminal damage to vehicles, 10 of which were on the same night. This includes wing mirrors smashed and broken off and bonnets/roofs being jumped on. The main areas being targeted are, JULIAN ROAD, WORLDS END LANE, FOXBURY DRIVE, DALESIDE, WARING DRIVE, WOODLANDS ROAD, VINE ROAD and GLEN-TRAMMON ROAD. These incidents have taken place between the times of 22:00-0200hours. As you may already know Safer Neighbourhood Teams

do not work 24/7 so the majority of the time during these hours we are unfortunately not on duty. The latest we are working this week We will be putting in a request this week to see if it is possible to change our shifts from days to nights to try and combat this issue. We would like to ask residents to do as much you can to help us even if it's parking on a neighbour's drive if you don't have access to one or just tucking in the mirrors of your cars if possible. In the meantime we would urge residents to stay vigilant and to report any incidents of criminal damage or suspicious behaviour. To report a crime please call the non-urgent crime

reporting number 0300 1231212 or if it is happening at the time please always call 999. If you have any have any information that may be of use to us please do not hesitate to contact the team, all calls will be treated in the strictest confidence. Please take this opportunity to help us to make your area a more pleasant place to live. Thank you,
Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom Safer Neighbourhood Team.
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Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom SNT
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Local History Group

The April meeting was held on the 21st April, the Queen's 85th birthday. As the day is Maundy Thursday she will be distributing Maundy Money of 85 pence to 85 deserving women and 85 deserving

men. This will take place at Westminster Abbey. She is no longer required to wash their feet. Next month will see the Duke of Edinburgh's 90th birthday. At last month's meeting

we were urged to bring along any royal memorabilia pertaining to royal occasions such as weddings, coronations and funerals. Either most of us had forgotten or had nothing to bring. However,

er one lady brought along a collection of commemorative mugs and a silver spoon and there were a few photographs to pass round. Fortunately Paul Rason brought his collection of publications detailing royal engagements, marriages, weddings, coronations and funerals. Several interesting documents from his archive showed the details of preparations required when the royal events

took place. One, for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, had extraordinary detail of the timing of the various cars and carriages carrying royals and dignitaries from around the world to Westminster Abbey. Many of these represented countries that no longer exist. We all found the advertisements of the day amusing and recognised that some of the products were still availa-

ble. A quote in one paper had the new queen thanking Norman Hartnell for his big bill and saying that it would take her a long time to pay it off. We could have spent much longer looking through the old papers but time sadly ran out.

Many thanks go to Paul for sharing his material with us.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th May.

Village Clean Up Day

Please help to give our village a face lift on Saturday 4th June. Bromley Council will provide bags and litter picking equip-

ment and take the collected rubbish away. Bring your friends and family as many hands make light work.

Meet at the bus shelter in Bucks Cross Road at 10.30 and give as much time as you can spare up to 12.30.

Property Marking (Neighbourhood Watch)

Shed burglaries are still the main crime in the area due to the ease of getting into a sheds and the easy to sell on products, such as trimmers and lawn mowers, bicycles and the like. A number of shed Burglaries have occurred recently at the allotments. Try to make your sheds less vulnerable, and consider chaining some of the

good to something solid. The Police urge all readers to property mark with a permanent marker (post code / door number or house name) any of their valuables. We have arranged for the police to attend the Cricket Pavilion to mark up goods that are brought along with a property marker on the 18th June

2011, so hopefully, if your goods do get stolen, there is a chance that they could be returned to the owner.

Remember to report all thefts to the police, as without that knowledge, they are unaware of any activities in the area, which just encourages the villains to return!

John Leach
01689 851333

New Trustees for Chelsfield Village Hall

At the AGM of The Village Hall in April the two vacancies of the Trustees were filled by Bridget O'Donnell and Bob Hogben. Both well known local villagers who

will, we are sure, take an active interest in the fortunes and success of our Hall. They have filled the gaps left by the sad death of Elsa, and the moving away to

Gloucester of the rector, Leslie Virgo.- who is now enjoying his house and garden and time for himself and family.

CHELSEFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Trustees:

Robert Hogben, Philip Lane
Bridget O'Donnell
Dan Sloan

*Bucks Cross Road,
Chelsfield Village,
Orpington Kent BR6 7RL*

Reg. Charity No 302950

Chairman: Terry Sparks
01689 823749

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01689 855617



Good Old Brass Crosby!

As part of my medical course I have an elective period around the end of this academic year where I can learn about other areas of medicine for a period, perhaps elsewhere in the world. I have chosen to spend that time in Tanzania in a small rural, bush hospital on the edge of the rift valley that covers an area the size of Wales. As I

want to take over a rucksack of drugs that they need, I was looking for sponsors to help fund this. One source of funding I tried was the Lord Mayor's fund, but I was told that if I had a link to the City of London it would strengthen my application. I was reminded of the Brass Crosby story. I duly wrote a request for funding, and men-

tioned that Brass Crosby and I both lived in Chelsfield Village, and what he was famous for.

The end result was £500 sponsorship, on condition that I wrote up my experiences, and later attended a lunch at the Mansion House where I could report. Oh how tedious!

Miles Gandolfi

A Memorial for Carol Margetts

Many of you may remember and miss Carol, village historian, cricket supporter and local character, who died in sad circumstances last year. Carol lived with her parents in the village, caring for them in their later years and latterly regularly tending their grave in the churchyard. She did voluntary work for the blind club and talking newspaper for the blind.

A collection to provide a

fitting memorial in the village where she spent her whole life is being set up. The present suggestion for a fitting memorial is a seat in the Cricket field as Carol often sat and watched the Cricket matches.

Those of you who remember Carol and would like to make a contribution by cheque should make cheques payable to 'Chelsfield Village Society' with 'Carol Mar-

getts' on the reverse.

Cheques can be forwarded to Catherine Gandolfi at No. 3 or Pam Ames at No. 7 Orlestone Gardens, Chelsfield Village BR6 6HB. or given to a Committee member.

Kay Stone has also kindly agreed to place a Collection Box in The 5 Bells and Anne Mead will have one in the Brass Crosby Room at St. Martins

*Pam Ames &
Catherine Gandolfi*

Chelsfield Village Fair

With under three months to the Fair on the 9th July, the workload is picking up. We have carried out a sign survey in order to improve the traffic flow and we have estimated that we will need at least a dozen new signs to direct those who want to attend the Fair to the car parks and those who don't through the village. It will cost a bit but we retain a modest working capital each year to cope with these investments in

the Fair infrastructure.

The charities benefiting from the 2011 Fair will be Cancer Research UK as headline charity and we will also be making a significant donation to the ICARE Stroke Day Centre Trust who do wonderful work in their Green St Green facility. Local good causes will also receive the remainder of the charitable pot.

We are keen to step up the fund-raising for

Chelsfield Flying Club (the informal monicker for all those who donate towards the cost of the flying displays) and there is an outside chance we will be able to afford a second aircraft. The Spitfire is confirmed and we are working hard to raise the £1,900 to pay for that; if you would like to help us, you can donate on-line by going to: www.flying.chelsfieldfair.com or you can post a cheque through my door

(4 Orlestone Gardens). In return you get a mention in the programme, the 2011 flying club souvenir and of course the satisfaction of watching the aircraft knowing you were instrumental in its/their appearance.

The 79 trading pitches are being snapped up so if you would like to grab one while they're still

available, please email me at: admin@chelsfieldfair.com We are also very keen to recruit more volunteers for the day. There are many jobs which need doing from taking money on the gates, helping direct traffic, working in the tea rooms to name but three and the more people we have, the easier the day runs and the

more time the volunteers get to wander round and enjoy the day.

Thank you for your continued support of the Fair and please contact me if you have any queries or wish to volunteer.

Dave Griffiths
Chairman
Chelsfield
Village Fair 2011
07796 696065

Neighbourhood Watch

Break-ins

There have been further recent break-ins in the centre of the village resulting in much internal damage to unoccupied properties. Lead has again been stolen from

the Village Hall roof.

If you see anything suspicious going on, try to get a car registration number and/or photograph of the incident and pass the details on. It is most important that any incident

is reported with as much evidence as possible. If it is an emergency call 999, or report it to (Police) 0208 721 2606.

Safer Neighbourhood Team contact email: matthew.nye@met.police.uk

Orpington's Own Rock Festival

Party In The Priory - Orpington's own Rock Festival

In September of last year, TMT Music, the musical instrument shop on the one-way system at the bottom of Orpington High Street put on a two day rock festival, Party In The Priory, in Orpington's Priory Gar-

dens and it was so successful, a similar event has been planned for this year. TMT's owner and festival organiser, Matt Hemsley worked closely with the Council in order to reassure them that he wasn't about to turn Orpington into Woodstock or Knebworth and the resulting festival was a wonderfully warm and

family -friendly event giving an opportunity for young musicians and old grizzled ones like myself a chance to play on a festival stage.

The dates are 27th, 28th and 29th August and you can buy the extremely reasonable admission tickets on-line from the festival website: www.partyinthepriory.co.uk

You can also see pictures from last year's festival and view the line-up for each day as the running order is finalised.

My band, DUPE will be playing at 5pm on Saturday 27th August so if you would like to come along and yell abuse, we would be delighted to see you. The more seasoned old hands like ourselves get a 45 minute set and the younger

bands playing all their own material get slightly shorter - I remember well how hard it is to put together more than about 20 minutes of music when you've just started out! Last year, one band of young lads only had five songs and were so nervous that they played them much faster than they intended and had to play most of them again!

There is a wide variety

of music: rock, pop, blues and the odd bit of metal (especially from the youngsters!) but none of it is that loud, out of sensitivity toward the neighbours. There are plenty of stalls, a beer tent, refreshment and I think it is wonderful in this slightly cynical age that Matt and his team go to the considerable effort of putting this event on.

*Dave Griffiths
Keyboards - DUPE*

An Early History of Chelsfield Village School - Part 4

The range of subjects taught to children at Chelsfield School included writing, English grammar and spelling, reading including poetry (often learnt by heart), arithmetic including Tables, history, geography, Religious Education, music including singing plus PE. Pupils were required to undertake homework in many subjects which helped to ensure high classroom standards. For girls there were also lessons in needlework, cookery and laundry whilst for boys there were also sports such as football

and cricket. The only subject not included in this extensive range would appear to be science in some form. However, at this time all the children attending the Village School came from the rural environment of Chelsfield Village and indeed this also

encompassed a wide area beyond the Village itself. Many children actually lived on local farms or their parents worked on the land and so grew up with a very practical and knowledgeable background of nature

frequently "raw in tooth and claw". Invariably children also walked to School along the local lanes and footpaths and across fields in order to get to School and home again. After School many children had to assist at home in various ways but playtime with friends was often along the country lanes, investigating along hedges, playing in fields etc. in the rural environment in general. From an early age children acquired a vast range of knowledge about the

various types of birds, animals, plants and flowers, trees and country life as a whole. Probably many knew a good deal more than their teachers on these subjects so at this period "nature study" was part of daily life almost without realising this to be the case week by week over the years of childhood.

Children attending Chelsfield Village School came from not only the immediate vicinity of the Village cottages etc. but also from Worlds End Lane, Chelsfield Lane, Cockmannings Lane, Hollybush Lane, Shoreham Lane, Skeet Hill, Well Hill and Park Gate. During the 1920s one girl pupil walked daily to and from Chelsfield Village School from a cottage situated out on the Lullingstone Estate where her father (Mr. Reeves) was Gamekeeper to the Estate Owners at that time - the Hart-Dyke Family.

Until the mid 1950s there were very few cars around Chelsfield and so walking along these country lanes

and roads was not a hazard or a cause for worry - what a contrast to today's situation! Boys and girls walked to and fro together to School, and as this was the only possible way of travel it was part of everyday life for all the children around Chelsfield at that time. With company on these daily journeys the distance was not found onerous and there were many distractions along the way in such a rural area which probably meant running the last part of the route when the School handbell was heard clanging in the distance! These treks were undertaken in all weathers throughout the year with the result that children sometimes arrived in a wet and bedraggled state at School. The situation was alleviated a good deal by the caring and sympathetic actions on the part of the School Staff at such times when wet coats, scarves, gloves etc. were draped over the robust, wire-mesh fireguards surrounding the open, coal fires in each classroom. The warming glow from a

freshly-stoked open fire in the classroom must have been very reassuring and cheering on a bitterly cold winter's day. At such times pupils probably needed little prompting to add more coal to the fire - especially if you happened to be sitting in the back row! Later these open fires were replaced by upright, solid-fuel stoves but still with the same fire-guards serving as useful drying-aids as well as protecting against horrible accidents with the stoves.

After the children had arrived at School the sturdy, wrought-iron gate was shut and padlocked until lunch-time when it was opened again and afterwards locked until going-home time. The locking of the School gate was carried out in order to prevent children from absconding after the register had been called and the sturdy, iron railings surrounding the School have served the same purpose ever since the School was built during the middle of the last Century. Nowa-

days there is also the sad situation where the railings and locked gate also keep out intruders who might be intent on harming the children. Furthermore, as well as the horrendous levels of traffic speeding around the

country lanes of Chelsfield it is not nearly so safe for children to be walking at all with so many incidents of grave harm being inflicted by individuals who sometimes lurk in these areas nowadays. Indeed, sadly

it is now the case that many adults like myself who used to enjoy such walks, now view such activities as most unwise and potentially hazardous.

Carol Margetts

Fly Tipping in Gorse Road

Gorse Road, leading off of Skeet Hill Lane, appears to be a favourite spot for Fly Tippers. On Good Friday it looked as though a lorry had emptied the complete contents of some persons house out into the middle of the road, it was impassable! Then again, on 27th April another load of, this time, mainly shrubbery and general waste had been tipped out through the middle of the road. Consequently making it again a no through route for traffic. Fortunately the farmers in this area have the equipment to clear the way again without having to wait for the local authority vehicles to clear the route.



Getting Ready For The Produce Show

For those of you who would like to start practising, here are the Country Fayre classes, provided by our judge.

- 35. 4 Croissants
- 36. 5 Macaroons
- 37. 5 Scotch pancakes
- 38. Themed cake – The Royal Wedding
- 39. Gypsy tart (recipe supplied)
- 40. 3 Apple tartlets
- 41. 3 Traditional Cornish pasties
- 42. A jar of lemon curd
- 43. 5 Easter biscuits (recipe supplied), FOR CHILDREN TOO
- 44. Men only – mini Florentines (recipe supplied)

Gypsy Tart double points

First make the rich shortcrust pastry

- 170g plain flour
- 100g butter
- Pinch of salt
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 tbs of caster sugar Very cold water

Method

Sieve the flour and salt together into a large bowl
Rub in the butter until it resembles fine breadcrumbs

(take care not to over rub in).
Add the caster sugar.

Mix the egg yolk with 2 tablespoons of water and Sprinkle half over the flour

Mix to a firm dough, first with a knife, then with one hand. It may be necessary to more water if necessary. The pastry should be soft not sticky.

Knead briefly lightly, wrap and chill in the fridge to rest for 30 minutes

Use as required.

To make the tart.

225 g (8oz) rich shortcrust pastry

1 X 400g (14 oz) tin evaporated milk

350 g (12 oz) dark brown sugar

Pre-heat the oven to 200 C

Roll out the pastry and line a 25 cm (10 inch) flan ring- for best results let the flan relax in the fridge for 30 minutes (this helps prevent shrinkage). Bake the pastry blind, which is to line the pastry with greaseproof paper and baking beans (foil works as well), and bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes until cooked, take the beans or foil off and make sure the bottom is cooked, if not return to the oven for another 5 minutes.

Whisk the evaporated milk and sugar together for 10-15 minutes until light and fluffy and increased in volume. The mixture should be a coffee colour. Put the mixture into the pastry case and bake in the oven for 10 minutes. The gypsy tart will now have a slightly sticky surface but will not set completely until; it is cold. Serve cold

Easter Biscuits Adults and children

- 55g/2oz butter
- 110g/4oz plain flour
- 55g/2oz caster sugar half tsp caraway seeds
- Grated zest of half a lemon
- 55g/2oz currants
- Half an egg or 1 egg yolk
- 33g/1oz granulated sugar

Method

Preheat the oven 180 C and grease a baking tray.

Cream together the butter, caster sugar and lemon zest. Beat in the egg.

Stir in the flour, caraway seeds and currants.

Roll out the dough 5mm thick on a lightly flour surface. Cut into large rounds and carefully lift them onto the baking tray. Prick with a fork and sprinkle with granulated sugar.

Bake for 10-15 minutes until set and pale golden.

Leave on a wire rack to crisp and cool.

**Mini Florentines
Men only**

- 25g walnut pieces
- 25g flaked almonds 1
- tablespoon sultanas 1
- tablespoon chopped mixed candied peel 15 g
- glace cherries 50g
- butter 50g
- caster sugar 1
- tablespoon double cream
- 125g plain chocolate

Method

Grease 3 baking trays

Finely chop the nuts, sultanas; peel and cherries, and then mix together.

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the sugar and stir over a gentle heat until the sugar dissolves. Bring to the boil and boil for 1 minute. When the mixture turns a light golden colour, take off the heat and stir in the nuts, fruit and cream.

Place tiny amounts (no more

than 2.5 ml {1/2 teaspoon}) on the baking sheets and flatten slightly. Bake at 180 C for 5-6 minutes until golden brown. Leave to cool for 1 minute, then ease then off the baking sheet, using a fish slice or spatula, and place on a wire rack to cool and harden.

Melt the chocolate and dip the Florentines on one side only. When hard either serve or place in an airtight container layered with greaseproof paper.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Bromley Council

Main switchboard:

020 8464 3333

E-mail:

csc@bromley.gov.uk

Opening hours Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm

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

Reporting Problems to the Council

Can be reported via the CVS website, or if urgent by phone out of hours Emergency Duty Team 020 8464 4848.

Mobile Library

The mobile library stops outside Chelsfield Village School on Tuesdays between 11:15 and 11:45.

Books can be reserved from here, or over the Internet via the Bromley library website for later picking up from the mobile library.

Councillors

- Julian Grainger
01689 889392
julian.grainger@bromley.gov.uk
- Samaris Huntington-Thresher
020 8464 3333
samaris.huntington-thresher@bromley.gov.uk
- Russell Jackson
russell.jackson@bromley.gov.uk

Chelsfield Village Society
cvscontact@gmail.com

Chelsfield Village Voice
villagevoice@chelsfield.org

Chelsfield Primary School
01689 825827

BT Line Faults 0800 800151

Electrical Power Failure (EDF)
08007838866

Thames Water Emergencies
0845 9200800

Transco Gas Emergency Service 0800 111999

Orpington Police Station
1000-1800 Monday-Saturday
0300 1231212

Samaritans 01689 833000

NHS Direct 0845 4647

Safer Neighbourhood Team
020 8721 2605

Chelsfield Village Hall
(bookings)

01689 855617

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 on
01689 853215

EVERY TUESDAY
Brass Crosby Room
**St Martin's Toddler
Group**

10.30am-12.00 midday
Contact Sarah Ford:
01689 853415

EVERY TUESDAY
Chelsfield Village Hall
Art Workshop
"Art for the Fun of it"
4.00pm-5.00pm 5 years
and upwards £8.00 per child
Details 01959 532761
geraldinefranklin@bt.com

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Rugby for Girls

Any Age
Evening training from
September to May
Contact Kevin
0208 289 8566

EVERY THURSDAY
St Martin of Tours Church
Viva Acappella
Ladies Barbershop Chorus
Practice
Contact Helen 07984
961696

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday 12th May
**(2nd Thursday Each
Month)**

Brass Crosby Room
Crafts For All
Come and Try Your Hand at
a Range of Crafts
11.00am

Friday 13th May
The Five Bells
**Whoops What a
Date!**

Ray Rich Band
Starts 9.00pm (pub closes
midnight)

Wednesday 18th May
(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
Parish Room-Skibbs Lane
**Internet Cafe & Local
History Transcription**
2.30-4.30pm

Thursday 19th May
(3rd Thursday each month)
Brass Crosby Room
Local History Group
10.15am—Midday

Friday 20th May
The Five Bells
**Willie Austen
family & friends**
Starts 9.00pm (pub closes
midnight)

Wednesday 1st June
(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
Parish Room-Skibbs Lane
**Internet Cafe & Local
History Transcription**
2.30-4.30pm

Saturday 4th June
Meet at Bus Shelter
Village Clean Up Day
10.30am-12.30

Sunday 5th June
The Rectory—Skibbs Lane
Big Lunch

Saturday 11th June
The Rectory—Skibbs Lane
**St Martins
Church Fete**

Wednesday 15th June
(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
Parish Room-Skibbs Lane
**Internet Cafe & Local
History Transcription**
2.30-4.30pm

Saturday 9th July
Cricket Field
**Chelsfield Village
Fair**
THE BIG ONE!

Saturday 17th September
Chelsfield Village Hall
Produce Show
Set up from 0930am