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Local Council & European Elections

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LOCAL ELECTION

You may vote for any 3 of these Candidates:

ADAMS Jeremy Richard
Labour Party Candidate
BARLOW David Geoffrey
Labour Party Candidate
BUTTINGER Lydia Hannah
Conservative Party Candidate
GRAINGER Julian Patrick Greville
UK Independence Party (UKIP)
GREENIDGE Patrick Adrian Roger
UK Independence Party (UKIP)
HUNTINGTON-THRESHER Samaris Victoria
Conservative Party Candidate
LOOSEMORE-REPPEN Gerda Claire
Liberal Democrats
ONSLOW Keith
Conservative Party Candidate
RICHARDSON Stephen Mark
Labour Party Candidate
SLADE Daniel John
UK Independence Party (UKIP)
SLOAN Dan
Green Party
WEBBER John William
Liberal Democrats
WHITESIDE James Robert
Liberal Democrats

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

You have one vote for one of the following Parties:

4 Freedoms Party; An independence from Europe;

Animal Welfare Party; British National Party;

Christian People's Alliance; Communities United Party;

Conservative Party; English Democrats; Europeans Party;

Green Party; Harmony Party; Labour Party; Liberal Democrats;

National Health Action; National Liberal Party; NO2EU; UKIP

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Lesser Celandine

With the early spring that seems to have arrived this year I have particularly noticed one of the early spring flowers that cover the woodland floor at this time of year: the lesser celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*), sometimes known as the 'spring messenger'. This plant occupies the same landscape as the bluebell but only rarely carpets the forest with its yellow petals in the same way as the more commonly known bluebell.

It is at its best from March to May so will soon be gone for another year. This flower is thought to have been one of William Wordsworth's favourites which grows in abundance in the Lake District. In fact he wrote three poems about it, one of which begins:

There is a flower, the
lesser celandine
That shrinks, like many
more, from cold and rain
And, the first moment that
the sun may shine
Bright as the sun himself,
'tis out again !
Upon Wordsworth's death
it was decided that his
memorial plaque inside the
church of St Oswald at
Grasmere would have a



celandine carved upon it. Unfortunately the greater celandine was carved. This plant is a poppy and unrelated to the lesser variety which is a type of buttercup.

Another poet, Edward Thomas wrote a poem

entitled "Celandine". Encountering the flower in a field, the poet is reminded of a past love, now dead.

For all of the flower's admirers, across the pond in both the US and Canada the plant is



viewed in much the same way as we view the Japanese knot weed. The plant was introduced from Europe and is now threatening many native woodland plants that flower at a similar time of the year. On the internet one can find many US based web-sites that describe the spread of the

plant and laments that control of the plant is difficult because of the short lived nature of the weed's flowering life-cycle and the need to avoid harming other native plants. These sites often advise the use of systemic herbicides to control the 'infestation'.
So one of our much

admired messengers of spring is a detested weed in other parts of the world. Such is the way with modern life and the globalisation of plants and animals which once loved in one location, become a nuisance in another.

Steve Fuller

Some Historical Bits found from Gleaning Old Papers

In 1929 Chelsfield House came up for auction (the hospital). The estate comprised 9 cottages, 149 acres, 5 garages, 4 tennis courts, 4 bathrooms, 17 bedrooms, 4 receptions. The last private ownership came to an end.

In 1921 16 haystacks and some buildings were destroyed in an arson attack in Chelsfield by Sinn Fein sympathizers.

In 1841 Rev Holbeach became curate of St Martins and went on to be vicar of St Giles and thence Archdeacon of Coventry.

In 1935 3 pieces of church silver were stolen but returned to the rector, Bertram Parsons, by parcel post shortly afterwards.

In 1924 a couple from Green Street Green, Mr

and Mrs John Taylor, both celebrated their 100th birthdays, the oldest couple in England. Married for 63 years. His recipe was hard work (master carpenter), fresh air, exercise, a pipe and some ale.

In 1891 Young Mr Hills, son of the parish clerk, was killed when he fell into a mowing machine when the horses bolted.

Phil Lane

Look Out For Fraudsters

Bromley residents are being targeted by fraudsters in increasingly more ingenious ways. The message from the Safer Bromley Partnership and Police is to be vigilant and warn family, friends and neighbours that

these scams can often seem extremely plausible. Courier fraud is one example where a fraudster posing as a bank official or police officer persuades a resident to part with their bank cards. The Safer Bromley Part-

nership advises that banks and Police will NEVER ask you to give up your cards or passwords in this way – so don't give your PIN or bank card to anyone, whoever they claim to be.

Lullingstone Airfield

Part 2 The Wartime Decoy Airfield

A previous article covered the Lullingstone airfield that never was, this continues the theme into the last war.

In the early days of WW2, Biggin Hill was one of the

a K station, denoting a daytime decoy site, as well as a Q station, for night decoys, and was ready by 1940.

It is hard to see on the ground, how the sloping and undulating valley site could deceive the Germans, but from the air,

my Hurricanes, dummy buildings and accessories such as old cars, bicycles and oil drums. Over this period some 300 men were stationed in the park, with several anti-aircraft guns in the Darenth valley. How convincing Lullingstone K site was is uncertain. 'K' sites were

A Dummy Hurricane



airfields selected to receive the ultimate form of deception – a decoy airfield, sited in the Darenth valley at Lullingstone. This was one of over one hundred dummy sites and was used to draw attention away nearby Biggin Hill. Lullingstone became

the hills flatten out. Nearly all remaining large trees were also removed to avoid give-away shadows, and obstacles to supposed runways.

For a daytime decoy site Lullingstone had six dum-

my Hurricanes, dummy buildings and accessories found to be conspicuous and easily detected by the Germans, and most were abandoned by February 1941, although Lullingstone was one of only three to be continued. As the battle of Britain faded, and the German attacks

became the nightly blitz, many decoy sites became upgraded to 'Q'.

Q sites were more common and simulated an airfield at night, using electric lights and flare paths.. Landing lights stretched along the lower slopes across the east of the park, together with car headlights to suggest a taxiing aircraft. A red reflector light was used as a warning to prevent friendly aircraft from landing. All these lights were controlled from a bunker. Inflammable devices could also be triggered to simulate a direct hit.

Biggin Hill would warn them of an attack, and instruct them to start up the generator and light the flare path etc. The men would take it in turn to manipulate the headlamp until an aircraft was heard approaching near enough to pick up the landing T lights. The men would then take cover in the dug-out.

'Q' sites seemed to have more effect, and in general by June 1942 had absorbed three hundred and seventy five attacks, whilst real airfields had

three hundred and seventy two attacks.

In broadcasting Lord Haw Haw boasted about Germanys knowledge of Lullingstone, and a Lutwaffe map clearly had Lullingstone marked as a decoy airfield. But in fog or at night and under pressure, navigational errors could be made, so the extra protection a decoy airfield gave Biggin Hill was worth continuing a little longer.

After the devastating raid on Coventry, a different type of Decoy was considered. Deception fires to represent burning cities or manufacturing plants.

These were given the name 'Starfish' and in spring 1941 Lullingstone became a Starfish site. Other 'Starfish' sites for London were located at Richmond Park, Farleigh, Rainham Marshes and Lambourne End.

Large tanks were hidden amongst the trees, from which oil was directed along troughs to stacks of wood and other inflammables.

This was not lit many times, but in a 1944 air

raid with over 20 aircraft overhead, it was targeted and bombs were dropped around the site. This was the last incident and final use of the Lullingstone decoy.

In 1944 the park had its fair share of barrage balloons against the doodle bugs. The Darenth valley was considered doodle bug alley, with neighboring Farningham having the reputation of being the most bombed parish in the country with sixty four V1's and twelve V2's. Seven V1's are known to have fallen in Lullingstone park.

During this period the deer in the park had become a worry, now numbering around 300, they could easily be frightened and had stampeded a number of times breaking down hedges and damaging crops. It was decided to slaughter them and sell the venison, but found that there was no market for it. So nothing was done about the deer and they were allowed to escape and fend for themselves in the local woods. It is likely that there successors are still with us.

Chelsfield Park Hospital Celebration

HOSPITAL CELEBRATES TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY AS EUROPEAN BARIATRIC SURGERY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital has celebrated its two year anniversary of its accreditation as a Bariatric (weight loss) Surgery Centre of Excellence by

made in April 2012, recognises the hospitals excellent results, including significant weight loss and low complication rates, in the field of bariatric surgery.

Since BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital received the accredited, Mr Shamsi El-Hasani Consultant Bariatric Surgeon and lead weight loss expert behind the accreditation has

field Park Hospital in 2000 and since then has helped thousands of patients dramatically reduce the burden of obesity on their lives and families.

Obesity can lead to serious health problems and is an independent risk factor for at least 35 common co-morbidities (health conditions). Obesity is a growing health concern in the UK and can



Celebrating Two Years - Bariatric Nurse Sheila Abadiano with Mr Shamsi El-Hasani and patients at BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital's Bariatric Support Group

the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO). The accreditation, which was

treated nearly 700 patients. Mr El-Hasani performed the first bariatric procedure at BMI Chels-

lead to significant medical, psychological, social, physical and economic impacts. "Bariatric surgery

is recognised as an effective treatment for morbidly obese patients, resulting in long-term sustained weight loss which can help to significantly improve health,” commented Mr Shamsi El-Hasani, Consultant Bariatric Surgeon at BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital. “Our patients have taken the first positive step to help improve their life. For many patients their struggle with weight has been a lifelong battle and when dieting and exercise don’t produce long term results bariatric surgery can be the only viable solution. This accreditation offers our patients the peace of mind that their surgery is up to the latest standards and that the team, consultant and hospital have met the most rigorous of standards.”

In Europe alone, there are over 150 million[i] people with obesity, and the proportion of adults in the UK with a body mass index (BMI) higher than 30 has tripled in the past two decades with 24 per cent[ii] of the adult population now classed as obese.

The IFSO brings together surgeons and allied health

professionals, such as nurse practitioners, dieticians, nutritionists, psychologists and anaesthetists, involved in the treatment of patients with morbid obesity. The main goal of IFSO is to optimise the results of the treatment of patients with obesity. To be accredited as a bariatric surgery centre of excellence by the IFSO BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital had to demonstrate, with rigorous one year application process, that:

The hospital’s surgeons have a commitment to post-operative life-time follow up with their patients

The hospital performs at least 50 cases per year including open and laparoscopic revision operations

The hospital is involved in the training of colleagues in the field of bariatric surgery

BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital also had to demonstrate that it provides each patient with:

Specialised nursing care, including dietary instruction and counselling

Psychological assessment (if and when needed)

Anaesthetists with a high level of experience in dealing with bariatric patients

Experienced interventional radiologists

On site critical care

Blood tests available

24hrs a day

Supervised weight loss support group meetings

At least five years’ experience in treating bariatric patients

Speaking on the two year anniversary of the accreditation, Executive Director Ruth Hoadley commented, “All of the criteria we had to meet in order to gain accreditation from the IFSO for our bariatric service have helped us demonstrate our commitment to the highest standards in patient care. This is something that we continue to uphold in our partnership with Mr El-Hasani, who is without doubt one of the most experienced bariatric surgeons in the UK. We would not have achieved this accreditation without the hard work and dedication of Mr El-Hasani and his specialist team. On behalf of everyone at the hospital I would like to thank each and everyone one of them for their hard work.”

Bromley Museum

Bromley Museum opening times: Monday - Friday, 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month

17th June-5th October
 'Object In Focus' is a loan scheme run by the Horniman Museum in which objects are temporarily loaned to other institu-

tions. As part of this series, Bromley Museum will be displaying the Horniman's horse skull.

Bromley Museum will also host an expert talk, in which Paolo Viscardi, Natural History Curator at the Horniman Museum and

Gardens, will explain 'The History of the Horse',
 Talk Information:
 Saturday 16th August, Events Room, 2-3 pm. Cost: Free
 For more details contact the Museum Team on 01689 873826 or email Bromley.Museum@bromley.gov.uk

What did you do during the Great War, Bromley? 16th June– 26th September



Looking at the impact of the war on local life and on Bromley's role in caring for casualties.

Church News

The Tryhorn Field is virtually ready to accept the first burial. The sections of white fencing donated to the village by Bob Hogen many years back, have been erected and painted, to screen off the

bonfire and maintenance area.

Our magnificent row of limes trees has had its quinquennial haircut and looks very tidy. Storm damaged trees else-

where have been dealt with.

There will be horses in the Glebe Field next to the rectory very soon from Chelsfield Equestrian Centre.

I hope everyone has now met our new rector John, and his wife Janet. They are very proactive and if you haven't you certainly will!. If you see them make yourself known

please.

Did you see the Easter Garden in the church? It may still be there when you read this. It is built from about 3 cwt of rocks

from the old font etc, takes nearly 3 hours to build and has a lighted tomb. A tradition at St Martins that goes back at least 30 years.

Phil Lane

Chelsfield Fair 2014

PITCHES GOING FAST!

Thank you to all of you who have returned your pitch application forms - they are disappearing fast!

As always the West area pitches have gone already so don't bother asking for one. We are confirming the entertainment but we are delighted to announce that we will, weather and service-ability permitting, be having a Spitfire duo, followed by a solo display. Keep in touch with our

Facebook page where all announcements appear as they happen.

GEARING UP FOR THE 2014 FAIR!

Planning for the 2014 Fair is rumbling into life. The Fair this year will be on 19th July and it will be another wildly ambitious event, we hope!

There will be some minor layout changes, mainly to place the commentary / information point on the edge of the cricket square but we keep learning from previous

years to further improve the day for you all. We are hoping to have a commemoration of D-Day by laying on a formation Spitfire display followed by the mesmerising solo display. And if you would like to contribute to our Flying Club (flying.chelsfieldfair.com), we may be able to book some additional items.

Please LIKE our Facebook page where we will be posting regularly as we approach the Fair itself - www.facebook.com/chels

Produce Show

This year's Produce Show will be on **Saturday 6th September**. While the schedule is being finalised for inclusion in next month's Village Voice, here's something you can start on.

The photographic classes will be:

**Dawn or Dusk
Emotion
A Local Scene
(Chelsfield or Well Hill)
Learning**

This year's charity knitting is for St Christopher's Hospice has a Christmas theme. The articles are the right size to hold a well known spherical chocolate based treat reputedly served at

embassy functions. You will need one of each to

enter the class in the handicraft section, but

please feel free to make more.

Mini Christmas Pudding

Requires brown and white double knitting wool for the body, green felt for holly leaves and small amount of red wool or red beads for the berries

Pair of 3 1/4 mm (UK Size 9) Knitting Needles
With brown double-knitting wool cast on 20 stitches

1st Row Knit, 2nd Row Purl, 3rd Row Knit, 4th Row Purl, 5th Row Knit, 6th Row Purl

7th Row Knit, 8th Row Purl

Change to white double-knitting wool, leaving enough brown wool to sew up pudding section
1st Row K2, inc. 1 stitch, K2, inc 1 stitch repeat to end of row (30 stitches)
2nd Row Knit, 3rd Row k2 tog to end of row (15 stitches)

4th Row Knit, 5th Row Knit 1, k2 tog to end of row (8 stitches)

6th Row Knit, 7th Row k1, k2 tog to end of row, k1 (5 stitches)

Thread wool through re-

maining stitches and join sides together using white wool for topping and brown for pudding.

Sew in ends

Stitch on two small felt holly leaves and embroider 3 red berries (or sew on 3 red beads)



Mini Christmas Robin

Requires brown double knitting wool, red double knitting wool, brown felt, orange felt, something to make the eyes (these can be stitched on or white felt can be used).

K = Knit, p =Purl, m1 = make one by knitting into front and back of stitch.
Work brown wool across the back of red as in Fair Isle.

Cast on 20 sts on 3 1/4 mm (size 9) needles

1st Row: k7 Brown, k6

Red, k7 Brown, 2nd Row:

p7 Brown, p6 Red, p7 Brown

Repeat 1st & 2nd rows once

5th Row: k8 Brown, k4 Red, k8 Brown, 6th Row: p9 Brown, p4 Red, p8 Brown

Break off Red wool, 7th & 8th Row – stocking stitch Brown

9th Row: k1 m1, to end of row – 30 sts, 10th Row: p, 11th Row: k2 tog to end – 15 sts, 12th Row: p, 13th Row: k2 tog to end k1 – 8 sts

Take the wool through

the stitches and draw up, then sew up seam. Glue on eyes and beak.

Cut a small rectangle of brown felt for the tail, snip to fray one end, and glue or stitch to the back of your robin.



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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 be-
tween 11:15 and 11:45.

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Chelsfield Village Hall

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Chelsfield Players

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www.chelsfieldplayers.org

Village Neighbourhood Watch

Contact

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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 un-
able to go out without
help Contact Anne on
01689 826349

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

Outside the Village
School

Mobile Library

11.15am-11.45am

EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells

Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am

Contact Pam Keeper on

01732 458930

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday 11th May

The Chelsfield Pub

Juanita singing Live

4.00pm-7.00pm

Wednesday 14th May

The Chelsfield Pub

Poker Night

From 8.00pm

Wednesday 14th May

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

Starts at 8.30pm

Thursday 15th May

(Third Thursday of every
month) Brass Crosby Room

Local History Group

From 10.30am

Saturday 17th May

Five Bells

Slinky Malinki (Live Music)

Starts at 9.00pm

Saturday 17th May

The Chelsfield Pub

Suzi G Live Music

1920's Speak Easy

Sunday 18th May

The Chelsfield Pub

Anna MacDonald

4.00pm-7.00pm

Tuesday 20th May

Chelsfield Village Hall

Evening W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

From 7.45pm

Contact Pat 01689 862326

Thursday 22nd May

Various Polling Stations

Local and European

Elections

7.00am-10.00pm

Saturday 24th May

The Chelsfield Pub

Ale Festival with John

Marcus Live Music

Sunday 25th May

The Chelsfield Pub

Ale Festival with Sue

O'Brian

Sunday 25th May

12 The Meadows

Open Garden

NGS Scheme

From 1.00pm - 5.30pm

Admission £4 (Kids Free)

Tel: 01689853210

Wednesday 28th May

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

Starts at 8.30pm

Friday 30th May

The Chelsfield Pub

90's Disco

From 8.00pm

Sunday 1st June

The Rectory Gardens

The BIG Lunch

From 12.30

Bring your own picnic lunch
(soft drinks will be provided)

Thursday 5th June

Five Bells

Just Friends (Live Jazz)

Starts at 8.30pm

Saturday 7th June

The Rectory Gardens

St Martins Garden Fete

Wednesday 11th June

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

Starts at 8.30pm

Saturday 21st June

Warren Road Primary School

Summer Fete

12.30pm - 4.30pm

From 1.00pm - 5.30pm

Admission £1 (Kids Free)

Saturday 28th June

Parish Church of All Saints'

Bark Hart Rd, Orpington

Choir & Orchestra

Concert

7.30 pm Mozart –

Nunes Garcia

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