

May 2022

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Worlds End Music presents

Double Trouble!

An evening of classical music for flute and bassoon

7pm, Saturday May 14th

St Mary's Church, Worlds End Lane, Chelsfield, BR6 6AG

A delightful hour of music by two of the UK's leading musicians - local flautist Karen Jones and Ursula Leveaux on bassoon.

Programme includes Handel, Telemann, Gershwin, Piazzola

and just a hint of JS Bach!



Don't forget to vote on Thursday 5th May! You may vote for two candidates from the following list:

Kola Abiola Mike Botting Gerda Loosemore-Reppen Angela Page Lynn Sellwood Daniel Sloan Laura Thurimella

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ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE JUNE 2022 ISSUE TO: chelsfieldvillagevoice @gmail.com

to arrive on or before Saturday 28th May 2022



The Mistle Thrush

Back in august 2019 in pre-pandemic days (remember those...?) I mentioned a plant that appeared in my garden and I could not identify it. It was tall, thin and of a purplish colour and I described it as being somewhat lavender like (see photo). During a



local walk I again found this plant and on occasion in large numbers yet could not find it in my trusty Readers Digest book of wild flowers. As the subject came up again a friend identified the mystery plant as purple toadflax. Well it took a few years but finally I've tracked it down and while on the subject of flowers - a walk in the local woods.

will, by the time this is published show a carpet of bluebells. In my own garden I have a patch of the rarer white 'bluebells' which are so obvious when seen in a sea of the blue variety- see photo with a foreground of primroses. I have no doubt that these were taken from the wild but I can also assure you "it wasn't me guv"! They have been here since I moved in almost 40 years ago.

As of Easter, as I write this, the woodland floor shares its acreage with not only early bluebells but also wood anemones and lesser celandine and of course we're in the heart of spring. Nest sites have been chosen, built and parent birds are brooding over their unhatched voung. However, none of the 4 blue-tit boxes in the cottage gardens were I live seem to be being used although they have been inspected on numerous occasions. Why this should be so when the season was so poor for these birds last vear is a mystery unless the numbers have fallen



so far that there are plenty of suitable nest sites elsewhere. And on the subject of birds, this month I want to write about the mistle thrush (Turdus viscivorus). Although I have not seen a mistle thrush in the village, I have seen one up at Fort Halstead near Polhill picking fruit from a hawthorn tree

This is Britain's largest songbird and is essentially a larger version of the common



thrush Unlike its smaller cousin the common thrush with its repeated song phrases, it has a loud, farcarrying call somewhat similar to an old style football rattle: which auestions the title 'sonabird'! This is often delivered before and after wet and windy weather earning the old country name of 'storm-cock'. Whereas other birds stay low to avoid the worst of windy weather the mistle thrush treats such conditions with contempt and can be seen flying high appearing to enjoy the challenge. They also enjoy a good sing song during snowy weather when every other bird is hunkering down to see out the storm. Such weather is often encountered in its favoured environment which is often high areas such as hills, moors and other wild areas. He can be thought of as a winter clarion.

This species has a reputation for being the first bird to sing at the beginning of spring which explains another old country name 'Jeremy Joy' which is thought to be a corruption of 'January Joy' reflecting this bird's full throated song delivered as early as the end of January. Its diet

preferably consists of fruits include those of the mistletoe, holly and yew although they will also eat insects. In Europe mistletoe (red rather than British white berries) are favoured where it is available and this is reflected in the thrush's English and scientific names (mistle being an old name for the plant) and its Latin name viscivorus means mistletoe-eating. Strangely, unlike Europe, in Britain the mistle thrush prefers holly and this has led to many related names such as holm thrush, hollin cock and holm screech. 'Screech' being a reflection of the bird's call.

The mistle thrush can be an aggressive bird and has sometimes been called the 'butcher bird'.

Its feeding habits are described as 'nothing but bounce and stab.' It will vigorously defend clumps of mistletoe or a holly tree as a food reserve for when times are hard, and to reflect this behaviour the Welsh give this bird the title 'Pen y Llwyn' or 'master of the coppice'. Such ownership attracts females and this probably leads to this bird being one of the earliest to build a nest and to begin the breeding season. Mistle thrushes also have a reputation as a brave defender of not only its territory but also of its young. Being a reasonably large bird of almost 1 foot long there are records of counterattacks against crows, magpies and one record of killing a jackdaw. It





will also take on bigger foes and have occasionally been seen driving off sparrowhawks and buzzards.

There was a slow increase in mistle thrush

numbers through the 19th & 20th centuries but since the 1970s the numbers have been declining and they are now considered uncommon. Your best chance of identifying one of these rebel birds is

probably during the winter when it is likely to be the only bird singing during inclement weather.

Steve Fuller May 2022

Chelsfield Community Cafe



Chelsfield Volunteers continue to host afternoon tea/coffee/cake on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Chelsfield Village Hall (2:30pm - 4:30pm). There is plenty

of parking and the R7 stops nearby. Transport is also available if required.

Wednesday 20th April saw all enjoying a lovely Easter themed afternoon with three attendees winning raffle prizes and many participating in a quiz & making Easter bonnets!!

Bromley Carers in Harmony will be joining us again on Wednesday 18th May. They will treat us to an afternoon of singing well known songs and sea shanties. Why not come along & join in the fun?!

Volunteers to make cakes and help with setting up the hall serving are also very welcome. This is a social event for all!!

Please contact Chelsfield Volunteers on 07954 415429 for more info.

> Mags, Pam & The Chelsfield Volunteers

Chelsfield Cricket Club

We have recently held the Club AGM and there are some changes which I'd like to share with you dear readers.

Dave Walker and myself feel we have served our time in running the club and have stood down from our respective positions, Secretary and Chairman.

Dave has been involved with the Club for over 60 years. I can only own up to a term of 50 years!

We have both held our committee positions for a good many years and there have been times when we struggled to keep the Club going. We both said that we didn't want to be the 'custodians' of the Club



when and if it failed and at times we felt close to the brink.

As you are probably aware the number of people playing cricket has dwindled over the years and we spent an awful lot of time pleading, cajoling, bribing and coercing lads to represent the village.

We've now reached the stage where we feel the Club is in a much healthier position than in recent times and thus we stand down confident in the Club's survival.

We have a good number of current members with the expectation of an influx of more players which bodes well.

As with most clubs we always struggle

financially and there were times when Dave and I bailed the club out. However we are now upbeat that the club will survive for at least a few years with prudent financial management.

With this in mind the Club is always looking for further sources of income so if anyone would like to sponsor the Club in any way please contact Alex Mitchell, the Treasurer, email:

alex_mitchel@hotmail.com

or Tim Stevens the Chairman, email:-

timstevensjp@aol.com

Dave and I have certainly enjoyed all of our time associated with the Club and we both look forward to continuing our interest without managerial involvement.

While recently chatting we were recalling many of the amusing tales during our time. I hope we can put these together and perhaps publish some of those incidents in the Village Voice. The less savoury anecdotes can obviously only be repeated in the pub over a quiet pint of two!!!! Tap us up if you see us in the bar!

So, we'll sign off by thanking everyone who has supported the club over many years. Just remember that cricket in Chelsfield can be traced back to 1731, an historical span that we're proud to have been part of.

Dave Lambert and Dave Walker

A Thought from Phil!



"Now an email from a Mrs

Doris Johnson who would like

to hear:

"It's my party and I'll lie if I want to" by, she thinks, by Lesley Gove - He should have gone to Specsavers!

Phil Lane



Kent Heights Flower Club

KENT HEIGHTS FLOWER CLUB

Our next meeting will be on

Thursday 5th May 2022

7.30pm for 8.00pm start

At Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road, TN14 7EX

Everyone welcome to come along to our May meeting where we will be joined by Eleanor Bracken for her demonstration titled 'Thinking of Holidays'.

Refreshments Sales table/raffle Members £3 Visitors £7

For further information contact Sally Kemsley on 01959 534406

Chelsfield Equestrian Centre

On Tuesday 31st May we have a Mini Display Day to introduce our new Vaulting Display Team.

10 - 2 pm Drop in Pony Rides (run by our Chelsfield volunteers)

2.00 pm Vaulting Display followed by drill rides

3.00 - 5 pm Drop in Pony Rides (run by our Chelsfield volunteers)

Rides will be £5 per rider.



















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WANTED

OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

19th APRIL 2022

Fruit Juice – Long life	Tinned Carrots
Milk – Long Life	Tinned Sweetcorn
Instant Whip	 Tinned Mushrooms
Sponge Pudding	
Tinned Cold meat	 Men's Deodorant
Tinned Tomatoes	

PLEASE DON'T GIVE US FROZEN OR CHILLED ITEMS AS WE DON'T HAVE THE CORRECT STORAGE FOR IT AND IT SPOILS BEFORE WE CAN DISTRIBUTE IT

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF:

PASTA, CEREAL, TEA AND BISCUITS

THANK YOU

TAKE A PHOTO OF THIS LIST WITH YOUR PHONE TO REFER TO WHILE YOU SHOP!

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF FOOD SUPPORT PLEASE CONTACT US ON 0800 9 20 23 24

May 2022

Local History Group

Alice Bray of Chelsfield, and Thomasine Percyvall or the Maid of Cornwall

At last month's Local History Group I gave a talk on two medieval women with a mysterious connection. Here is our usual summary for Village Voice Readers.

Alice Bray is commemorated in a brass in St Martins Church, Chelsfield. She lived over 500 years ago, was married to Thomas Bray and had five children. But her husband Thomas probably died young, as for much of her life she was a widow.

Thomasine Percyvall was known after her death as The Maid of Cornwall. She was from St Mary Week near Launceston, where she is celebrated as a local benefactress who married three times and made her fortune. Her "rags to riches" story documenting her rise from humble shepherdess to wealthy benefactress is celebrated in her local

area.

We know from Alice Bray's will of 1510 (there is a 1650 copy in St Martins Church), that Alice knew Thomasine, but until recently we didn't know why.

The talk used existing documents and records

illustrations to give a feel for life at the time. One story revealed from consistory court records was that of the (alleged) misbehaviour of John Williams, the Chelsfield Rector, with some of the local women. The insults exchanged were as bad as any modern twitter war!



to uncover that connection, giving on the way many insights into medieval life and customs in the village. We were looking back a very long way into the past, so we viewed some rather beautiful contemporary woodcuts and manuscript

Alice lived with her brother, Richard Bonaventure, who was rector of St Martins (before the abovementioned Williams). They owned land where Longlands Farm is now situated, and a house which was most likely sited where



Maypole Cottage is now. Alice and Richard sold this land in 1479 and the source material suggests that Alice moved down to Bucks Cross, to live at the cottage there. This has been locally known as Alice Bray's Cottage for many years. Alice was a generous women and left many gifts to the Church.

Thomasine's story is very different. She was said to have been swept off the moors near her home in Cornwall by a passing merchant while tending her sheep and taken to London where she eventually married her master. After his premature death she married again, and later a Bray in Chelsfield, but we

third time, to a man who was both a baronet and Lord Mayor of London. In her final widowhood she became a generous benefactress in her local area and endowed a free school. So runs the legend – and it is not too far from the truth except that she was not of humble birth. All her husbands were tailors and she became a skilled tailor herself, running the workshop and joining the quild.

After much careful research detailed family connections were revealed that showed Alice and Thomasine were sisters. So not only can we celebrate Alice

can also celebrate her more famous, even legendary sister.

I'm grateful to the late Geoffrey Copus for his work on Alice Bray, and to Dan and Avis Sloan for pictures of their house at Bucks Cross.

There is more local history information at

www.chelsfieldhistory.org

Local History Group meets at 10.30am in Chelsfield Village Hall on the last Thursday of the month and at Farnborough Social Club on the last Friday in the month. All are welcome.

Pam Temple

Coolings Bromley In Bloom 2022

Coolings "Bromley in Bloom" is back in for 2022!

Over the past few years we have all spent more time at home - which hasn't been easy, but if you're a budding gardener it might have given you more time to get out into the garden or you might be a new gardener through starting a new lockdown project.

Whether you have been gardening for years or have just started, now's the time to celebrate and showcase all your hard work!

In Bloom is a free to enter competition, with categories ranging from individual pots to entire gardens. Category winners are awarded prizes of up to £25 of Coolings Vouchers, and

all entrants will receive a voucher to help you get started.

Supporting local councils and boroughs, the contest is aimed to showcase the green fingered skills of residents, businesses and communities.

HOW TO ENTER

To enter, please fill out and submit the entry forms on the next page



Bromley



ENTRY FORM

Please complete all your details below, indicating which of the categories you would like to enter. All entry forms must be received by Ist July 2022.

*Required Information - your entry cannot be accepted unless completed

Entrant Name* Telephone* Address* Postcode* E-mail Best front garden Best back garden Resident Best planted pot, trough or hanging basket Categories Best allotment plot Best pollinator friendly garden Best display of Jubilee colours Commercial Best Commercial Garden or Horticultural Display (For any pub, restaurant, shop or other business enterprise) Community Best community project

Please send your completed entry form to community@coolings.co.uk, or:
(Attn: In Bloom Entry) Coolings Nurseries, Rushmore Hill, Knockholt, Kent, TN14 7NN
For further details please see www.coolings.co.uk or email community@coolings.co.uk



Your personal details will be treated in accordance with the Data Protection act and only used for the purposes of In Bloom competitions. They will not be shared with third parties nor will they be used for marketing purposes of any kind. Photographs taken of gardens by the Judging committee may be used in marketing of the event and at the awards presentation. For full terms and conditions please go to www.coolings.co.uk.



BoPeep Offerings for May



ASPARAGUS FORTNIGHT AT THE BO PEEP MONDAY 9th MAY-Saturday 21st MAY 2022 (Excluding Sundays)

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WARM ASPARAGUS with hot melted butter or parmesan €6.50

ASPARAGUS, SMOKED HADDOCK & CHEDDAR GRATIN €7.50

WARM SALAD OF ASPARAGUS, PANCETTA & CHERRY TOMATO with a balsamic glaze £7.25

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GRILLED LOIN OF COD with Asparagus, Crushed New Potatoes & a dill butter £15.95

CHICKEN & ASPARAGUS SHORTCRUST PASRTY PIE served with new potatoes & seasonal vegetables £14.95

BEEF & ASPARAGUS STIR FRY served with rice £13.95



Hewitts Road Chelsfield BR6 7QL Tel: 01959 534457 info@thebopeep.com





St Martin's Toddler Group





Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

Here are our dates for the Spring term. We meet in The Brass Crosby Room at St Martin's Church, Chelsfield on Tuesdays during school term time, 10.30am – 12noon, £2 per child/baby which includes refreshments and craft resources. We look forward to seeing you, Toddler Volunteers:

Jenny, Peter, Mary, Val, Anne and Ally.

3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th May 31st May – Half Term so no Toddler Group 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June July and August – Summer Holidays so no Toddler Group

Contact Details:

Toddler Group Leader - Jenny Wood Email: stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com

Church website: www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk





Fundraising event for St. Martin of Tours, Chelsfield Registered charity no: 1131573





The Benefice of Chelsfield with Green Street Green and Pratts Bottom



St Martin's Chelsfield & Well Hill Calendar of Services – May 2022

Please be aware that in the current situation this schedule is still subject to change, potentially at short notice. Please watch the church website for updates (see link at bottom of page).

St Martin's

Sun 1 May	10.00am F	Family Communion
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3rd of Easter 6.30pm Evensong

Wed 4 May 9.30am Holy Communion - BCP

Sun 8 May 10.00am Family Worship 4th of Easter 6.30pm Song Eucharist

Wed 11 May 9.30am Holy Communion - BCP Sun 15 May 10.00am Family Communion

5th of Easter 6.30pm Evensong

Wed 18 May 9.30pm Holy Communion - BCP

Sun 22 May 10.00am Family Worship 6th of Easter 6.30pm Evensong

Wed 25 May 9.30am Holy Communion - BCP

Thu 26 May 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion for Ascension Day

Sun 29 May 10.00am Benefice Communion

7th of Easter at St Mary's Green Street Green

6.30pm Evensong

Well Hill*

Sun 8 May 10.00am Morning Prayer Sun 22 May 10.00am Holy Communion

*NB these services have limited capacity – for more information please contact Anne Ireland on 07767 783189 / anneireland@icloud.com















How Do You Measure Improvement in Your Fitness



Hi Everyone,

Fran Flin here, from Flin's Fitness. I hope you are well and are getting outdoors a bit for some general activity? It's good for the soul as well as the body!

I'm often asked how one can measure any sort of improvement in fitness, if you're not with a personal trainer, or use a smart watch or tech etc

A simple way would be to set yourself a list of exercises to use as a form of "Fit Test", an example of which I have given below.

Using a list of 10 exercises for instance, you could set a timer for

each and record the number achieved, or set a number of repetitions, then time the entire test!

Keep up with a varied and interesting fitness routine, then re visit the test a given number of weeks later. I would suggest a 3 week period if working out 3x a week, or 4 / 6 weeks if less frequently. Results are obviously more noticeable if you get your workouts in more often!

Here's a sample list:

Basic Fit Test

5 minute warm up, of low intensity and mobilising your body across all joints. (YouTube will have loads of warm ups you can follow for free!) Perform the following for 30 seconds each exercise, with a 15 seconds rest in between. If you are not sure what the exercises are, google or message me via my email below)

Count & record the number of repetitions.

- 1. Squats
- 2. Walkouts
- 3. Press Ups
- 4. Down-Ups
- 5. Reverse lunges
- 6. Jump jacks
- 7. Plank shoulder taps
- 8. V-Ups
- 9. Ladder climbers (count pairs)
- 10.High knees (count pairs)

This selection of exercises is suitable for someone with a reasonable level of fitness, however you can start as a beginner with a list of 6 exercises which are doable for YOU – simply tailor the test.

It's always good to see a record of where you started, and where you are now!

Until next time, Keep fit and healthy,

Fran x fran@flinsfitness.co.uk www.flinsfitness.co.uk





NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME Garden Open For Charity

12 The Meadows

Chelsfield, Orpington, BR6 6HS

Sunday 12 June 11am - 5pm

Adults £5 Children free













Plant Sale in Halstead

PLANT SALE

Halstead and District Horticultural Society
HALSTEAD VILLAGE HALL, KNOCKHOLT ROAD, TN14 7EX.
MAY SATURDAY 7TH 9:30am to 12:00 noon



Bedding Plants Vegetables Herbs Shrubs Perennials ETC

Everyone Welcome

Orpington u3a



40 years of positive ageing

The u3a movement has been learning, staying active and having fun for 40 years – showcasing what it means to have a positive later life. Join us and find out what events are happening near you.

The u3a Orpington's motto is Learn, Laugh and Live, and welcomes new members to join for £12 a year, either on

line by visiting our website

www.u3aOrpington.org.uk

or by phoning our

Membership Secretary 07732 005819 and asking for an application form.

Pauline Dawson



Bromley Platinum Jubilee Celebration Tickets

We are pleased to confirm that ticketing arrangements for the Bromlev town centre Platinum Jubilee events have been publicised again today. Residents can now obtain free tickets for the film screenings and concerts which showcase local talent, being held in Queens Gardens over the celebratory bank holiday. Tickets are available by visiting

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a ueens-gardens-platinumiubilee-celebrationstickets-315809052377.

published on our website

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with the exact wording pasted below for ease of reference. We have also tweeted about this too

https://twitter.com/LBofBr omley/status/1517443452 numJubilee. 186894338.

As a reminder too. tickets for the beacon lighting at Crystal

Further details have been Palace Park are also available at

> https://www.eventbrite.co. beacon-lightingceremony-tickets-305823114167

Other jubilee events are also taking place, with details outlined on our website

www.bromley.gov.uk/Plati

Andrew Rogers **Bromley Council** www.bromley.gov.uk

May Events at Bore Place

Bore Place is an environmental NGO based in Chiddingstone, Kent. Visitors can park on-site and explore the stunning 500-acre organic farm with several walking routes to choose from. Throughout May they are hosting the following events:

ID Walk: Reptiles on Saturday 7th May (9:30am - 1:00pm) Price: Adult £8.00. Child £6.00

An Evening with Dave Goulson – Saving Our Insects on Wednesday 11th May (7:00pm - 9:00pm) Price: Adult £10.00, Child £8.00

Bat Walk on Friday 13th May (7:00pm - 9:30pm) Price: Adult £8.00, Child £6.00

Introduction to Keeping Chickens on Saturday 21st May (10:00am - 4:00pm) Price: Adult £59.00

Introduction to Wild Food: Summer Foraging on Sunday 22nd May (10:00am - 1:00pm) Price: Adults £35.00

More information and booking can booked online at: www.boreplace.org/whatson



Dates For Your Diary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Tuesday Brass Crosby Room St Martin's Toddler Group 10.30am-12.00noon

Every Tuesday Five Bells CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT 8.30pm

Every Thursday The Chelsfield Pub from 7.30pm

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Wednesday 4th May Chelsfield Village Hall Chelsfield Volunteers AFTERNOON TEA 2.30pm-4.40pm

Thursday 5th May Your local Polling Station ELECTION DAY 7.00am to 10pm

Thursday 5th May Halstead Village Hall lower Club 7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Thursday 5th May Five Bells Live Jazz wit from 8.00pm with Just Friends

Saturday 7th May Halstead Village Hall from 9.30am to 12 Noon

Monday 9th May Five Bells **KNIT & NATTER NIGHT** from 8pm

Monday 9th May The Chelsfield Pub Jam Session Instruments Available

Wednesday 11th May Five Bells Open Mic Night From 8.00pm

Tuesday 17th May Chelsfield Village Hall Evening WI 7.30pm-9.30pm

Wednesday 18th May Chelsfield Village Hall Chelsfield Volunteers AFTERNOON TEA with Bromley Carers in Harmony 2.30pm-4.40pm

Saturday 28th May Coolings Garden Centre ockholt Farmers Market 10.00am to 3.00pm

Wednesday 25th May Five Bells Open Mic Night From 8.00pm

Thurs 26th May Chelsfield Village Hall Local History Group 10.30am-12.00 noon

Tuesday 31st May Chelsfield Riding School Mini Display Da from 10am to 5.00pm

Thu 2nd to Sun 5th June Various Venues PLATINUM JUBILEE LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND See page 19 for links

Saturday 11th June The Rectory Garden St Martin's Fete from 12 noon to 4.30pm

Sunday 12th June 12 The Meadows Open Garden See page 17 for details

Saturday 9th July Chelsfield Cricket Ground CHELSFIELD VILLAGE FAIR

Recycling Bin Collection May 2022

Tuesday 3rd May Monday 9th May Monday 16th May Monday 23rd May Monday 30th May

Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste

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Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste.

Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste

Every week

Batteries, Small Electrical Items, Textiles (please only present one small transparent bag each week, and represent the following week if it is not collected

every Month (Dec-Feb)

Every 2 weeks (Mar-Nov) Green Garden Waste is collected fortnightly or monthly only from households that subscribe (£60 per annum) to the Bromley scheme (Telephone: 0300 303 8658 for advice)