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Concert for St Martins Sunday 13th November

St Martin-of-Tours church will host a fundraising concert in Anne Mead's memory. Anne was a passionate supporter of music in the church and this light concert is not only a tribute from some of the musicians in the village but also an opportunity to help support the significant cost of the upkeep of our local parish church

See page 13 for full details

Christmas Fair

Saturday, 19th November

from 10.0am until 3.0pm

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Many stalls, refreshments and more Entrance 20p

All proceeds to Demelza Hospice Care for Children The Demelza Hospice in Eltham is for all children in this area and so we would be very grateful for any support you can give us

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*Special Insert - Our Local
Pubs Christmas Menus*

The Village Voice NEEDS YOU!!!

We depend on your news, reports, stories, photos, diary events, cartoons, etc. to keep the Village Voice both useful and interesting.

Please send anything you feel suitable for the December issue to:

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by Monday
28th November

The Common Backswimmer & Wildlife Roundup

This article is a little different to most. I had left things a bit late and when I finally got around to writing about my chosen subject, an aquatic bug I had noticed down the allotment I found that there was precious little of interest to write about! No interesting interplay with other animals, no folklore and certainly no recipes or old sea shanties! So I decided for the sake of completeness to include the bug in question but add a wildlife roundup updating articles that I have written previously. This is something that I have done once before but currently do not have enough material to make a complete article worth writing. Enjoy!

I seem to have spent more time at my allotment this year than walking the lanes of Kent and during the summer while at the allotment I noticed a waterborne bug that is new to me. In one of the fresh water dispensers or butts I found a large insect that lives a sort of upside down life on the underside of the water

surface from where it would rapidly move into deeper water then back to the surface. All the while it spends its life upside down so one never sees what would normally be considered its upper side. Upon some research I found that this bug is a Common Backswimmer (*Notonecta glauca*) or the 'greater water boatman'. There is also a lesser water boatman which is unrelated and swims 'the right way up' and is food for the greater variety.

These bugs are really quite big being up to 16 mm long and have two very long hair-fringed legs used as if they were oars and two sets of short front legs. These bugs are really quite aggressive and attack other insects, very small fish and tadpoles with a tube shaped mouthpiece and have been known to bite swimmers. Although my references say there are active all year long, when I returned to the water butt to make a positive identification I could not find them and they appeared to have 'closed up shop' for the

year. On occasion they will leave the water and fly to another source but there was no reason for all of them to 'up sticks' and leave home so I can only assume that with the drop in temperature as autumn approached that they had become a lot less active and so were hard to find. At this point my sources dried up: so on with the wildlife update....



Sparrowhawk

The sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*) was the subject of the first article I wrote for the Chelsfield Village Voice in July/August 2011. I wrote a further update in January 2014 as I had seen a number of sparrowhawks in the intervening three years. It seems that sparrowhawks are really quite common around the village and this spring I had another encounter

while I was standing at my birdfeeder and tempting in a robin that was a regular user of my table. Suddenly the robin bolted and the next moment I was confronted by a sparrowhawk that had targeted the birdtable. Sparrowhawks attack birdtables by taking a fast, low and concealed route so that any users are unaware of the attack until the last moment. This does however also mean that the sparrowhawk is unaware of who, or what, may be around the table. In this case it was me and as this fine bird attempted to make amends for its error either its wing struck my arm or the force of the air due to the frantic flapping did. I'm not sure which as it was so sudden and it was only as the bird flew away that I realised that it was indeed a sparrowhawk. This is my closest encounter with one of these birds but it was so sudden that it was impossible for me to enjoy the moment!

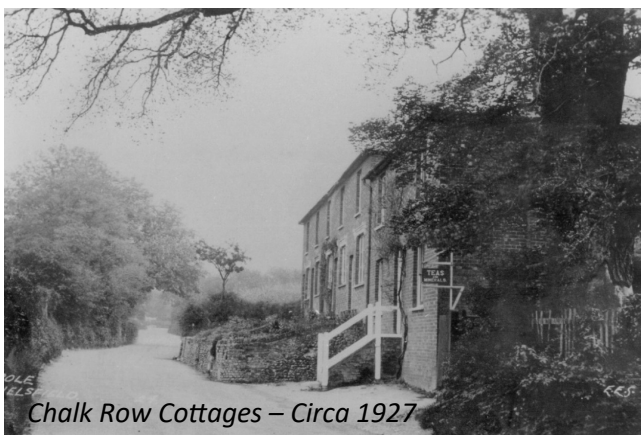
The Horse-Chestnut tree

In the November 2014 edition of the Village Voice I wrote about the

horse chestnut tree and in particular the large tree sited on Maypole Rd close to the cottages in which I live. At the time I noted that it was suffering from some sort of disease, probably a fungus called *Guignardia aesculi* or a leaf mining moth called *Cameraria ohridella*. In 2015 the symptoms of this disease became worse leading to very early leaf loss and in the spring of 2016 the leaves failed to show and it was clear the tree had died. I think it's always a shame when something as well established as an old tree dies and my guess is that this tree was in the region of 150 to 200 years old. I have an old photo of the cottages (see below) and the tree in question can be seen in the background on the left

hand side. There is writing towards the bottom of the image which says ...pole, ..helsfield and is then followed by the number 27 which suggests that the photo was probably taken in 1927, around 90 years ago. The chestnut tree is smaller than it is now but is still a substantial tree leading to my estimate of up to 200 years old. Quite what its future will be is unclear. It seems to be at least partially hollow and I believe that local bats probably use it as a roost for bats and therefore it's somewhat protected. Personally I don't mind a few dead trees in the landscape but our modern thinking is usually to clear away the old at all cost.

*Steve Fuller
November 2016*



Chalk Row Cottages – Circa 1927

Mutterings From The Millers

It works. Yes, all the crops that were drilled with the new system are looking good. With very even germination it enabled all the seedlings to come through together despite the lack of rain. The plants won't grow much taller but will thicken over the Winter.

The boys have started hedge cutting as this can only be carried out between 1st September and the end of February due to countryside regulations and they haven't been able to do this over the past few years due to wet conditions. Cutting the hedges not only thickens them to makes barriers between fields and road but also provides shelter and safety for small birds enabling them to build their nests without fear of predation from magpies and other corvids. It is surprising how much growing area of the field is lost over the years due to hedge growth. Also it is amazing that as they cut the hedge, how many small trees have started to grow in the

uncultivated edge of the field, just makes you realise how fast nature would take over arable land if not controlled.

There are still plenty of jobs to do about the farm and over the past few days they have built a straw rake. Peter is a dab hand with a welder. He has attached tines to an obsolete piece of farm equipment so that they are approximately five inches apart. They scratch the ground to encourage weed seeds to germinate and also to bring slug eggs to the surface enabling the sun to dry them out. Less use of slug pellets which is always a good thing. Steve tried it out and it

works.

The eagle eyed amongst you may notice that the tractor in the picture is not a John Deere. Yes, we have purchased a smaller tractor to replace the big old one. It is a Deutz-Fahr with only 50 hours on the clock. Despite it being only 100-horse power it will still do all the jobs we need but will be a lot cheaper to run. It has all the up to date technology plus a lovely springy seat.

Quote for this month is:-

Ice in November to bear a duck

The rest of the Winter will be slush and muck.

Chris Miller



Chelsfield's War Memorial & Casualties from World War 1

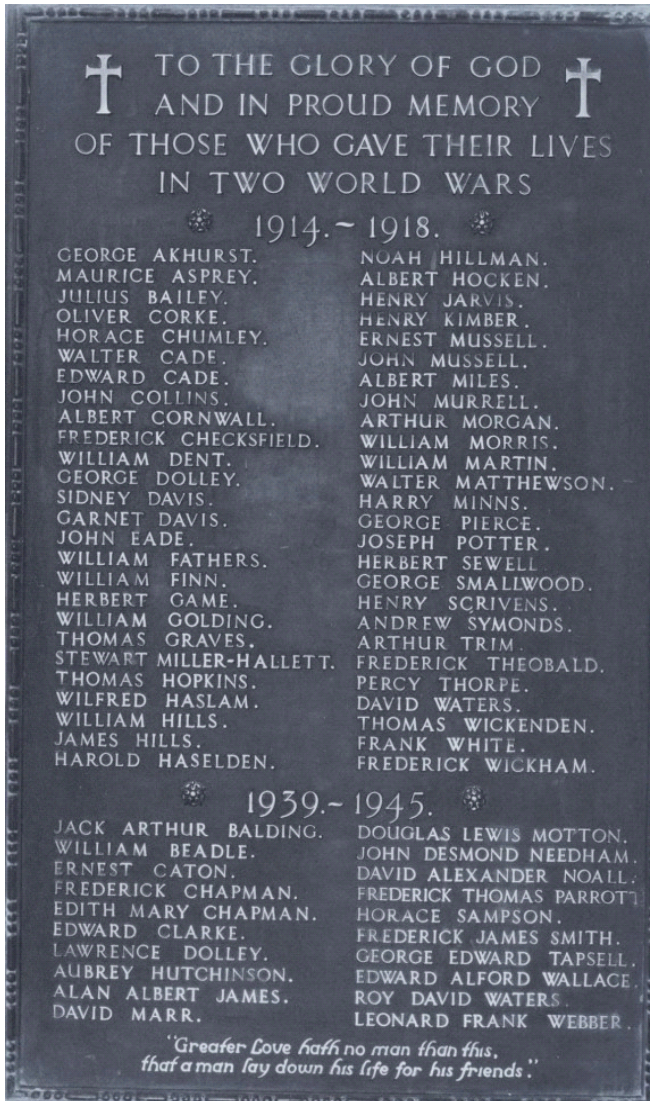
Our first casualty this month from the memorial in St Martin's church died one hundred years ago to the day on Remembrance Sunday.

FRANK WHITE

43137 Private Frank White of the 13th Battalion, the Essex Regiment, was killed in action on 13th November 1916, aged 29. Born in Chislehurst, Frank was the son of Robert and Rosa White; the censuses show they had lived at Queen's Road and then Wellfield Place in Chislehurst. By 1911 the family were living at 1 Prospect Cottages, Pratts Bottom and Frank was working as a grocer's assistant. His father was a bricklayer. Frank married Violet in Summer 1916 and probably moved to Essex, as the 13th Battalion was drawn entirely from men who lived in the West Ham area – it was known as the West Ham Pals battalion, or 'The Hammers' and they were encouraged to 'Hammer

the Hun'. Their war cry was 'Up the Irons' and because of the

catchment area there was an inextricable link with West Ham United



football club. He died fighting as part the 6th brigade of the 2nd division of the Western Front forces on the first day of the Battle of the Ancre, which was the final battle of the Somme. He is buried at Serre Road No. 2 Cemetery in France which is one of those designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.

For more information on the West Ham Pals see <http://westhampals.blogspot.co.uk/>

For more information on The Battle of the Ancre https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Ancre
As this is the month of remembrance, I've taken

the opportunity to write about another casualty whose anniversary fell before I started the project.

HORACE CHUMLEY

4690 Guardsman Horace Chumley of the 1st Battalion, Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, was killed in action on 3rd November 1914, aged 30. He died during the First Battle of Ypres and he is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial.

Horace was born in Wateringbury in Kent in around 1885. In 1911 he is living at 4 Bath Cottages, Broadway, Crockenhill, with his wife

Sarah and two children, and he's a farm labourer. Sadly Sarah must have died shortly after Horace, as the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records show he was the husband of 'the late Sarah Chumley', and the Army Records of Soldier's Effects show that the war gratuity of £5 Sarah was entitled to was later paid to her mother Mrs Elizabeth Lee 'for the deceased's children.'

Philippa Rooke

WE WILL
REMEMBER THEM

Chelsfield Village Society AGM

The AGM of the Chelsfield Village Society will be held in the Brass Crosby Room of St Martins Church on Wednesday 16th November at 7.30 pm

All members of the Society are invited to attend. The subscription of £5.00 per family is due on that date.

At the close of business

we are pleased to have Steve Barnes, the campaign co-ordinator of the Better Broadband Campaign which is now achieving success to give us an update and answer any questions residents may have.

Also we are fortunate to have PC Karl Hardy and his colleague PC Paul Jacobs to brief us about things we need to know

and understand in today's world from the Counter Terrorism Focus Desk at Bromley Police Station. Do attend and learn what you need to know.

So do join us for a glass of wine, or two, an update of what is happening in Chelsfield Village and presentations which concern us all.

Pam Ames

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Patrick O'Donnell 5th April 1933 - 6th September 2016

Dad was born in Sidcup and grew up in Blackheath, though most of his school life was spent as a boarder at Ardingly College in Sussex. He was the eldest of three, and was raised in an entrepreneurial family, from working men's clubs, to pubs, and eventually the ownership of the Clarendon Hotel and a building and lettings firm in Blackheath.

Dad served National Service in the Royal Engineers, where he learned to be a diver with the Royal Navy. He also during this time played rugby for the British Army and London Irish.

A social man, he was a Freemason, a member of two Livery Companies, and gave a great deal of his time volunteering for St John Ambulance, of which he was Chairman of London for six years. He later became Honorary Vice President of the London District.

He had a passion for flying and gained his Private Pilot's License in

the early 1980's, his sister shared this passion and became the second woman ever to win the King's Air Cup.

Dad was Captain of Broke Hill Golf Club, and later President of the Seniors section. He loved the friends that he made



at the club and attended all their events, but was frustrated that he never got a hole-in-one (as my mum did in the 1990's!).

He was a well-travelled man and often took my mum (Bridget) and I on wonderful holidays to far-flung places. But sailing was his greatest love and he enjoyed twice-yearly

'Big Boy's adventure trips', mainly to the Caribbean. In recent years as his 'crew' dwindled due to age I was lucky enough to become a stand-in, along with my husband Gary and my brother Tony. Last year, when he was 82, we had our final sailing trip together and he was as strong a Captain as he had ever been. He could navigate through reefs and across stormy seas with ease and confidence. There were stories of a time that the 'old crew' returned a boat to harbour with a hole in the hull, taking on water faster than they could pump it out, but Dad always said that this was not his fault and the crew had not correctly followed orders!

In 1978, Mum and Dad bought Stonehouse, and have lived there ever since. By this time the Managing Director of his family business, he made several large improvements to the house, making it into a real playground for a little girl growing up in the countryside. Dad really loved living in the village.



The Five Bells

Chelsfield Village * Orpington * BR6 7RE



The 'Befores'

Honey parsnip & apple soup with a parsnip crisp

Roasted fig with pear & stilton served with rocket leaves & a sweet balsamic reduction

Smoked salmon, lemon, dill & prawn roulade with a rocket garnish

Smoked turkey, pork stuffing & cranberries wrapped in filo pastry and served with a gooseberry chutney

The 'Afters'

Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy sauce

Festive sundae with chunks of mince pie, ice cream & whipped cream with a rum & toffee sauce

Bailey's Crème Brûlée

Black forest trifle

The 'Main Event'

Roast turkey crown with roast potatoes, sausage meat, sage & onion stuffing, chipolata wrapped in bacon, honeyed parsnips, brussel sprouts, carrots & red cabbage with gravy

Slow roasted confit of duck leg served with creamed mashed potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables and a cranberry jus

(V) Baked butternut squash filled with Mediterranean roasted vegetables & feta cheese topped with a herb crust and buttered new potatoes

Grilled fillet of seabass with buttered parsley new potatoes, green beans & baby spinach with a lemon & champagne sauce

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Facebook: The Five Bells Public House & Restaurant

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Smoked Salmon, Crab & Prawn Timbale
Chicken Liver & Fennel Pate with Melba Toast
Breaded Somerset Brie with Redcurrant & Orange Sauce

MAINS

Kentish Roast Turkey
with Chestnut Stuffing, Chipolata in Bacon, Roasted Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables and Homemade Gravy.
Slow Braised Beef in Ale & Caramelised Onion
with Creamed Mashed Potatoes & Buttered Spinach.
Slow Roasted Belly of Pork
served with Homemade Bubble & Squeak and Cider & Bramley Apple Jus.
Grilled Seabass Fillet
served with Caper & Chive Butter, New Potatoes & Green Beans.
Wild Mushroom & Baby Spinach Risotto
served with parmesan shavings

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He supported, in his own quiet way, the Flying Club, St Martin of Tours church, and occasionally the Five Bells pub. He enjoyed being a wine judge at the Village Produce Show, and in earlier years had in fact entered his own homemade wines. As my brothers married and had children our family grew exponentially and many happy occasions were

celebrated in the house and garden. The last of these being my own wedding in July 2015, when he was still so fit and strong that my friends could hardly believe his age.

Dad was truly a family man, and leaves behind him sixteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, who he loved to tease but also

gave much time and love. He died in the Princess Royal Hospital, after a short but painful fight against emphysema. Mum and I have been overwhelmed by the amount of cards and letters received, recounting stories of happy times with my Dad, who will be dearly missed by us all.

Patricia O'Donnell

Chelsfield Village Fair 2016 - Summary and Thanks

Once again the Chelsfield Village Fair has been a rousing success. On a beautiful sunny day around 2,500 paying adults and at least as many children under 14 enjoyed free entrance to see the flying display, birds of prey flights, Force 10 Jazz Band and steel bands, all the fun of the fair, complete with a Fun Fair! The fair is definitely the biggest and most prestigious event of its type in the area.

The event has raised over £13,000 for charities and local good causes. We would also like to thank; Alan Tabor, Welling and District Model Engineering Society and Tonibell Ice

Creams for their generous donations.

As a result the Fair has been able to make the following donations:

- Age Concern Orpington** £8,500
- Chelsfield Village Hall** £600
- The House Martins** £900
- St Martins Church** £1,400
- Well Hill Mission Church** £900
- Chelsfield Village School** £900

In addition there were over 30 charity stalls at the Fair all of whom have

said that they had a very profitable day.

As usual the flying display by the Extra 300 aerobatic plane was the star attraction of the Fair. This year the flying display cost over £ 2,000 and was entirely paid for by Chelsfield Flying Club and our Commercial Sponsor WJ King Garages. The Chelsfield Flying Club consists of local people who choose to make donations towards the flying displays, this year there were; C King, M Pring, H L Gould, J Tranter, J Leach, J Ellard, D Padilla, P Lamond, N Cash, T Glaum, E M Jones, J Kemsley, P Monk, J Rooke, J Maynard, A

Johnson, T Lloyd, B Walters, K Barter, P & A Townsend, J & C Brooks, P Skinner, C Parsons, D & H Griffiths. There was also a substantial donation from QBL Group and the regulars at the Five Bells pub.

We would also like to thank JJ Brooks Construction, G3 Joinery Ltd, G J Day Electrical Ltd and P A Townsend Butchers Ltd for generously donating £425 in Raffle prizes. A big thank you also goes to Mark Hussey for donating the printing of the raffle tickets.

The Fair is a large undertaking. There were over 50 helpers who gave up their day to make the Fair a success manning the gates, directing traffic, running the bar and tea rooms etc. The full list of people is too numerous to mention here but we thank you all! We would also like to thank the 5th Petts Wood Scout Troop who did a wonderful job of running the car parks for which a donation of £200 was made. Not least of all Kay and Ade Stone and the Five Bells Pub who provide the bar license, lend us their

gazebos and provide us with copious quantities of ice. Also, The Challenge (part of the National Citizens Service) who provided 24 helpers from local schools. They helped immensely on the day and raised over £300.

The £1,000 cost of advertising the event including the programmes and flyers in the local papers was entirely funded by our advertisers. Lockyer Motors and Chelsfield Motor Works were co-sponsors of the Programme and there were also contributions from; The Bo-Peep pub, Langford Rae Van Bergen, Brinds Well Day Nursery, Chelsfield Flooring Ltd, Spitfire Café, Owen Pine & Oak, Clive Reynolds Autos, Property Doctor, Partyzilla-Inc. and Townsend Butchers.

The Village Fair Committee would also like to thank the Church for the use of their field as a car park and Jane Parkes for letting us use her field as a car park which this year due to popularity was also needed for customers as

well as local residents and exhibitors.

Every year the Fair also donates the wreath for the memorial on Chelsfield Green on Remembrance Day and also the Christmas Tree for the Village.

We appreciate that the Fair is a huge disruption to the Village and would like to thank all of the residence who put up with us so graciously.

If you have any funding requests / charities / projects for next year we would love to hear about them as we are always on the lookout for local good causes and we need to choose a head line charity for next year's fair.

Finally, the Fair has been at the core of the Village social calendar for more than 15 years and there have been many committees associated with its execution. We want to take this opportunity to thank our long-standing committee member Anne Mead who has now sadly passed on to a Bigger Fair!

Nigel Lamb

An orange banner with the text 'ORTHOPAEDICS' in white, uppercase letters.

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Broadband Update

You should be reminded that this update news only applies to those on the 01689 exchange. Properties on 01959 numbers are supposedly part of the Kent sponsored upgrade as the cabinets in question serve both Kent and Bromley areas.

The setting up of our 01689 upgrade has involved the creation of a company for Openreach to deal with. It is hoped that Chelsfield Village Society will pay a fair share of the small costs incurred. Steve should be speaking about the better broadband campaign at

the Chelsfield Village Society AGM, Wednesday 16th November, 7.30

Steve Barnes reports: Since the contract with Openreach was signed on 12 July, there has been no significant progress to report as Openreach go through their internal processes. I have pressed them numerous times for some information and can report the following: Openreach are still working to a schedule whereby the service will be ready in June/July 2017. I'm trying to find ways to get them to reduce this timescale.

The work (to erect new green fibre street cabinets) is now scheduled for an external survey. They expect formal "survey estimates" to be issued by the middle of October and completed by end of October (this is apparently a normal timescale - three months after contract signature). Once this is complete, Openreach move to the "build phase", taking a further 16 weeks. Final delivery (I guess this means handing over to service providers), occurs two months after this.

Catherine Gandolfi

Carols at The Five Bells

Even though the Chelsfield Accordionist was driven out by locals to live at the seaside, he is coming back to assail the ears for carols on Thursday 15th December.

This traditional event started life as The Kings Head Carols at Bessels Green, then became the

Bo Peep Carols and also Kent Hounds Carols (Old Man Parkes would never countenance singing in his pub!) With the advent of Kay and Ade and the demise of the Kent in 2001 it was switched to The Five Bells where it is enjoyed by revellers from far and wide.

My comprehensive carol

book not only has ALL the favourites but several Phil Lane originals.

Timpani is provided.

There will be a collection for Motor Neuron Disease Research again, which has made some progress in 2016.

Phil Lane

Concert for St Martins

Griffiths + Barnes + friends



Featuring

String Quartet/ Quintet

Mónika Molnár- Violin
Rosie Cousins - Violin
Dave Griffiths - Viola
Helen Griffiths - Cello
Henrietta Barnes -
Double Bass

Jazz

Lester Barnes -
Saxophone
Henrietta Barnes -
Bass
Piano - Dave Griffiths

Burntwood

Helen Griffiths -
Electric Cello
Dave Griffiths -
Keyboards

**Sunday 13th
November 2016**

Music starts 4pm

Tickets **£6** on the door
or from **ticketsource/
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Includes light
refreshments



This concert is in memory of Anne Mead who was a huge supporter of music at St Martins and we are raising funds for the continuing and very expensive upkeep of this wonderful church which is not far off 1,000 years old.

It's very well equipped so you won't be freezing cold during the concert and there will be refreshments at the end in the excellent Brass Crosby room annexed to the Church.

If you fancy staying for Evensong after the concert, the rector would be only too delighted to see some new faces.

And if you'd rather pop down the Five Bells afterwards then they'd be equally pleased to see you! Or do both!

Support your local church or else....

Local History Group

On arrival we found that tables had been set out which suggested that this week we would be looking at documents.

Pam Temple told us that she and Paul Rason had visited the Bromley archive at Bromley Central Library. She mentioned some of the material which was available to view including Emily Harding's WWI autograph book from a hospital, Bromley Conservative Club archives, School of Art sketch books, Chislehurst Ladies Probus Club records, local WWII archive material, Cray Valley Technical High records and information about Terry's Taylors. There is a lot of material waiting to be archived. The first floor has material from the Lubbock Collection and items from the Bromley Museum at the Priory. This opens on the 8th November. Pam mentioned that the archivist is keen to collect any items of interest and is appealing for information about the history of Cannock School in the 1960s.

Paul showed us pictures of paintings of Waterloo Station commemorating its

100 year anniversary in 1948 showing the same scene in 1848 and 1948. Some of us recalled seeing this as a jigsaw puzzle.

The reason for the tables became evident when Paul handed round copies of the Chelsfield Primary School log books. These records were maintained to cover out of the ordinary events at the schools. Bromley school records were collected in but Orpington Urban District Council did not, the records remaining with the schools. The early records are available on the school's website. One purpose of the log was to explain the poor attendance records to the Attendance Officer. The records began in the 1870s and showed the struggle with attendance due to illness, poor weather and harvest times. The term times were determined by the local harvest dates with the school closing for fruit picking, hop picking etc. If the harvest was delayed, the dates would be adjusted. There were regular visits from the doctor at the beginnings of terms. Classes made use of the Methodist Hall in the 1950s, on one occasion

being locked out as someone had shut the door with the keys inside. A window had to be broken to gain access. There were fires, put out before the fire brigade arrived, floods, frozen pipes, frozen toilets and frozen children with classroom temperatures as low as 43°F in the winter. One year the children sat their 11 plus exam with the temperature at 50°F. The success of children in these tests was rare enough to be noted. In December 1954 there was a fire at the Village Hall which must have caused much excitement and 6 days later the older children were taken to see the Everest film at the Commodore.

After the refreshment break we looked at the attendance registers which were over 100 years old. Pupils came from a broad area covering Goddington, Well Hill and Chelsfield Station areas. No cars in those days! They showed the narrow range of Christian names used in those times. Some members of the group were pleased to find names of their ancestors. There was a high turnover of pupils who moved to the area from all over the

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country and even one family from Jersey. The constant change in pupils must have made it very difficult for the staff who

taught mixed aged classes of 50. These were presumably farmworkers moving around in search of employment and would

often move away. Pupils left at 14 to enter employment.

Litter Pickers Update

The volunteer litter picking scheme within the village started about 3 months ago and although litter can always be found I think the village looks a lot better for the efforts of the people who put themselves out to help improve the condition of the village. In fact I have on a couple of occasions been driving through the

village and seen some of these volunteers picking litter so it's nice to see that the system's working. If anybody would like to join the litter picking group then please contact the village voice.

P.S, A couple of weeks ago I was on Windsor Drive buying some fish & chips when across the

road a woman in a very smart (spotlessly clean) white car opened her door and dropped some fast food packaging out and drove off. Clearly she didn't want to spoil her environment (which no doubt she considered to be the inside of her motor). I guess it takes all sorts!

Steve Fuller

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

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.

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

Keith Onslow

keith.onslow@bromley.gov.uk

Samaris Huntington-Thresher

020 8464 3333

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lydia.buttinger@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 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

Thanks to Brian Wilson for Updates



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Methodist Hall
Windsor Drive

Iyengar Yoga Classes

9.30am-11.00am

Suitable for Beginners

Contact Denise 01689 853215

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall and
Brass Crosby Room

Chelsfield Housemartins

Monday Afternoons, for local
people who are unable to go out
without help.

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

6.30pm-7.30pm

Contact Francesca on

07791073445

EVERY MONDAY

Christ Church Hall
(Charterhouse Rd)

Beginners Pilates Class

6.55pm

Contact Sally 07786 035640

orpingtonpilates@gmail.com

EVERY TUESDAY

starting 13th September

Brass Crosby Room

St Martin's Toddler Group

10.30am-12.00 midday and
afternoon session 1.00-2.30pm

Contact Sarah Ford:

01689 853415

stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com

EVERY TUESDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

09.00am - 10.00am

10.00am - 11.00am and

11.00am to 12.00 midday

Contact Francesca on

07791073445

EVERY TUESDAY

The Chelsfield (Windsor Dr)

Quiz Night

From 7.30pm

Contact 01689 600656

EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells

Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

EVERY WED THURS & FRI

Pilates Classes & Pre & Post

Natal Pilates Classes

Chelsfield Methodist Church

Hall, Windsor Drive

Wed 6.50-7.50pm & 8.00-9.00pm

Thursday 8.20-9.20pm

Friday 9.35-10.35am

& 10.45-11.45am

Post Natal Pilates 12-1.00pm

(Babies Welcome)

Contact Bethany Lucas on

07415 638546

bethanylucaspilates@gmail.com

Further classes at:

www.bethanylucaspilates.co.uk

EVERY WEDNESDAY

(from 13th January 2016)

Christ Church Hall

(Charterhouse Rd)

Pilates Class

09:00am-10:15am

Private classes by appointment.

Contact Sally 07786 035640

orpingtonpilates@gmail.com

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am

Contact Pam Keper on 01732 458930

EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Art Class

10.00am -12.00 midday

Contact Leo 07583777065

leo77ok@hotmail.com

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 THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

6.30pm-7.30pm

Contact Francesca on

07791073445

EVERY FRIDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

3.00pm-4.00pm

Contact Francesca on

07791073445

EVERY SUNDAY

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

Live Singer

5.00pm-8.00pm

Contact 01689600656

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday 3rd November

Five Bells

Jazz Night with Just Friends

Swinging Jazz standards from

1920's onwards

Music from 8.30pm

Wednesday 9th November

(2nd Wednesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Afternoon W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

Contact Gwen on 01689 834879

or Sue on 01689 827407

Wednesday 9th November

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

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

Friday 11th November

Five Bells

International Rescue

play all popular songs

Music Starts at 9.00pm

Saturday 12th November

Brass Crosby Room

QUIZ NIGHT

Tickets-send cheques payable to

'Chelsfield PCC' with a sae to

Sarah Ford, 13 The Brackens,

Chelsfield, Kent BR6 6JH.

Sarah tel: 01689 853415

TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLY

Sunday 13th November

St Martins Church

CONCERT for St Martins

A fundraising concert in memory

of Anne Mead

Starts at 4.00pm

Tuesday 15th November

(3rd Tuesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Evening W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

From 7.45pm

Contact Madeline 01689891533

Wednesday 16th November

Brass Crosby Room

Chelsfield Village Society AGM

Starts at 7.30pm

Followed by talk from Steve

Barnes, the campaign co-

ordinator of the Better Broadband

Campaign

Saturday 19th November

St Mary Hall Chislehurst High St

CHRISTMAS FAIR for Demelza

Starts at 10.00am

Thursday 24th November

(Last Thursday each month)

Brass Crosby Room

Local History Group

Starts 10.30am