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It's your last night on Earth, would you...

- A Carry on as normal
- B Catch up with family
- C Track down an old flame
- D All of the above

A genuine play, with a genuine free quiz... Participation in the quiz is optional, participation in the world's annihilation is not!

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 (or telephone 07414 920920)

**to arrive on or before
 Friday 26th November 2021**

The Bullfinch

I read in last month's 'Voice' that the Millers at Court Lodge Farm were giving up on cereal crops due to persistently poor harvests and that they would not be writing with their usual frequency. Their efforts will now apparently be directed towards the production of hay and haylage. A process that I assume is less susceptible to the vagaries of the weather and therefore more reliable albeit, I assume, less profitable than a good cereal crop harvest. Such a shame that a local farm has to change its traditional habits which Steve and Chris Miller put down to both increasing costs and weather patterns that in their own words 'have changed completely over the last ten years'. I wish them well in their new direction of travel and I'm sure we will all miss their regular entries in the Voice.

I frequently notice at this time of year (well – October at least) that large thickets of ivy are being mobbed by hundreds of bees, wasps

and fruit flies. One can literally hear a buzzing cacophony of noise as bumble bees, honey bees, various wasp species and the last of the fruit flies forage between the waiting spiders' webs stretched across voids in the hope of a meal. They're not waiting for anything too large you understand, no bees or large wasps, primarily fruit flies that won't put up a fight! These ivy bushes really are a Mecca for these

insects: presumably because there is little left at this time of year with nectar for them to feed on.

This month's subject is the bullfinch (*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*). It's a very noticeable bird with an orange/red breast (male) and black head but they are shy and elusive. It does however seem rather rare of late. I remember seeing one in my garden some decades ago but I have



not seen one since, anywhere. In the allotments there's a council notice enquiring about rarely seen wildlife asking anybody that sees a bullfinch, amongst other wildlife, to notify the council. Clearly they have been in decline for some time. Historically they were persecuted by fruit farmers due to their habit of destroying the buds of crop trees and bushes and in Elizabethan times there was a bounty of one penny a head. Despite these efforts, old research suggests that culling appears to make little difference to their numbers. New birds merely move into vacated territories. Strange then that in the modern era their numbers are falling despite the alleviation of the persecution they historically attracted. This may locally be due to the loss of orchards in Kent over the last century or so. Other areas of the UK, I hear from friends, still have bullfinches as a common sight.

It is unclear where the name originated but is probably due to the solid front heavy 'bull-like'

build of the bird, in a similar fashion to the manner in which the bulldog and bullfrog got their names. Other colloquial names include bud finch, bud pickers (Devon) or plum birds – all derived from its destructive habits. Indeed, there is a theory that the name bullfinch may be derived from bullace finch. Bullace being the Tudor name for the wild plum trees that were cultivated in medieval orchards and to which the bullfinch would have naturally gravitated.

This bird is one of our more beautiful birds. It also has a reputation for being gentle. It was favoured as a cage-bird in Victorian times and many were imported from Germany for that purpose despite only having a simple mournful call in the wild. A Victorian pastime involved training these birds using a special bird-flute which they would readily mimic. Their desire to mimic led to the name 'Bullfinch' becoming slang for a fool or simpleton although the term is now archaic and to my knowledge unused in common English. Another training method

was to whistle to the birds and in Thomas Hardy's classic story of tangled love *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*, it is one of Tess' daily chores to whistle to bullfinches while in service to Mrs d'Urberville.

Due to their destructive eating habits involving blossom which is probably not too nutritious the birds need to carry as much food back to their nests as possible and to allow this they have a food sac at the bottom of the mouth which allows more food to be carried back to the nest. This may be one of the factors that cause the bird to appear to have a heavy build around the head. Their nests are unusual in that they consist of two parts, a simple twiggy base with a central part constructed of warmer, softer material such moss etc.

So, if you should see a bullfinch do remember to contact the local council as they are keen to keep tabs on these birds.

*Steve Fuller
November 2021*

RIP David George Lane

DAVID GEORGE LANE

Magic 24

24th December 1916- 24th September 2021

His Service of Celebration at St Martins Church 14th October 2021



Jayne and I would like to thank everyone involved in making Dad's service at St Martins such a wonderful and moving experience. We always hoped that he would be allowed to be buried along with his dear Wife Kathleen, who had died in 1997, but he lived for so many years more than her, that many of his contemporaries at St Martins had long since gone before him!

Firstly we had to introduce ourselves to the third "Rector" since Leslie Virgo left. I was a little apprehensive, but our

friend and Churchwarden, Philippa had prepared him with our Chelsfield Connections, and we need not have worried. Rev Michael Gentry was so kind, gracious, and approachable. He came down to Lynton to meet us three times, and was able to administer the Last Rites for Dad. He helped us structure the Order of Service, which he then led us through, on a glorious sunny day, from start to finish. As we stood by the graveside, St Martin's Eight Bells rang out, then in true Rectorial style for

Chelsfield, Michael, joined us in the Five Bells for a joyous Wake celebrating Dad's long life. (Thank you Five Bells Team, it was great and much commented upon afterwards).

We felt very much "Back Home" with organist Gwen, and her sprightly 'All Things Bright & Beautiful'; Choir, Bellringers, Flower Dept, Sound Dept and car parking wizard Peter Tozer Esq. Many familiar and much loved faces. The lead up to the event was as stressful as for most people, I suspect,

but Welham Jones of Windsor Drive under the calming and efficient direction of Mel; and Green on the Green, all helped make things easier for us as we made arrangements from East Sussex.

Personal thanks must go to our families and branches of the Lanes, for their input. Not only with their moving, creative & heartfelt tributes, but helping with the complex and crammed Order of Service which we had to get printed in Seaford to meet the deadline.

So, what about the Man Himself? We are quite certain that Dad/David would have loved the whole thing, and the flower adorned wicker casket, enhanced by the colourful artwork of his 6 great grandchildren, all with Lots of Love

attached. Dad joined his adored wife Kathleen, along with his favourite yellow jumper, his pipe, Gold Block Tobacco, pipe cleaners - but no matches!

As Seaford is not too far away we were always up and down and rang him daily. We continued to enjoy many happy days at Lynton and we brought him down to visit us, as he had a great passion for that area of the South Downs. He was so pleased we had moved to a place he loved. All his prewar diaries recount almost weekly trips to Alfriston, Seaford and Newhaven. We were able to be with him for his last two weeks, and during the small hours of 24th September when he took his last, quiet breath. A privilege, as we talked to him all the time. His wonderful carer Claire had been preparing him

for what seemed certain to be his last days and hours, and Jayne and I wondered if he planned this, knowing that we were with him.

So, what makes that number **24 Magic**? Not only born and died on the **24th Day** but his Great Grandson Isaac also born on **24th December 2016** (100 years later).

His wife Kay, died **24** years previously.

His bungalow Lynton was built in **1924**. They were only the second owners.

And last, but not least, Dad recorded in his 1931 diary that the Orpington Undertaker's telephone number was **24!**

I rest my case.
You rest in Peace
We will miss you Dad.

Philip Lane

The Produce Show 2022

It was good to see Dan supporting the idea of restarting the local produce show in September 2022.

We had been involved in this for a number of

years.

These stopped in 2015, not through lack of organisational support, but purely due to lack of interest from residents resulting in a dwindling of

entries over a number of years. The last year it was held the booked judges turned up to be greeted by very few entries. The usual beautiful floral displays on the centre table were

sparse and all other classes were very poorly supported. There were hardly any entries in the children's classes despite attempts to involve the local school. Many of the usual entrants on whom the show depended had decided to give the show a miss. Frankly it was an embarrassment for the

organisers and judges alike.

We did try changing the schedule over the years using suggestions from residents, but this did not halt the decline in entries, and it seemed a great effort for so few entries.

We would love to see the

show return but organising it is the easy bit. Fresh ideas and enthusiasm from residents would guarantee a welcome return of this fixture of village life.

*Peter and Catherine
Gandolfi*

Chelsfield Community Cafe



The Chelsfield Village Community Cafe has been very successful to date. We continue to have tea/coffee/chat on the first & third Weds of each month between 2:30pm and 4:30pm - please pop in for a cuppa, bring a friend or relative! All are welcome.

As well as having regulars, we continue to see new faces which is wonderful. All are

enjoying some light hearted social interaction in a safe environment. Many are making new friends! The homemade cakes (donated by many of our wonderful volunteers & neighbours) are always a treat!

Recently we held a charity fundraiser and had a short table quiz which tested local knowledge. Both were received in good spirit and raised not only funds but smiles, questions & memories.

Over the next two months we will be having a little light entertainment on two occasions (whilst

partaking of tea & cake of course):

17th November 2021
Carers in Harmony - a choir formed by Carers in Bromley

15th December 2021
Christmas Singalong & carols with Phil Lane, Christmas raffle, Christmas fun

We hope you, your friends, family & neighbours will join us sometime. We are sure you will find these afternoons a very pleasant way to get back to the social interaction we missed during the lockdowns and very testing times.

*Mags Potter
Chelsfield Volunteers*

Five Bells Charity Race Night

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Local History Group

A Historical Shopping Trip in Bromley

Patrick Helicar welcomed us back to our new temporary home after an absence of over 500 days and introduced the speaker, Brinley Hawkins. Brinley's interest in local history stems from his posting at RAF Biggin Hill, a curiosity about the local road names and the people behind them and old post cards.

The first shop he took us to was David Grieg. Above eye level the shop front in Bromley's Market Square is unchanged. The 1912 building is in the neo baroque style. David Grieg was born in 1841 in Leith. Although he intended to emigrate to Australia he ended up in Hornsey as a shop fitter.



His wife used to sell home baked pies from their front window. He opened his shop around 1870. His son, also David, born 1866, opened his own shop. As he expanded, his chain of shops were fitted to a very high standard with lots of ornate tile work. He built a factory/warehouse in Waterloo Road from which he provided groceries, provisions, fruit and meat. He eventually had his own architecture department. He lived in Southend Road, Beckenham. Among their neighbours were members of the Robertson jam company and Fanny and Johnny Craddock.

His eldest son, Samuel, who was destined to take over the business was killed in a Catalina which was brought down by an electrical storm returning from home leave to Gibraltar to his RASC regiment. Other family deaths within a few years led to the demise of the company due to crippling death duties.

At its peak the company had 220 shops. Due to a gentleman's agreement, no town had a David Grieg's and a Sainsbury's. The flats above the old Market Square premises were renovated 10 to 15 years

ago retaining the splendid architectural features. The Grieg family are buried in Magpie Hall Lane cemetery.

The second shop we heard about was Dunn's well known for its furniture and luxury items. This store was also in Bromley's Market Square. Edward Dunn started the enterprise as early as 1710 as a cabinet maker and upholsterer. By 1880, his descendent H G Dunn had brought the first removal vans to Bromley and had established a large furniture depository in Widmore Road which also accommodated a funeral business. In 1909 the Great Fire of Bromley destroyed the shop and neighbouring premises. Dunn bought 2 adjacent properties and incorporated them into a rebuild in a neo Tudor style. In 1941 the Blitz hot Bromley damaging 8 churches, again destroying Dunn's premises and killing 78 people. Dunn took the opportunity to rebuild again. Dunn's was noted for its contemporary furniture. Although the business had always passed from father to son, when Geoffrey Dunn retired it was old as no-one in the family wanted to take it on. The business was finally sold in 1975 to



bakery business was started by Thomas Maunders who moved from Devon to London. The shop front shows a date of 1770. Maunders took it over around 1870. In 1893 he ended up in the West Malling workhouse and asylum. His wife took over the business. Bread was baked on the premises and the cast iron door ovens ended up in the Museum of London. Baking moved out of the town in 1977 to the bakery in Sevenoaks Road.

Heal's, run by Geoffrey Dunn's friend Anthony Standerwick Heal. The listed building now houses Argos, Lakeland, Wallis

and Starbucks.

We next visited William Maunders Bakery, also in the Market Square. The

Lastly we were taken to Pamphilon's which was established in 1775. The building near the corner of Bromley High Street and Church Road shows a date of 1876. Wine, beer and spirits were bought in bulk and bottled on the premises. Refunds were offered on return of the bottles but for tokens rather than cash. Brinley handed round a token for us to see which was stamped VOS, standing for very old scotch. In the 1950s off licences were going out of fashion, the son of the owner emigrated to Canada and the building fell into disrepair. The premises are now the home of the Artful Duke, one of a chain of 5 pubs.



Brinley invited stories and photographs of Bromley shops



St Martin's Toddler Group

November 2021



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,
Here are our dates for the autumn term. We meet in The Brass Crosby Room 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, Mo, Val and Anne.

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November
7th & 14th December

21st & 27th December - Christmas Holidays so no Toddler Group

Contact Details:

Toddler Group Leader - Jenny Wood

Email: stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com

Church website: www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk

Bromley Trading Standards Alert



TRADING STANDARDS ALERT!

Doorstep Crime Garden & tree services

Alert 3.2
26th October 2021

Bromley Trading Standards is reminding residents to be wary of engaging the services of a trader via a leaflet or card through the door.

We are aware that residents are receiving flyers similar to the one pictured, offering tree care and garden services, which may be appealing with the autumn leaves falling but dealing with doorstep cold callers or responding to a leaflet without following our advice below risks shoddy work, a fraction of what was 'quoted' being done, having no recourse, and being substantially overcharged. The RHS has some good advice to [Hiring gardeners and contractors / RHS Gardening](#)

If you or someone you know are affected, please contact our Rapid Response line on 07903 852090, or Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.



Trading Standards advise that residents:

Don't contact traders via leaflets that are delivered through the door – *without* making thorough checks beforehand

Don't deal with doorstep callers

Don't pay large sums of money in advance – schedule payment as works progress

Don't *assume* rubbish removal is included

Don't be rushed into making a decision – seek advice first from someone you trust.

Do get a minimum of 3 written quotes – prepare a clear detailed brief beforehand

Do seek references, read reliable reviews, ask to visit previous jobs

Do check directly with any reputable organisation named or who's logo is shown on a leaflet/website to make sure the trader is affiliated

Do get a contract in writing before works commence. Check the T & C's. You are entitled to a 14-day cooling off period

Do check and verify a trader's insurance

Take a look at the Trustmark website:
[TrustMark's Top Tips For Finding A Trustworthy Tradesperson](#)

Chelsfield Village Society

The latest committee meeting was held in its new venue at Chelsfield Village Hall and was well attended by its members, and two of Chelsfields Ward Councillors Mike Botting and Angela Page.

We discussed the impact of the new roundabout, feedback from residents so far have been positive, but concern was raised about the water leak (now fixed by Thames Water) rubbish still needing to be cleared, and the lack of planting on the grass verges. It was suggested wildflowers and bulbs should be planted, and a member of the committee has kindly volunteered to plant and provide these, which we are very grateful for.

Maintenance of the

hedging along Warren Road will also be addressed, as it impacts on the width of the road, and makes it difficult for pedestrians.

Work had begun on the new house to be built on the old Koi Barn site and yellow lines had been approved at the entrance to Orlestone Gardens and the part of Warren Road near Chelsfield Primary School.

The pretty oak bus shelter in the centre of the village needs some attention, and in due course a CVS working party will clear the overgrowth and repair what is required.

The work on the children's playground is complete apart from a new swing and climbing

netting which will be completed in due course.

The consultation about the R7 bus route had closed and to date no outcome is known. There was great support in the form of a petition to keep the route as it is now, and a member of Chelsfield Village appeared on the television in support of the campaign.

We raised the issue of the many power cuts we get in the Village, and through our Councillors the matter has been taken up by our MP Gareth Bacon. As a result our networks both underground and overground will be investigated, the underground reconfigured, and more frequent line patrols for the overhead network.

Chelsfield Village Society AGM

Chelsfield Village Society Annual General Meeting

in the Brass Crosby Room at St Martins Church
on Wednesday 17th November 7.30pm

We welcome all CVS members and Chelsfield residents to join us for a very interesting evening.

It provides a wonderful opportunity to meet other residents who share a concerned interest in all matters in and around the village.

Kent Heights Flower Club



We meet the first Thursday of the month except
January, February and August
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demonstrators, pick up some useful tips,
learn new skills and discover new interests

Our next meeting is on Thursday 4th November 2021
The demonstrator is Christine Milburn

We have a raffle for the excellent floral arrangements
produced by the demonstrator

Free tea or coffee from 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start

Entry for members £3 and for guests £5.00

The December meeting is our Christmas lunch
with demonstrator Sue Thompson
This is on Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 1.00pm for 1.30pm

Lunch including wine and the demonstration
is £15 for members and £17.00 for guests

If you would like further information, please contact
Sally Kemsley on 01959 534406 or email:
sekemsley@aol.com



Advance Warning of Road Closure

SGN will be starting gas main replacement works in Chelsfield Village from Monday 15/11/2021.

The first phase of the works will begin in Chelsfield Lane with the road being closed at the junction of Warren Road. The road will be closed in stages between the junctions of Warren Road and Allandale Place for approx. five weeks. The works will be starting at the junction of Warren Road and working along the lane towards Allandale Place over the five week period.

Traffic will be diverted via Avalon Road, Court Road and Warren Road during the closure. SGN will be

maintaining access to residents at all times, however depending on what part of the lane is closed, residents may need to follow the diversion to gain access. SGN will be starting communications with residents regarding the upcoming works and disruption early next week and advanced warning signs will also be displayed to pre warn motorists of the closure.

The road will be opened over the Christmas Holiday Period.

There are other phases/closures planned for gas replacement in Church Road and Warren Road for the New Year. I

will confirm with you closer to the time what dates these will be in place from/to. The section outside Chelsfield Primary School is being scheduled for the February School Half Term.

Let me know if you need any additional info.

Kind regards

Ben Howard
Traffic Officer
Place Department
Bromley Council,
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Information Needed Urgently!

I have heard some very concerning news regarding the field adjacent to The Highway, Warren Road and Court Road in Chelsfield.

Some people in hi-viz jackets were noticed walking in this field and approached by my neighbour who asked what they were doing.

He was apparently told that they were surveying the field for the owners – a sand and ballast company – as they were going to build properties on it. He was told that in 1955 the company acquired the land with a view to building properties on it but did not go ahead with it, however, they now want

to do so. He was also advised that as the pipework was already laid for sewers, drains etc there would not be a problem.

I would be interested to know if anyone is aware of this.

Sheila Holdstock

Can anyone advise? - Ed

Quiz and Bingo Evening



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and Pratts Bottom



St Martin's Chelsfield & Well Hill Calendar of Services – November 2021

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

St Martin's

Wed 3 November	9.30am	Holy Communion - BCP
Sun 7 November	10.00am	Family Communion
	3.00pm	Benefice Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance
Wed 10 November	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun 14 November	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday service
	6.30pm	Patronal Festival of St Martin : Sung Eucharist
Wed 17 November	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun 21 November	10.00am	Family Communion <i>with Baptism</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 24 November	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun 28 November	10.00am	Holy Communion
<i>Advent Sunday</i>	6.30pm	<i>Advent Carol Service</i>

Well Hill*

Sun 14 November	10.00am	Remembrance Sunday service
Sun 28 November	10.00am	Advent Service

**NB these services are outdoors unless it is wet & have limited capacity if held indoors – for more information please contact Anne Ireland on 07767 783189 / anneireland@icloud.com*

As at 27 Oct 2021



Orpington u3a (University of the Third Age)

Would you like to meet new friends and join some of the nearly one hundreds groups we have? This is from Backgammon through the alphabet to Walking.

If you are retired or in part time employment you are most welcome to join Orpington u3a with nearly a thousand members, all this for £12 a year.

This also includes our monthly speaker and refreshments, if interested either look on our website or phone William on: 01689 819698

Fungi Foraging Around Chelsfield

A this time of year the woods and fields in and around Chelsfield become quite an abundant larder for the enthusiastic forager.

It has been a good year for blackberries, and the plum trees beside the cricket field were heavily weighed down with fruit.

Now they have finished and the weather becomes damper we start to find the fungi beginning to pop up.

There are many types of fungi on the cricket pitch alone, but the most visible is the field mushroom (*Agaricus campestris*), well worth collecting fresh for breakfast. However, always be very wary when collecting these mushrooms because there is a similar looking fungi that is poisonous, it is called the Yellow

Field Mushroom (Agaricus campestris)



Stainer (*Agaricus xanthodermus*). This looks very like the Field mushroom, but may be identified by the way it turns vibrant yellow when cut through the stalk or bruised. The aroma of the Yellow Stainer is unpleasant, carbolic, chemically or inky compared to the

mushroomy smell of the Field Mushroom.

We have found some wonderful species of

Chicken of the Woods (Laetiporus sulphureus)





Giant Puffball (Calvatia gigantea)



Fairy Inkcaps (Coprinellus disseminatus)

edible fungi in the surrounding woods and fields over the years, from an area studded with Chanterelles (*Cantharellus cibarius*) in Hollows Wood, to a large growth of Chicken of the Woods (*Laetiporus sulphureus*) last year. This October, we found a

Giant Puffball. Some fungi can be quite enchanting.... Such as this beautiful display of Fairy Inkcaps (*Coprinellus disseminatus*), although regarded as edible they are too delicate and fall apart when handled that they are of little

gastronomic value. Please ALWAYS thoroughly cross check any foraged fungi with a reliable identification guide before eating them. If in any doubt at all don't eat them!

Dan Sloan

Dog Classes at Hewitts Farm

- Puppy socialising
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- Puppy parties




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The Chelsfield Quiz Nights



The Chelsfield in Windsor Drive has a weekly pub quiz - every Tuesday from 7.30pm.

Come down to test knowledge and have some good time with us.

Great prizes and rolling Jackpot. Don't miss out.



£2 entry fee.

Also, why not try our

Saturday Brunch - available every Saturday from 10am until 2pm.

Guerrilla Knitting - Continued

A variety of the post box decorations along Court Road over the last few months.

Someone has been busy!



The Five Bells

Chelsfield Village 01689 821044

1st Thursday every month

the next performances are on

4 November 2021

2 December 2021

Live Jazz

Just Friends

this swing sextet, play swinging jazz standards from the 1920s on, by artists like Duke Ellington, Gershwin, Fats Waller & Rogers & Hart

Commencing: 8.00pm : Entrance free

The restaurant is also open from 6.00 – 8.30pm why not enjoy an evening with good food and good entertainment

To book your table please call the number above or do feel free to just come and enjoy the music

Dates For Your Diary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Monday

Five Bells

MONDAY CLUB with 'OPEN THE BOX'
7.00pm

Every Tuesday

Brass Crosby Room

St Martin's Toddler Group
10.30am-12.00noon

Every Tuesday

The Chelsfield

QUIZ NIGHT
from 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Five Bells

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
8.30pm

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Wednesday 3rd November

Chelsfield Village Hall

Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.40pm

Thursday 4th November

Halstead Village Hall

Kent Heights Flower Club
from 7.30pm (see page 13)

Thursday 4th November

Five Bells

Live Jazz with Just Friends
from 8.00pm

Friday 5th November

Five Bells

MacMillan's BIGGEST Coffee Morning

From 9am Raising money for this Fabulous Charity!

Saturday 6th November

Hayes Free Church,

111 Pickhurst Lane

Antique Fair

10.00am-3.00pm

Monday 8th November

Five Bells

KNIT & NATTER NIGHT
from 8pm

Friday 12th November

All Saint's Church, Barkhart Rd

Quiz and Bingo Evening
from 7.30pm (see page 15)

Saturday 13th November

Five Bells

RACE NIGHT

Races Start at 8.00pm

Wednesday 17th November

Chelsfield Village Hall

Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA with CHOIR
2.30pm-4.40pm

Wednesday 17th November

Brass Crosby Room

Chelsfield Village Society
Annual General Meeting
7.30pm

Thurs 25th to Sat 27th Nov

Chelsfield Village Hall

THE LAST QUIZ NIGHT

ON EARTH

A Chelsfield Players

Production 8.00pm

Wednesday 1st December

Chelsfield Village Hall

Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.40pm

Thursday 2nd December

Halstead Village Hall

Kent Heights Flower Club
from 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd December

Five Bells

Live Jazz with Just Friends
from 8.00pm

Wednesday 15th December

Chelsfield Village Hall

Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA with
CHRISTMAS SINGALONG
2.30pm-4.40pm

Wednesday 15th December

Five Bells

Christmas Carols with
Phil Lane and accordion
From 7.30pm

Recycling Bin Collection November 2021

Monday 1st November	Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste.
Monday 8th November	Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste,
Monday 15th November	Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste.
Monday 22nd November	Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste,
Monday 29th November	Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste.
Monday 6th December	Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste,
Every week	Batteries, Small Electrical Items, Textiles (please only present one small transparent bag each week, and re-present the following week if it is not collected)

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