



November 2022

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## Kent Heights Flower Club

We meet at Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road,  
TN14 7EX

Every month from March (plus supper in July) to  
December (plus Christmas lunch), excluding August,  
when we hold flower demonstrations  
and workshops  
7.30pm for 8.00pm

**Our next meeting is on  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Sheila Adby is the demonstrator  
and the theme 'Piece of Cake'**

Members £3 Guests £7

Come and join us, have a coffee beforehand, enjoy  
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Sheila's beautiful arrangements

On **1st December** we have a 2 course  
**Christmas lunch** with wine, followed by a  
floral demonstration with Pamela Cantellow  
and her theme is 'Christmas is Coming'.  
Everyone welcome

For further information contact  
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Residents & Friends of Chelsfield Village

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Friday 25th  
November 2022**

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## The Dipper

Before getting to the subject of this month's piece I'd like to mention an article I saw on the BBC website this morning. For those interested in reading the whole article the link is:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-63244353>

The title is "Climate Change: Summer 2022 smashed dozens of UK records" and details the data collected across the country during the past summer we enjoyed – or not as the case may be. It seems that 56 of 109 weather stations that have been recording data for more than 50 years recorded their highest temperatures ever during the summer. Maximum temperature records are usually broken by narrow margins but during 2022 the margins were, by meteorological standards extraordinarily large. The largest margin was recorded at Bramham in West Yorkshire where the record was broken by 6.3 °C while the maximum temperature recorded was 40.3 °C at Coningsby where the

record was broken by 1.6 °C. The majority of broken records occurred in Northern England although records were also broken in Wales and Scotland. 80% of the new records broke previous highest ever temperatures that were set since the turn of the millennium meaning that records are being broken at an increasingly fast rate. All of this points to climate change. I hear and know people who claim that the climate has always been changing – queue the example of the ice ages only a few tens of thousands of years ago. All true of course. But these arguments often contain an ounce of truth and a ton of lies making them all the easier to swallow for those that want easy excuses. The important point here is the rate at which things change. Historically change would occur in literally, a glacial manner! This change has now accelerated tremendously since the start of the industrial revolution and particularly in the last century and is now becoming difficult to ignore. The change is

happening so fast that the natural world cannot accommodate those changes.



So, this month I want to talk about a bird that I have only seen once and that was while visiting friends on the Wales/England border on a stream known as Whitebrook that leads into the Wye valley. This bird is the Dipper (*Cinclus cinclus*). It seems that dippers cannot usually be seen anywhere in the south east of England preferring all other parts of the country and home nations. But, as I mentioned in August when I wrote about the wheatear, I am now including birds that I have seen but not necessarily in Chelsfield. So, this bird

is a stocky, long legged bird which looks somewhat like a giant wren or female blackbird (i.e essentially dark brown) albeit with a white breast although it is actually related to the thrush family. Indeed one of the colloquial names for this bird is the 'water blackbird'. Other names include the wee water hen (Ireland), water crane, water ouzel and water colly. This bird's life consists of dipping (hence the name) under the water of small streams looking for insects. It's normal above surface behaviour is to find a small boulder and bob up and down in a similar fashion to that of a wagtail – potentially also leading to its eponymous name. It's a hardy bird and will dip below the surface of ice fringed streams all day long earning a living off of fresh water shrimps, other insects and even small fish and their eggs.

Cameras sited below the surface show the hunting technique of this bird consists of walking over the riverbed against the water flow while resisting its own cork-like buoyancy while searching for food. While under water, they are covered by a thin, silvery film of air, due to small bubbles trapped on the surface of the plumage. Despite dippers association with water they are very 'terrestrial bird' like and do not have the usual water-fowl type features of such birds, for instance they do not have webbed feet. However, they do have solid bones (unlike typical birds that have hollow bones to reduce weight and aid flying) to help reduce their buoyancy and sharp claw like feet to hold onto rocks on the stream-bed as well as a nasal flap to prevent them from drowning. Another adaption allows their blood to maintain a high

concentration of oxygen enabling them to remain under water for up to 30 seconds.

These birds are dependant on clear, unpolluted water and secure nests close to water. As such they have become threatened and even in the past hunted. In both Germany and Scotland at one time they were hunted until the beginning of the 20th century because it was believed that they eat the eggs of salmon and therefore threatened future generations of salmon which were obviously beneficial to the recreational fishing industry. Despite this history and the rather restrictive nature of this birds environmental requirements there are potentially up to 20,000 breeding pairs in Britain and it is not considered to be 'at risk'.

*Steve Fuller  
November 2022*

## **Christmas Fayre - 27th November at 9.30am**

The Focus group hope to run a stall at St Mary's, Green St. Green Christmas Fayre on Sunday 27th November selling fancy goods plus

Christmas treats. We are appealing for donations of unused and unwanted fancy good such as toiletries, china or decorative items.

A box will be placed in Church for all contributions. Thank you.

*Margaret Coppard*

## Dial-a-Ride

Now we have lost the R7 bus which stops at the 5 Bells. I'm surprised that not more people use the Dial-a-Ride service. This is a free service run by TfL (Transport for London) and can be booked 7 days a week from 09.00am to 6.00pm. I phoned after having knee surgery to ask whether I would be eligible and gave my address, yes they said, as long as it is in the Bromley postcode area, BR.

I am a pensioner and now regularly use this service once or twice a month. I get picked up at my door at a time I have requested and taken wherever I want to go, Tesco's, Sainsbury's, The Library, The Market, you name it.

When you book your travel they ask you where you would like to go and how long until you want a lift home. Easy. I usually give myself one and a half to two hours, and

when I get back to where I was dropped, as close as possible to where I have been, the little red bus is always waiting. I expect everyone has seen the bus in and around Orpington. Lovely helpful drivers. And it is back to my front door. Hope to see you on the bus one day.

Dial-a-Ride  
0343 222 7777  
Ask for membership enquiries

*Freda McClorey*

## More R7 Thoughts

In talking to R7 drivers recently, they said that TfL were thinking of rerouting the bus to avoid the Village, because of blockages caused by school drop offs ...and longer parking for socializing. One driver refused to move when blocking the bus. The bus would go on to Hewitts roundabout and come back and park for a rest break next to the new double roundabout.

If they are going to do this, they might as well

come back via the Bo Peep and park by the old bus stop.

I am sure the Village Hall car park could accommodate the 5 or so cars that park by Ivy Cottages...for a small consideration.

Two other thoughts... has anyone noticed that the essential loos have gone from the Recreation Ground? Could be significant.

And to avoid congestion if

the Hewitts plan doesn't go ahead, what about making the double roundabout entry to the Village one way?

That's all for now!

*Chris Parsons*







## St Martin's Toddler Group

November 2022



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 are a very friendly group so do not worry if you are coming on your own and don't know anyone else. There is no need to book a place, just turn up on the day.

We look forward to seeing you,

Toddler Volunteers:

Jenny, Peter, Mary, Val, Vicki, Nicola and Anne.

**1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th November  
6th & 13th December**

### Contact Details:

Toddler Group Leader - Jenny Wood

Email: [stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com)

Church website: [www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk](http://www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk)

## Local Night-time Car Racing

Many of you may be aware over the last few months of night time car racing around Hewitts roundabout and Court road. These have been usually at weekends but recently also on a Friday.

Apparently the police have been involved, but one problem has been who has responsibility for these roads as they are on county boarders.

The Chelsfield Village Society has been trying

to ensure that the problem is dealt with and learned that last Friday evening, a Sevenoaks councillor who lives nearby, took members of the Kent Police up to the Hewitts roundabout via the back roads to avoid the congestion.

They found a big gathering of around 100 'boy racers' and collected evidence that hopefully will identify the organisers together with any future planned meeting dates.

The current agreement is that the future responsibility for the monitoring of the situation is that the Met Police will be covering the Hewitt's Roundabout, Court Road and the lane to the Bo-Peep, and Kent Police will be responsible for the M25 spur road up to Hewitt's and the road to Badgers Mount. This is not actually on the County boundary lines but an appropriate division.

## Bulb Planting



On Saturday 29th October in lovely bulb planting weather we planted the verge to the new roundabout. The 2,000 bulbs should look good in the spring.

Thanks to the bulb planters Alan, Avis, Catherine, Dan, Pam, Peter and Terry



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## Indian Celebration in the Village Hall

A colourful Indian market , Anandamela, attracted a lot of interest from hungry

cricketers as it coincided with one of our team's home matches. We purchased

some tasty food for our supper.



We were also very pleased to welcome back our friends

of the Bengali Association of Bromley to celebrate Durga

Puja over 3 days. The hall looked stunning.





## Local History Group - Lyulph Lubbock

Lyulph Lubbock, Lord Avebury, entertained us with a lavishly illustrated talk focusing on the houses of the Lubbock family. Although the family has spread around the world with a Texan town bearing the Lubbock name, he concentrated on their Kent properties.

In 1808 banker Sir John William Lubbock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet, purchased the High Elms estate. This was rebuilt by his son, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet, also named John William and head of the family bank. He took over the estate in 1840 and rebuilt the house in 1844. The various footpaths on the estate are enhanced by old bricks from the previous house making them usable in all weathers. He was a scientist, mathematician and astronomer and was awarded the medal of the Royal Society. He did work on tide charts and star maps and has groups of craters on the moon named after him. He was treasurer of the Royal Society and of the great Exhibition at Crystal Palace. He became the first vice chancellor of the

University of London and High Sherriff of Kent. The house became filled with specimens from around the world and was occasionally open to the viewing public. In 1864 30,000 to 40,000 people visited the family race course causing much chaos as the carriages drove from the nearest station at Beckenham. He visited the pioneer of early photography, Louis Daguerre, bringing home some cameras and experimented photographing the High Elms property, producing probably the earliest outdoor Daguerrotype taken in England.

His son, also John, became the fourth baronet in 1865. He was a true polymath and later became the first Lord Avebury. He had a huge range of interests and remained a steadfast friend to his neighbour Charles Darwin, being himself a respected author of science books based on his own research. On hearing of imminent development at the prehistoric site of Avebury he immediately bought the village and

saved the ancient remains for the nation.

As an MP he piloted 31 Acts of Parliament through the House of Commons, among them,

The Shop Hours Act,

Wild Birds Protection Act, Ancient Monuments Protection Act,

Open Spaces Act

Bank Holidays Act. The national holidays created by this latter Act became known as "*St Lubbock's Days*".

John was at one time Liberal MP for Maidstone and Kit Coty's House near Maidstone survived as a result of his protection. He restored and lived in Kingsgate Castle in Broadstairs. His first wife, Ellen, was a published scientist. Almost unheard of for women at that time.

In 1938 the High Elms estate was sold to Kent County Council and the house later became a nurses' training centre. In 1965 the estate was transferred to the new

borough of Bromley. The land then became public open space, but in 1967 the mansion burnt down. In 1947 to 1981 the family moved to the Clock House, converted from the stables.

Various members of this large family were associated with properties throughout Kent, namely The Rookery, Oakley House, Downe, Bassetts in Starts Hill, Farnborough, Lammas at Foxbury and Leasons, both Chislehurst and a little

further afield, North Cray Place and Emmetts at Ide Hill. Emmetts, thought of as being too small was expanded by lifting the roof and inserting an extra floor.

The Lubbock family boasts many high achievers. Among them are an engineer who worked with Whittle on the development of the jet engine, actresses, musicians, a writer, a surgeon, England team sportsmen, a pilot who was awarded the MC, a racing driver who was

involved with the Lammas car, and a director of Rolls Royce who founded engineering scholarships and whose wife was involved with the denazification of Europe after WWII.

During the break for refreshments we were able to look through an enormous collection of photographs of the family and their houses. It was agreed that the group would welcome a return visit from Lyulph to hear more about his illustrious family.

## Chelsfield Community Cafe

The Chelsfield Community Cafe continues to be a success with a few new attendees joining us in October. On 5th October

we had a lovely afternoon celebrating the Harvest 🍂 with a table quiz and one lucky client winning a lovely hamper.

2nd & 16th Nov. We will be entertained by a saxophone quartet on the 16th - please join us for some light entertainment & a little singalong 🎵!



We are delighted to advise £300 of our clients donations have been recently given to local charity: Bromley Brighter Beginnings, towards their 'Christmas in a Bag' project. This will help several families in need (with young children) have a slightly better festive period. ❤️

Our Christmas event is on Weds 7th December at 2:30pm in Chelsfield Village Hall as always. We will have Christmas



Our November cafes will take place at 2:30pm on



Christmas goodies (Christmas cake 🍰, mince pies, sausage rolls, etc.!) Do come & join us - bring your friends, put your Christmas jumper on! It will be a lovely festive afternoon ☐ 🎄 🌲.

seeing you at one of our afternoons for tea, cake & chat - remember the Cafe is free (donations are gratefully accepted towards minimum costs and charitable donations to local charities).

songs 🎵 & carols 🎵 by Bromley Carers Choir, a raffle and, of course,

We look forward to

Mags, Pam & Chelsfield Volunteers

## Chelsfield's Casualties of World War Two

In this month of Remembrance there are two servicemen to commemorate, eighty years after they lost their lives in the service of their country. One is on the war memorial in St Martin's, the other is not but is buried in the churchyard after dying on active service.

Who was called to sleep November 1942. Aged 20

*While serving in the  
Merchant Navy  
A light is from our  
household gone  
A voice we loved is stilled  
A place is vacant at our  
hearth  
Which never can be filled*



### Frederick Craycraft

A poppy cross has been placed on the grave of Frederick Craycraft at the annual Remembrance Service for many years even though he is not listed on the war memorial. The splendid gravestone explains why:

Also  
His beloved father  
Who served in the Great War  
As A.B. in the Royal Navy

Frederick Craycraft doesn't appear in the Commonwealth War Grave Commission records and the Civil Registration Death Index shows he died in the district of West Ham, Essex. Unfortunately I haven't been able to find any information about his service record. He was born in the Dartford area

in 1922 and his mother's maiden name was Dighton; further research shows a Patience Dighton married a Frederick J Craycraft in the Dartford area in the September quarter of 1921. In 1911 Patience Dighton is living with her parents William and Fanny on Court Lodge Farm, and in 1939 is a widow living at 2 Eden Villas, Elm Road, Green

In Loving Memory of  
MY DARLING SON  
FREDERICK W. J.  
CRAYCRAFT



Street Green, hence why her son is buried at Chelsfield even though he died in Essex.

According to the 'Lives of the First World War' research site, father Frederick James did indeed serve as an Able Seaman throughout WWI on board HMS Indomitable, including at the Battle of Jutland. He was invalided out in 1919.

### David Marr

The information given for the cause of death given for David Marr was inconsistent and it is only in the last few weeks that I have discovered why. 901227 Gunner David Terrence Murray Marr was a Driver in Charge in the 97<sup>th</sup> (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment. In the Commonwealth War Grave Commission records he is reported as dying on 14 November 1942 aged 22, and in his service record he is first noted as reported missing on 29 June 1942, then listed as a Prisoner of War in Camp No. 154 in Italy. However, a later entry says he is still a Prisoner of War on 16 April 1943, duty location Western Desert, but a

further note says he died 'At Sea' with no date. His probate record from 1944 says he died on or since 14 November 1942 on active war service.

Pam Preedy's excellent 'Military Ancestors' site gave details from a newspaper entry from the Bromley & Kentish Times of 26<sup>th</sup> February 1943. The report says that David Marr joined up in April 1939 and went to France in September, eventually taking part in the retreat to Dunkirk where he was evacuated to England. A few months later, in May 1942, he sailed for the Middle East. In heavy fighting he was captured by the Italians. He was reported missing in June 1942 but news had arrived that he was a prisoner of war.

It is not unusual to find little information about a casualty of World War II as some of the records are still closed or only available to close family members on request. While researching for this article I used that old faithful (but very unacademic) method of Googling David Marr's name and regiment number, and found the uncomfortable truth – his

cause of death, along with 800 other POWs, had been kept secret by the UK Government for 50 years, and was only made public by the MOD in 1996 after lobbying from relatives and historians.

It seems Marr had been a prisoner of war and in November 1942 was one of 814 Allied POWs ordered into the hold of the cargo ship SS Scillin at Tripoli, Libya, to be transported to Italy. According to some reports the ship was only built to take 300 in the hold and conditions on board were therefore appalling. The ship set sail on 13 November and on the night of 14 November was attacked and sunk by the British S-class submarine HMS Sahib. There was little chance of survival for those in the hold and only 27 POWs and 34 crew were rescued. Sadly David Marr was not one of them.

Royal Navy submarine commanders had been ordered not to attack enemy civilian ships on the route from North Africa to Italy. However, Lt John Bromage, the commander of HIM Sahib

claimed that he thought the Scillin must be carrying troops as it had no lights, did not respond to warning shots and seemed to be on course for North Africa. Other records at the Naval inquiry that followed showed the Sahib was specifically told to target the Scillin. It is not clear why this information and the exact circumstances around the death of the POWs was kept hidden for so long, there is speculation that it was to prevent the disclosure of how the enemy signals code had been broken. The most difficult part of this story is that the Allied commanders knew that the SS Scillin was carrying POWs, but had to target some ships that

were, in order to cover up that they had prior knowledge of the ships' cargo through intelligence. For the greater good...

David Marr is remembered on the Alamein Memorial in Egypt. He was the son of Frances Rose & Terence Murray Marr, and lived with them at 4 Yew Tree Cottages, Chelsfield. On the 1939 National Register father Terence is listed as a 'public works contractor's labourer'. From the newspaper article previously referred to, David's parents were under the impression he was a prisoner of war long after he had actually died. They would have

passed away long before the truth about his death was known.

### Remembrance Sunday

Please come and join us at our Remembrance Service at 10:45am on Sunday 13 November at St Martin's when we will remember these men along with the others from our parish and further afield who have given their lives for their country. After the service we will process to the war graves in the churchyard to lay poppy crosses (weather permitting), all are welcome to join.

**WE WILL  
REMEMBER THEM**

*Philippa Rooke*

## **Chelsfield Village Society Annual General Meeting**



To be held in the Chelsfield Village Hall, Bucks Cross Road, BR6 7RL

**On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm**

We welcome all CVS members and Chelsfield residents to join us for an interesting evening

It provides an opportunity to meet other residents who share a concerned interest in all matters in and around Chelsfield Village



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Monday 7th  
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Saturday 12th November 2022



WILD BOAR PATE  
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GAME SAUSAGES  
PHEASANT  
VENISON



TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
BEAUTY & GIN EVENING (Tropic Skincare)

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## St Martin's Chelsfield & Well Hill – Services – November 2022

All welcome! Come and join us any time. At the moment things might change at short notice so please watch the church website for updates (see link at bottom of page).

### Benefice

Sun 6 Nov **3.00pm** *Benefice Memorial Service at St Mary's*  
3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent

### St Martin's

Sun 6 Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion CWO1 : SAJ
3 <sup>rd</sup> before Advent	6.30pm	<b>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed</b> MG
Wed 9 Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion CWO2 : SAJ
Sun 13 Nov	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b> : MG
2 <sup>nd</sup> before Advent	6.30pm	<b>Patronal Festival</b> : Sung Eucharist CWO2 : SAJ/MG
Wed 16 Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion CWO2 : SAJ
Sun 20 Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>with Baptism</i> CWO1 : MG
Christ the King	6.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP : SAJ
Wed 23 Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion CWO2 : MG
Sun 27 Nov	10.00am	Family Worship CW : Reader Ken l'Anson
1 <sup>st</sup> of Advent	6.30pm	<b>Advent Choral Evensong</b> BCP: Reader Phillip Southby
Wed 30 Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion CWO2 : SAJ

### Well Hill

Sun 13 Nov 10.00am **Remembrance Service** Reader Ken l'Anson  
Sun 27 Nov 10.00am Holy Communion CW : MG

Key: CWO1 – Common Worship Order 1; CWO2 – Common Worship Order 2; BCP – Book of Common Prayer; SAJ : Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones, MG : Rev Michael Gentry

As at 28 Oct 2022

## The Friends of the Princess Royal University Hospital

The Princess Royal University Hospital is the main hospital for the Bromley area. The PRUH, as the hospital is known, is part of the King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. The Friends of the PRUH aims to improve the lives of patients and staff in the hospital. The Friends is a registered charity run entirely by volunteers and raises funds to support their aims.

Recently the NHS Trust invested a large sum of money on refurbishing Medical Wards 1 and 2 at the PRUH to make these wards dementia friendly. The changes, to reduce confusion and distress in patients, include use of bold and contrasting colours, use of non-slip

flooring and artwork. The Friends contributed a substantial sum of £15,000 per ward towards this refurbishment and also recently donated 22 activity boxes and CD players for patients. These boxes were allocated to each inpatient ward and contain a number of activities for patients to enjoy including Sudoku, crosswords, playing cards, and games such as Draughts and Dominoes. The Pandemic was a very stressful and busy time for everyone at the hospital. The Friends supported the staff at this time by donating meals, snacks, fresh fruit, chocolates, hand creams, body lotion and small

tokens of appreciation such as mugs which were donated to the staff hub at the hospital. This is a short highlight of the work done by The Friends.

The Friends fund their work by various means. As well as receiving legacies and regular donations from individuals and organisations, such as local Rotary Clubs, they usually raise money by holding various fund raising activities including sales stalls, charity events and the sale of Christmas cards. If you should wish to help or support their work, please get in touch via their website

<http://www.friendsoprhu.org.uk/>

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There is also an optional monthly meeting which always includes a talk by a chosen topical speaker and plenty of opportunities to meet new friends and reconnect with some old ones too! So why don't you pop along to one of our meetings which are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at Crofton Hall,

Orpington at 2pm.

If you would like to find out more, please email:

[membersadmin@u3aorpington.org.uk](mailto:membersadmin@u3aorpington.org.uk)

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Chelsfield Village Hall  
Sort Code: 40-35-30  
Account No: 31172344

We must thank everybody who has made donations towards the cost of providing monthly production of Chelsfield Village Voice over these recent months, I am pleased to say that we are just about managing to cover the costs.

support to keep the Village Voice going, so if you are able to donate anything we would be extremely grateful.

Any donations (cheques) towards the cost of printing the Chelsfield Village Voice should be made payable to "Chelsfield Village Hall" and sent to:

Please use the reference "Village Voice" in order to identify the purpose of the payment.

Any excess donations, if any, will go into the Village Hall general maintenance fund.

However, we need to maintain regular monthly

*Dan Sloan  
Thanks!*

A large white treble clef symbol on a dark background.

# ORPINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7:30pm  
73rd Season

Sibelius  
Andante Festivo

Haydn  
Trumpet Concerto - **Soloist:** Stone Tung

Schubert  
Symphony No. 4 in C minor, "Tragic"

Delius  
Winter Night



The Parish Church  
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Bark Hart Road  
Orpington BR6 0QD

Conductor: Emily Singh  
Leader: Sarah Douch

Tickets: £10 (children £5) at the door  
or telephone 020 8851 4502  
or use QR code to purchase online

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## Dates For Your Diary

### WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Tuesday  
Five Bells  
**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**  
8.30pm

Every Thursday  
The Chelsfield Pub  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
from 7.30pm

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Wednesday 2nd November  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Chelsfield Volunteers**  
**AFTERNOON TEA**  
2.30pm-4.40pm

Thursday 3rd November  
Halstead Village Hall  
**Kent Heights Flower Club**  
7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Thursday 3rd November  
Five Bells  
**Live Jazz with Just Friends**  
from 8.00pm

Monday 7th November  
Five Bells  
**KNIT & NATTER NIGHT**  
from 8.00pm

Wednesday 9th November  
Five Bells  
**Open Mic Night**  
From 8.00pm

Friday 11th November  
Five Bells  
**LIVE Music 3's A Crowd**  
From 8.30pm

Tuesday 15th November  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Evening WI**  
7.30pm-9.30pm

Wednesday 16th November  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Chelsfield Volunteers**  
**AFTERNOON TEA**  
2.30pm-4.40pm

Wednesday 23rd November  
Five Bells  
**Open Mic Night**  
From 8.00pm

Thurs 24th November  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Local History Group**  
10.30am-12.00 noon

Saturday 26th November  
Coolings Garden Centre  
**Farmers Market**  
10.00am to 3.00pm

Sunday 27th November  
St Mary's Green Street Green  
**Christmas Fayre**  
9.30am

Thursday 1st December  
Halstead Village Hall  
**Kent Heights Flower Club**  
**Christmas Lunch**  
7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Friday 2nd December  
Five Bells  
**LIVE Music The Happy Jacks**  
From 8.30pm

Thurs 1st - Sat 3rd December  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Chelsfield Players present**  
**UNDERGROUND**  
7.30pm

Saturday 3rd December  
The Parish Church Barkhart Rd  
**Orpington Symphony**  
**Orchestra CONCERT**  
7.30pm

Tuesday 6th December  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Chelsfield Village Society**  
**AGM**  
From 7.30pm

## Recycling Bin Collection November 2022

Monday 7th November	Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste.
Monday 14th November	Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste
Monday 21st November	Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste.
Monday 28th November	Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste
Monday 5th 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)
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Every 2 weeks (Mar-Nov) every Month (Dec-Feb)	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)
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