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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2023, 7.30
CHELSFIELD VILLAGE HALL

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Meet your MP Gareth Bacon
Ward Councillors
Local Police

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Residents & Friends of Chelsfield Village**

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**Charity Quiz Night – Friday 24th November 7.30pm @The
Five Bells Public House**

We have a celebrity QUIZ Master for the evening (Back by popular demand.....Ade Stone!)

Tickets are £5 per person, maximum in a team is 6 people

Numbers are limited, so if you would like to take part and help us raise funds for a very worthy cause then please email sharon.e.king@btinternet.com or pop into the bells have a pint and book with the bar staff to reserve your place.

See Page 29 for details on the quiz & Clipper Round the World

**Please get anything for
December 2023 issue to:**
chelsfieldvillagevoice
@gmail.com
by Mon 27th Nov 2023

The Hen Harrier

This month I'll start with a report from my friends who live in Wales who this year have a nest of hornets living in their chimney. They have not had a problem with them and are happy to leave them alone as it seems that the hornets are not aggressive. But now that autumn has arrived they seem to be entering the house but have thankfully been very docile. One morning my friends managed to collect and release 15 hornets! This is an interesting counter-position to the behaviour of wasps. Generally it is considered that hornets are more aggressive than wasps in the defence of their nests and also have a more painful sting. However, during the autumn wasps begin to starve as they are fed by the grubs in their nest. Once the grubs mature they do not have a food source and they become like a 'bear with a sore tooth' and become quick to sting any unfortunate target. Hornets, from my friends account at least, seem to do the reverse and become docile and relatively easy to deal with.

As time goes on I slowly run out of targets to write about and this is



particularly so when it comes to birds. Consequently I have to resort to birds that are not local but I like to maintain some sort of link and in this case it comes from friends that live on the island of Eday in the Orkney isles. They moved there to work as a teacher and to conduct property maintenance work. Surprisingly there are very few, if any Scots there. It seems they left years ago and the people there now usually only stay for a few years before themselves moving on to greener pastures. But I digress. The link is that the island does not have foxes, or indeed many land based predators but this is compensated for by air-born raiders. My friends have a small croft and keep chickens to liven up their diet. This unfortunately attracts

black headed gulls that steal the chicks and more to the point of this piece, hen harriers (*Circus cyaneus*) that carry away live chickens: most appropriately named! Indeed, this bird's name seems to have originated from the raptor's habit for taking all types of fowl and consequently has faced human opposition and been one of the most reviled and persecuted of raptors. In Victorian times great lengths were taken to eradicate such birds while the Marquess of Bute even made his keepers swear 'I shall use my best endeavours to destroy all birds of prey wherever they can be found therein. So help me God'. The hen harrier was one of the more easily controlled birds due to its habit of nesting on the ground. The turn of the 20th century was

the nadir for the hen harrier. Game shooting was at its most popular and this bird had been virtually exterminated from both the British and Irish mainlands. Then the call up of young men for two world wars gave this bird the opportunity to re-establish itself on mainland Scotland and from there it slowly advanced its territories further south favouring lowland heath, rough grasslands and marshlands. Surprisingly these birds are still persecuted and it is thought that if illegal killing was stopped then their numbers could more than double from the estimated 700 pairs that currently nest in Britain. References that I have found suggest that since 1997, no birds have

successfully nested on English grouse moors while in Scotland one in six of every bird is killed each year. The cause of this persecution is this birds consummate ability to kill grouse chicks so efficiently and hence is top of the list of targets for gamekeepers acting illegally. However, studies show that there is little correlation between the fall in the number of grouse and the those of hen harriers. Other factors such as environmental change seem to be the main drivers of the loss of grouse on commercial shooting moors. Studies show that hen harriers prefer grassland to heather and hence careful husbandry of moorland should be able to cater for both grouse

and harriers which prefer voles and meadow pipits given the choice. This does raise the question 'If their natural prey are small chicks, pipits and voles, why do they take my friends chickens in the Orkney Isles? Chickens would seems to be far too large a bird for a predator more used to small prey although I have read reports of hen harriers drowning large prey such as rabbits and ducks to subdue them. I will have to follow this up with my friends at a later date.

Persecution aside, these birds are a species of great beauty. In particular the male plumage consists of pearly grey, black and white and it has been said that 'Of all the predators, none is more immaculate than the hen harrier', it is sometimes referred to as 'a grey ghost', see first photo. The female is larger and has more varied plumage incorporating tawny browns and white flecks and are sometimes called 'ringtails' because of the white ring around their tails. If I receive any particular interesting stories from Eday relating to these birds then I will be sure to pass them on.



*Steve Fuller
November 2023*

Mutterings From The Millers



I recently gave a talk to the local history group about the Miller family and life here in Chelsfield on the farm and locally. A gentleman, sorry I have forgotten his name, came up to me and said that he had worked with one of Steve's great uncles and one lady sends the voice to her farming family in Scotland! The family came here in April 1899 so as you can imagine things have changed dramatically over the years. It is a reminder of how hard life was during the WW1 with occasional Russian prisoners of war working here, women doing national service on the farm, horses gone to war, exploring new tractors amongst a few things. Groups of boys from St. Olave's school in London came here to work during the summer too. Babies being born in the old horse drawn caravans and huts.

Many of us are fortunate enough to have modern appliances in the home and Pete is now looking for a machine like this for the farm.

We have a small stationery wrapper for making haylage but being a two man operation is incredibly slow. Peter has been looking for an automatic wrapper that tows behind the tractor, picks the bales up, wraps them and tips them off the machine standing upright. This means that Pete can bale and Steve can follow wrapping as they go. The bales need to be wrapped within 4 to 6 hours after baling. I'll keep you informed if when we find a second hand one.

Steve has been busy between the showers hedge cutting but too wet now as the tractor tyres will cut up the grass and leave ruts. If we get a frost or it dries up he can carry on. Doing a light trim each year makes the hedge denser producing a good habit for small birds. Plenty of deliveries of hay and straw to local stables which is great.

As I am a bit short on news, here are a few random facts about oak trees. English oak was in the wreath on the coffin of our late Queen, Elizabeth II as it represents strength of love.

It took 2,000 oak trees to

build Admiral Nelson's favourite ship, HMS Agamemnon. An oak tree produces about 10 million acorns during its lifetime. Oak trees live for at least 200 years, some over a thousand years.

Sorry but I don't have a weather saying this month. (I cannot access my bookcase at the moment as a new kitchen in boxes has taken residence in my dining room.) I have found an old cookery book titled The Orpington Cookery Book - All Saints, St. Andrews and St. Pauls though. Obviously made as a fund raiser and all the recipes were given by various ladies and one man from the churches. Thought you might like this.

Recipe for good temper

7 ozs of patience
3½ ozs of cheerfulness
3 ozs of contentment

Mix the ingredients with a sufficient quantity of "bear and forbear" being careful to keep the mixture cool.

Simmer in a pan of clear conscience, but do not let it boil. Bottle and tie down well.

*Chris Miller
Court Lodge Farm*

Chelsfield Community Cafe



The next few Chelsfield Community Cafes will take place on the 1st & 15th of November. We will have a table quiz on the 1st with lots of lovely tea, cake & chat (& heat)! By popular

choice, on the 15th, we will have the Bromley Carers in Harmony singing for us once again- which is always great fun. What a wonderful group of people they are! On this afternoon we will also have a raffle for some amazing advent calenders (including some from a specialist tea company) and the sale of some beautiful handmade Christmas trees made by a volunteers Granddaughter. Look out for the date of our Christmas event in Dec when we will have

Christmas fun, a raffle, a gift mug sale, etc!

Please join us for any of our afternoons - all are welcome! Please note, most of our cakes are home made by our amazing volunteer bakers and all donations we receive go to charities (local, national and global).

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Mags, Pam & all Chelsfield Volunteers incl. bakers!!

Kent Heights Flower Club

Everyone welcome to our small friendly club with the next meeting on

Thursday 2nd November 2023

7.00pm for Refreshments

7.30pm for the demonstration with talented Jilly Griffin (arranger at the Abbey for the Queen's funeral)

Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road, TN14 7EX

**Raffle of the displays created by Jilly; Sales Table
For further information contact
Sally Kemsley on 01959 534406**

St Martin's Spire Appeal

Spire Appeal

We need to raise £175,000



The song says 'What a difference a day makes . . . '.

Commentators refer to a week being a long time in politics.

To that list I'm pleased to add that a month can be a long time in fundraising!

Having said last month that the donations were coming in at a trickle, I'm pleased to say that the position is now looking much more favourable, not only due to an increase in the number of donations but also the arrival of a single donation that can only be described as amazingly generous. Light is appearing at the end of the tunnel (and I don't think it's an approaching train 😊)

But, as anyone involved in fundraising will attest, it's the last 10% of the fundraising target that's the most difficult, so we crack on!

By the time you read this the Quiz in the Village Hall will have occurred – our thanks to all who supported this sell-out event. We have two future fundraising events and I hope you'll be able to support one or both of them.

First, the choir will be holding a concert in the church at 4pm on November 19th, followed by refreshments.

On Saturday 17th February next year there will be a dinner in the Village Hall followed by an Auction of Promises - our flagship fundraising event.

Promises to be auctioned off already include:

- a week in a house 200m from the beach in Marbella,
- a cupcake making/decorating experience, from the author of the top selling book 'Cupcakes',
- a croquet and cream tea afternoon,
- many more, including some home cooked food, 2 hours genealogy research, car cleaning and gardening.

We'll be setting up a webpage giving details of the pledges nearer the time, so you'll be able to decide what to bid for.

You can support the Auction of promises in more than one way: you could come to the auction and bid generously, or you could offer something to be auctioned – it could be a 'thing' that could be sold or it could be a service, like an hour's ironing, a fitness or music lesson. Please think what you might be able to offer and get in contact. 01689 854119 or spire@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk

Anyone For a Game of Football?

If anyone is interested in joining a friendly 9 a'side football game on Sunday mornings from 9.30-11am on astroturf at the Harris Academy in Orpington, you would be very welcome.

We have players of all ages (16-60!) and abilities. Bibs are provided and teams are chosen to try and produce close matches.

We play year round and most weeks we get enough for four teams of 9 with each team playing two 35 minute matches in a mini tournament format.

Our game started on grass in Chelsfield Park about 7 years ago and as it's grown, about 3 years ago we switched to the much better surface (and proper

goals) of the Harris Academy. We would especially welcome any goalkeepers who get to play for free. You can sign up via the

footyaddicts.com

website, or for more information please contact :

mark@lascell.es

Credit Where Credit's Due

An apology to Lester Barnes, when putting the October issue of the Chelsfield Village Voice together I managed to

block out the credits on those great Produce Show photographs that he took and we published.

So a big thank you to Lester for providing us with such a wonderful record of the events from the day!

ULEZ Camera Van “Discouraged” from Village



On Sunday morning 29th October, a ULEZ camera van appeared in the village, opposite the village hall. A local resident and publican attended the scene to block the camera, and point out that the van was causing a problem with access to the village hall, that had a busy event on.

The van left shortly afterwards.



St Martins Church Choir

A Concert of Anthems

Sunday 19 November 2023

4pm in the Church

Followed by refreshments

The choir will perform a selection of our favourite anthems. We will be joined by some former choir members from years gone by.

There will not be tickets or an admission charge, but a collection will be taken for the Spire Appeal.

For planning purposes it would be helpful if you could indicate the numbers attending by sending a message to spire@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk . Please use that email if you have any queries.



The Benefice of
Chelsfield with Green Street Green
and Pratts Bottom



St Martin's Chelsfield & Well Hill – Services – November 2023

All welcome! Come and join us any time. Please watch the church website for any updates

St Martin's

Wed 1 Nov	9.30am	All Saints Day Holy Communion CWO2 : MG
Sun 5 Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion for All Saints CWO1 : SAJ
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP : MG
Wed 8 Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion CWO2 : SAJ
Sun 12 Nov	10.15am	Remembrance Service : MG
	6.30pm	Patronal Festival Sung Eucharist CWO2 : SAJ
Wed 15 Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion CWO2 : MG
Sun 19 Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism CWO1 : SAJ
2 nd before Advent	6.30pm	Choral Evensong for the Faithfully Departed BCP
Wed 22 Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion CWO2 : SAJ
Sun 26 Nov	10.00am	Morning Worship : KIA
Christ the King	6.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP : tbc
Wed 29 Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion CWO2 : MG

Well Hill

Sun 12 Nov	10.00am	Remembrance Sunday Service KIA
Sun 26 Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion 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, MH : Rev Martin Hayward, KIA : Reader Ken I'Anson

Our Interesting Life Stories

Thank you for the Village Voice every month. It is always stacked with good information and features.

We especially love reading Steve Fuller's nature notes.

You have suggested a new feature 'Our Interesting Life Stories' deriving from jobs that we do or have done. Rob Burn and designing Concord was a good start! - informative and

also amusing.

I am enclosing a little piece on Lloyd's of London insurance where I spent my working life.

Coffee At Lloyds of London - *Jerry Dowlen*

Reflecting on a career at Lloyd's of London insurance it is surely appropriate that I pay homage to the drinking of coffee. Lloyd's was founded in 1688 at the original Edward Lloyd's coffee house near Tower Hill in the City of London.

Coffee-drinking became all the rage during the time of Oliver Cromwell when claims were made that 'It so incloseth the orifice of the stomach, and fortifies the heat within ... it will very much stop any deflexion of rheums, and is excellent to prevent and cure the dropsy, gout and scurvy.'

Mr Lloyd would be pleased to note that coffee-drinking, for purpose of business networking, is still today an integral feature of working at Lloyd's. Of

course, if he were to return today he would find many changes, more than three hundred years on. I don't just mean the overwhelming array of modern, trendy, exotically-named coffee concoctions: cappuccino; latte; macchiato; etc. The legendary founder of Lloyd's would emerge into a commercial environment much unfamiliar to him. Told that Lloyd's underwriters had insured Betty Grable's legs, and are nowadays issuing policies that cover intellectual property rights in cyberspace, would a flummoxed Mr Lloyd jump straight back into his time capsule and beat a hasty retreat? I think that he might. He'd feel safer in the year 1700, where the merchants, clerks and men of finance scrutinising the shipping

registers inside his coffee house might have included Daniel Defoe and Samuel Pepys. Each of them dabbled in marine underwriting. Defoe lost his shirt, but Pepys was more cautious.

I hope that Mr Lloyd might forgive my mantra that coffee shall only be taken before noon; after that, Mad Dogs and Englishmen may only drink tea. Tea-drinking became popular in England almost a whole century later than coffee. It was not unknown in Edward Lloyd's time, but it was prohibitively expensive, which may explain why the early entrepreneurs opened coffee shops rather than tea shops.

The Importance of Tea is a cornerstone of the

English way of life: never more so than when travelling abroad. My business and holiday travel in Europe and the USA has taught me that sublime, drinkable coffee is readily available in cafés and hotels, in all flavours, but if you want a nice tasty and properly-made cup of tea, don't raise your hopes! If you're in the USA you might as well dive into Boston harbour and retrieve from the ocean bed the tea that was dumped there in 1773. You can filter or not filter out the sea-water and silt - whichever way you do it the resultant brew can't taste any worse than some of the stuff I've been served up in American restaurants. They never seem to know how to boil the water, even!

Coffee and tea were not foremost on the minds of our hosts from the USSR

when a colleague and I met them once in West Germany, in what was termed a 'satellite' office of the Soviet insurance company. After the two of us from London had articulated the business matter that we had come to discuss, as best we could while our hosts listened to us impassively, there was an uneasy moment of expectant silence before the most senior director leaned forward and asked: 'Have you now finished your presentation, Herr Dowlen?' When I replied that yes we had finished, he said: 'Thank you. We shall write to you with our response.' At that moment the mood in the room visibly and mysteriously brightened. We were to understand why, in an instant. Our hosts rose to their feet, their faces suddenly wreathed in smiles and

good humour. 'And now,' the leader declared, 'we shall drink Russian vodka!'

The door to the cocktail-cabinet was opened, enabling five torpedo-size bottles of beer to be exultantly thumped on the table, accompanied by a bottle of vodka. Glasses were soon to follow, and liberal measures were poured. I am not sure how my colleague and I staggered out of there alive, some hours later. I had drunk enough rocket-fuel that I could have flown home to London unaided by Lufthansa. If it is true that black coffee is a good cure for a hangover – I have never particularly found this to be so, myself – I suspect that I consumed one black coffee after another, for a very long while after that meeting!

Jerry Dowlen

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us each month, the first to remind you of the upcoming deadline for articles to be included in the next addition, and the second, around the 1st of each month, will be the monthly issue.

Table Sale at The PRUH



The Friends of the Princess Royal University Hospital
are holding a

Table Sale

on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of November 2023

between 10am and 6pm
inside the main entrance to the

Princess Royal University Hospital

Farnborough Common

Orpington

Kent BR6 8ND

Lots of goodies to buy, including Christmas cards and toys.
All proceeds go towards making the hospital a better place for patients and staff.

Do please come and support us on the day

Knit & Natter Evening



This month we are meeting on 13th November (second

Monday of each month).

Whether you are a knitting expert or want to get started.

Everyone is welcome.

Knitting, crocheting and other crafts welcome, or just a chat, we'd love to see you!

Contact Sophie on 07983 656022 for venue.

The Chelsfield Folly



I don't know if anybody else has noticed but once you leave the new double roundabout and head towards the village, on your immediate right is Chelsfield's very own folly. This wonder of the modern world has been installed at your expense courtesy of Bromley council. It must have cost a few thousand '£s' considering the time, planning and management that must have been involved in its creation but I'm sure all residents must appreciate the added value such an item gives to our proud village.

Lets study the details. Cycling along towards the double roundabout you are invited via a cheery

road painting of a bike and an arrow indicting that you can confidently mount the pavement via a gentle incline. I paced out the cycle path and found it to be around 5 paces long. Now, the council have made the rather presumptuous decision that the cyclist does not need more paint on the pavement and will intuitively know that after a pleasant ride of 5 paces, a further turn to the right must be made to re-enter the road. This thought is reinforced by a 'Thanks you for driving carefully through our village' sign strategically located in one's path to dissuade any dozy cyclist from travelling any further and thoughtfully reminding the cyclist to keep their speed below 40 mph while using the cycle path. One can see how frequently this cycle path has been used by the way the path has been swept clear of leaves and detritus – not!

To be fair, I feel I must

also make the case for the cycle path as a local resident, a neighbour – who shall remain nameless to avoid local residents pointing and laughing, tells me that he has used this path and that it is vital to ensure the cyclist enters the road at the correct angle to allow for a quick and efficient egress from the path to ensure the road is crossed in the quickest manner possible. Why the rider cannot stop on the side of the road, look left and right, then cross the road without entering the roundabout is beyond me? However, I comfort myself in the thought that with each additional use of the path the cost per use is rapidly dropping: probably currently running at about £1000 per use (come to think of it, there does only seem to be one user (my neighbour) and he stopped riding his bike a few years ago!

Steve Fuller

The Mayor's Charity Dinner



The Mayor of Bromley Councillor Mike Botting's

Charity Appeal Dinner

at

Tamasha Restaurant

131 Widmore Road, Bromley, BR1 3AX

Tuesday 28th November 2023

7.00pm for 7.30pm

£45.00 per person

In aid of The MumMum Foundation,
Orpington Sea Cadets & PTSD999



PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

Please reserve me (number of guests) _____ at £45.00 each

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE ATTENDING:

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS (*name of guest*):

I WILL BE PAYING BY BACS/ CHEQUE

Cheques payable to:	The Mayor's Charity Appeal
Bank Sort Code:	40-15-05
Bank Account No:	11899945
A/C name:	London Borough of Bromley Mayor's Charity Appeal
Ref:	SURNAME TAMASHA
Bank Address:	HSBC, 184 High Street, Bromley BR1 1HE

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AND RETURN TO
THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AT BROMLEY CIVIC CENTRE,
STOCKWELL CLOSE, BR1 3UH OR EMAIL
mayors.office@bromley.gov.uk**

BY FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

Remembrance Day Commemorations

On Saturday 11 November Rev Michael Gentry will lead a short service of commemoration to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty, particularly those from our village who fell in the two world wars. We will

gather at the old bus stop outside the village hall, where there is a reproduction of the war memorial, at 10.50am. All welcome.

On Sunday 12 November the Remembrance Sunday service will be held in St Martin's Church at a new time of

10.15am. It will end with the reading of the 72 names on our war memorial in the church porch and an Act of Remembrance. Again, all are very welcome to join us for this important act of commemoration as conflict continues to impact the world.

Passing the Time in Chelsfield - Part 8



Beaujolais & Bonfire

Chelsfield isn't often in the news – just do a Google news search and you'll see what I mean. That is actually one of its attractions to people looking for a place to live. Small village community, quiet, own railway station, easy access to M25, and to wider Bromley and its town centre.

But it also means that if it isn't in the news, it needs to generate its own. Hence Chelsfield Village

Voice magazine, and also local social hubs or, indeed, pubs. Away from the annual height (in every sense) of the Chelsfield Village Fair and its air show, there are indeed other highlights to look out for, including at this time of year. The Chelsfield Players are working on The Absence Of War, due 30th November to 2nd December; The Bo Peep pub has a 'Beaujolais Extravaganza', 16th- 18th November; The Five Bells has a mix of regular events and a Bonfire and Firework Night on 4th November, and Chelsfield Councillor, Mike Botting, is all over the borough in his capacity as Mayor of Bromley.

In the meantime, perhaps

the canine denizens of Chelsfield (who troop out each year for the Five Bells Dog Show) will be interested in the House Of Hounds shop and groomers recently opened in Petts Wood, and everybody else – not the dogs – might have noticed a Hotel Chocolat store opening down the road at the Nugents shopping centre.

If you want to know more about me as a local estate agent, check out my website, www.ianwoodproperty.com

As ever, if you see me in the Five Bells or the Bo Peep, I'm still tall, dark-haired, and I still wear glasses! Do say 'hello'.

*Ian Wood
29th October 2023*

Remembering Loved Ones



In the evening service at St Martin's Church on Sunday 19th November there will be a time when we focus on remembering loved ones we have lost.

Please join us if you'd like to for this special service which starts at 6.30 pm. If you're not able to

attend but would like us to name and remember someone at the service please email:

churchwardens@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk,

or call Philippa on 07826 516481, by Saturday 18th November.

Hodsolls Mill 1930



Philip Lane, from a 6"x 4" glass negative

This was the delightful flour watermill opposite the Orpington pond, which was the millpond till 1930.

Fleapit.

This negative was taken by Charles Rowe.

One more example of how most of Orpington's ancient buildings were demolished to make way for shops and houses. Hodsolls Mill stood where Carlton Parade now is and originally the Palace Cinema known also as The Carlton and the

A lot of The Priory was demolished and the Outbuildings had to be fought over. Several big houses down the High Street as well as Mayfield in Vinson Close which would have made a superb venue for weddings or a hotel.

The Old village hall was 'allowed' to burn down and the wonderful forge and blacksmith by the White Hart.

Many lovely cottages The Limes in Chislehurst Road end of High Street.

It is and has been the malady of Orpington since the end of the War.

Philip Lane

REPAIR



TOSS IT? NO WAY!



CAFE

Do you have a broken kettle, toaster or bike?
Don't throw them away - we're here to try and help fix your broken items in a sustainable way and prevent items going to landfill.

Bring them along to Repair Cafe Orpington where our skilled volunteers will try to fix it for you. Our local community repair service can fix small electrical appliances, clothing, broken objects, joinery and bikes.

We don't charge for repairs but ask for a small donation to help cover costs. Enjoy delicious cake, tea and coffee while you wait!

WHERE?

St Mary's Church - Church Hall
World's End Lane, Orpington, Kent BR6 6AG
Free car parking available

WHEN?

Saturday **25th November 2023**
2-5pm

Contact us at: orpingtonrepaircafe@gmail.com



A Dance Date with Jane Austen



Come along and experience an introduction to authentic Regency dances at our full day's workshop led by:

Barbara Segal our visiting specialist tutor

Saturday 18th November 2023

St John's United Reform Church, Lynwood Grove, Orpington, Kent BR6 0BG

For fans of Jane Austen novels or Bridgerton, this is for you!

Elegant, fun and accessible dances. No experience or partner necessary.

Workshop suitable for adults and accompanied young people (13 years upwards).

OUR TEACHER – BARBARA SEGAL



Barbara Segal is a performer, teacher and historian of dance from the 15th-19th centuries including the Regency period. She is director of *Chalemie*, a group specialising in early dance and music theatre, particularly the 18th century. She has also taught Hampshire Regency Dancers. Barbara has performed and taught throughout Europe, the Baltic States, Russia, the USA and Australia. Barbara has toured for the Early Music Network and the British Council, and has taught early dance to degree students at The Royal Academy of Dance in London. Barbara gives lectures on early dance and allied topics for both academic institutions and other interested groups, and she has trained singers in baroque gesture. In 2018 the Early Dance Circle presented Barbara with the Peggy Dixon Award for Outstanding Services to Early Dance. She holds a PhD from London University (LSE).

SATURDAY WORKSHOP TIMETABLE

9.30 – 10.00	Registration and welcome with tea / coffee and biscuits
10.00 – 12.15	Learn the dance steps and authentic dances of Jane Austen's day. Overview and discussion on customs, culture and costumes in the Regency period.
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch break* *Lunch is not provided. Please bring a packed lunch or you can purchase something locally.
1.15 - 2.30	Further dance practice
2.30 – 3.00	Afternoon break. Tea and homemade cakes provided
3.00 – 4.00	Mini-Ball – Putting it all into practice!

HOW TO FIND US

By public transport – St John's URC is a 5-minute walk from Orpington Station (frequent train services from London) and a short walk from Orpington High Street. Full directions and map will be sent upon registration.

Parking - There is some limited parking at the church. Parking is available in nearby roads but charges and restrictions do apply at certain times.

SOME HELPFUL NOTES

- ❖ Workshop is informal and fun! No previous experience of dance is required. A high level of fitness is not necessary although these dances can be fairly energetic!
- ❖ Wear comfortable clothes that won't restrict your movement. Regency costume optional
- ❖ Dance or soft shoes are ideal but trainers or similar are fine
- ❖ You might like to bring a bottle of water.

PRICE FOR THE FULL DAY'S WORKSHOP

Adults - £20.00	Young people (accompanied) £10.00
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HOW TO BOOK

Advance bookings only

To reserve your place email Anita Francis (Pastime Secretary) at nitajfrancis@gmail.com advising *your name, contact number, email for confirmation, and number of places* required.

Please include the names of all those attending and their age if under 18.

Payment can be made by online bank transfer quoting reference JA and **your surname**

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Thursday 16th–Saturday 18th November
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PLEASE ADVISE STAFF OF ANY ALLERGIES OR INTOLERANCES
A 10% optional service charge will be added to all bills

Local History Group - Slave Owners of Bromley

The University of London conducted detailed research in the archives created by The Slave Abolition Act 1833 and the Slave Compensation Commission which was appointed in 1834 to administer the Act.

To accomplish this task, the Commissioners needed to unravel the often complex history of ownership of land and slaves. The Commissioners recorded over 3000 individual slave owners and thousands more connected in some way to slave plantations. The compensation money amounted to £20 million [£20 billion today] that required the Government to raise a huge loan adding greatly to the National Debt.

The researchers not only worked to disentangle the archive but went on to investigate how the fortunes created from plantations and compensation payments helped shape political, economic, social and cultural life of Britain. The digitisation of this archive has produced an

avalanche of new research and widespread public interest leading to a dramatic reappraisal of our role in this episode of our Imperial past.

Of the fourteen local residents recorded by the Compensation Commissioners as living in Bromley in 1834, one was the Rev John Edward Tarleton of Chelsfield.

Reverend John Edward Tarleton of Chelsfield

The Reverend John Edward Tarleton [1783-1849] was rector of the parish of Chelsfield from 1836 to 1849. His grandfather John Tarleton IV of Liverpool, '*the Great T*', accrued a fortune as slaver and plantation owner.

The Maritime Museum Liverpool holds the Company's, extensive archives. They record the many shipyards around the British Isles where their ships were built, the goods used in exchange for slaves in Africa, the 'middle passage' across the Atlantic and the

commodities imported to Liverpool for onward distribution.

Other records relating to the West Indies throw some light onto life for slaves on the Tarleton estates.

The Parliamentary Commission of enquiry into '*the Administration of Civil and Criminal Justice in the West Indies*' 1826, published an Appendix to their report recording an incident in 1821 on Mount Pleasant Estate, Carriacou just a year after John Edward inherited it. They describe how three slaves stole a canoe and sailed it to Grenada where they made a complaint directly to the Governor claiming lack of food and harsh treatment.

The overseers reply stated, '*there was no harsh treatment and no lack of food*' they added '*no slave came to us with any complaint whatsoever*'. The Guardians of Carriacou, all planters, declared in their evidence '*we have been acquainted with the slaves of Mr Thomas*

Tarleton's estate for a number of years and know them to be the most turbulent set of slaves in the island'.

Subsequently two of the slaves Gregwore and Antoine were sold and shipped to Trinidad. The third Logan Todd was returned to the Estate and received punishment of *'not less than 12 lashes for being absent from work'*

John Edward Tartleton was born at 'The Grange' West Kirby on the Wirral. His life then took him well away from the "family business". He attended Eton College and at 18 entered Brazenose College Oxford where he gained a BA followed by a Doctorate in Divinity at All Souls College Cambridge becoming a fellow in 1809. He was ordained as Anglican priest and deacon of Christ Church College in 1811.

On his father Thomas Tarleton's death in 1820 he inherited £8000 and shared ownership of three plantations on Carricou and two on Dominica with his

brother-in-law William Wickham Drake, rector of Malpas, Flintshire. Thus it was that two churchmen with no experience of managing plantations came into ownership of five estates in the West Indies.

With his father's legacy John Edward set up home at Penley Hall, near Wrexham, Flintshire a substantial Georgian house containing a servant's wing, 2.7-acre kitchen garden, ornamental ponds, 95-acre farm and 65-acre woodland. Two years earlier in 1818 he was appointed as rector for the parish of Upchurch in Kent but immediately installed a curate paying him £2 a year plus tithes while as an absentee vicar he continued to live at Penley Hall. In defence of his action, the Kent marshes along the Thames were notorious for 'ague' a form of malaria.

Patronage of the valuable living of Chelsfield worth £900 a year [£90,000 today] was held by All Souls College who accepted John Edward as a suitable candidate for

the post.

In 1835, just one year before taking up his appointment, John Edward successfully defended his claim to the Carriacou estates before the compensation Commissioners against Mary Lloyd [nee Drake] and her father William Wickham Drake [his brother-in-law] who was attorney in Jamaica acting for the absentee owner.

Tarleton was paid £25.10s.0d [£25.50p] for each of his slaves and received £6,526.2s.0p. [around £6m today] for loss of his property. On becoming rector of Chelsfield he considered the existing rectory inadequate for his needs and set about building a new rectory with money received as compensation payment. Greenwood's book *'Epitomy of Kentish History'* describes his home thus, *'Dr Tarleton's seat ... a modern house surrounded by pleasure grounds and gardens; the interior is remarkably elegant and contains some very good paintings'*.

Anyone who has visited Chelsfield Park Hospital will have viewed the external façade much as it was when built by Edward Tarleton in 1836. The household of three adults, widow Mary Drake, Harriet Williams, a relative and John Edward lived in considerable comfort employing ten live in servants. On special occasions they called on additional help from the Village. Clearly he demanded a luxurious life style.

Samuel Brooker of near-by Lillys farm, one of his devout parishioners, recorded all the sermons he preached and in his diary described events leading up to Tarleton's death: "*Dr Tarleton left Chelsfield suddenly in November 1847*", followed by three entries

recording the viewing and sale "*of many of his effects*". On December 18th 1847 the Village School closed because "*Dr Tarleton unable to support it as heretofore*". He returned to Chelsfield in April 1848 "*for the first time since his embarrassment*" and in January 1849 he died suddenly in his armchair "*by the visitation of God*".

At his funeral on 24th January 1849 100 school children walked before the hearse. All his remaining property was dispersed in a two-day sale in April of that year. A report in *The Times* of August 1847 described how he was involved in making loans on company debt certificates with the promise of repayment at a later date known as 'bill

discounting'. Unfortunately, he seems to have dealt with swindlers and was never repaid. This lack of business acumen combined with his expensive lifestyle might help explain his financial 'embarrassment' in that year.

His gravestone in Chelsfield parish graveyard states he was '*14-years rector of this Parish*'.

Tudor Davies gave a talk on the Rev Tarleton, and other Bromley families who benefited from the compensation payments, to the Chelsfield Local History Group earlier this year. The group, which is open to all, meets on the last Thursday of the month at 10.30 am in Chelsfield Village Hall.



Chelsfield Park Hospital 2023



Chelsfield Rectory as built by John Edward Tarleton 1836



National Trust: Orpington & Chislehurst Centre

The Centre has monthly evening lectures held at the

**Methodist Church,
Sevenoaks Road,
Orpington,
BR6 9JH**

starting at 8.00pm
and afternoon lectures held most months at the
**Methodist Church,
Prince Imperial Road,
Chislehurst,
BR7 5LX
starting at 2.00pm**

There is also a regular programme of local walks, day trips, holidays and a variety of social events.

To find out more about the Centre and how to join please send an email to ntocc100@gmail.com

Membership is open to both members and non-members of the National Trust.

LECTURES FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Thursday 9th November
at 2.00pm (Chislehurst)

Expecting the Unexpected

Thursday 23rd November
at 8.00pm (Orpington)

**Savoy Theatre and
Gilbert & Sullivan**

Artwork by Lyn Stone



Last month we included drawings by Lyn Stone, who was awarded Best In Show at the village Produce Show. Right after publication Lyn sent this further drawing which we believe is worthy of display too.

To see more of Lyn's work, or commission a piece, Lyn may be contacted on: 07773 626665

Jazz at The 5 Bells



**Live Jazz with
Just Friends Sextet
Thursday 7th December
from 8.30pm**



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Charity Quiz Night – Friday 24th November 7.30pm @The Five Bells Public House

The Clipper Round the World Race started on 3rd September 2023 in Portsmouth and we have two neighbours taking part on DARE TO LEAD, Julia Austin and Peter Lamond.

It is one of the biggest challenges of the natural world and an endurance test like no other.

With no previous sailing experience necessary, before signing up for the intensive training programme, it's a record-breaking 40,000 nautical mile race around the world on a 70-foot ocean racing yacht. This year the fleet of 11 are raising funds for UNICEF.

Julia and Peter will be covering the following legs between them (Leg 2 - Uruguay to Cape Town, Leg 4 – Western to Eastern Australia, Leg 6 – Zhuhai via Qingdao, China to Seattle, Leg 7 – Seattle to Washington DC via the Panama Canal and Leg 8 – Washington DC to Portsmouth via Oban)

We would really welcome support for UNICEF and the teams and thought that hosting a quiz would be fun!
(with Raffle)

We have a celebrity QUIZ Master for the evening (Back by popular demand.....Ade Stone!)

Tickets are £5 per person, maximum in a team is 6 people

Numbers are limited, so if you would like to take part and help us raise funds for a very worthy cause then please email sharon.e.king@btinternet.com or pop into the bells have a pint and book with the bar staff to reserve your place.

If you are unable to make this event, but would still like to donate, then Peter has a just giving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/clipper2023-24teamryan>

If you would like to follow the race click here: <https://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/>

If you would like to know more about UNICEF click here: <https://www.unicef.org/>

Look forward to seeing you all there - Sharon (Chair of Chelsfield Fair)

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**FRIDAY 1st to
SATURDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2023**
(Excludes Sundays)

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Topped With Crispy Bacon

WILD BOAR PATE with winter fruit chutney & toasted ciabatta

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With granary bread

WARM GOATS CHEESE SALAD with walnuts & croutons
Dressed with a cranberry & orange vinaigrette

ROAST TURKEY with all the trimmings,
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Red wine & mint jus & parsnip crisps

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Fine Green Beans, shelled mussels & a creamy tarragon Sauce

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SAVE THE DATE

The Mayor of Bromley's Civic Carol Service

6.30pm on Sunday 17th December 2023
at All Saints Church,
44 Bark Hart Rd, Orpington BR6 0QD

Traditional Sunday Lunch In Aid of Ukraine Appeal

Sunday 21st January 2024
at The Warren, Croydon Road,
Bromley BR2 7AL
Featuring a special appearance by
King Henry VIII
£35.00 per person

The Mayor of Bromley's Annual Quiz Evening

7pm on Friday 23rd February 2024
At Crofton Halls, York Rise, Orpington BR6 8PR

End of Term Charity Appeal Dinner East India, Devonshire, Sports & Public School's Club

16 St James's Square, London SW1Y4LH
On Thursday 11th April 2024

Our thanks to **versapak** who are currently funding the printing costs of Chelsfield Village Voice

Dates For Your Diary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Tuesday
Brass Crosby Room
St Martin's Toddler Group
10.30am - 12 noon

Every Tuesday
Five Bells
CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
8.30pm

Every Wednesday
Chelsfield Village Hall
CRAFIELD CLUB
from 7.30pm

Every Thursday
The Chelsfield Pub
QUIZ NIGHT
from 7.30pm

Every Thursday
Five Bells
Bingo
from 8.00pm

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Wednesday 1st November
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.30pm (page 5)

Thursday 2nd November
Halstead Village Hall
Kent Heights Flower Club
7pm (page 5)

Thursday 2nd November
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Village Society Annual General Meeting
From 7.30pm

Saturday 4th November (1st Sat)
St Martin's Church
Churchyard Working Party
from 9-11am (see page 22)

Wednesday 8th November
Five Bells
Open Mike Night
from 8.30pm

Thursday 9th November
Methodist Church, Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst
Expecting the Unexpected
2pm (page 28)

Saturday 11th November
Outside Village Hall
Remembrance Day Commemorations
10.50am (page 16)

Sunday 12th November
St Martin's Church
Remembrance Sunday Service
10.15am (page 16)

Monday 13th November
Call Sophie 07983 656022 for this month's venue
Knit and Natter
8pm

Wednesday 15th November
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.30pm (page 5)

Wed - Thur 15th-16th November
PRUH Hospital
Table Sale
10.00am - 6.00pm (page 12)

Saturday 18th November
St John's United Reform Church
Lynwood Grove BR6 0BG
Dance With Jane Austen
from 9.30am - 4pm (Page 19)

Sunday 19th November
St Martin's of Tours Church
A Concert of Anthems followed by Remembering Loved Ones
4.00pm (see page 17)

Tuesday 21st November
Chelsfield Village Hall
Evening WI
7.30pm-9.30pm

Wednesday 22nd November
Five Bells
Open Mike Night
from 8.30pm

Thursday 23rd November
Methodist Church, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington BR6 9JH
Savoy Theatre and Gilbert & Sullivan
8pm (page 28)

Friday 24th November
Five Bells
Special Charity QUIZ NIGHT
from 8.00pm (see page 29)

Saturday 25th November
Coolings Garden Centre
Knockholt Farmers' Market
from 10am - 3pm

Saturday 25th November
St Mary's Church Hall, Worlds End Lane
REPAIR CAFE
2pm-5pm (page 19)

Tuesday 28th November
Tamasha Restaurant, Widmore Road, Bromley
Mayor's Charity Appeal Dinner
7pm (page 14)

Saturday 2nd December
The Parish Church of All Saints, Bark Hart Road
Orpington Symphony Orchestra Concert
7.30pm (page 23)

Sunday 3rd December
Chelsfield Community Centre, Windsor Drive
Breakfast With Santa
from 10am - 11.30am

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd Dec
Coolings Garden Centre
Craft Show
from 10am - 4pm

Thursday 7th December
Five Bells
Just Friends Sextet Live Jazz
from 8.00pm (see page 28)

Saturday 16th December
Coolings Garden Centre
Knockholt Farmers' Market
from 10am - 3pm

Sunday 17th December
All Saints Church, Bark Hart Road
The Mayor of Bromley's Civic Carol Service
6.30pm (page 31)

Sunday 21st January
The Warren, Croydon Road, Bromley
Sunday Lunch in Aid of Ukraine Appeal
£35 per person (page 31)

Recycling Bin Collection November 2023

Monday 6th November
Monday 13th November
Monday 20th November
Monday 27th November
Monday 4th December

Every week

Every 2 weeks (Mar-Nov)
every Month (Dec-Feb)

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

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)