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Wednesday 28th October

Halloween Pony Day 9+ years

Thursday 29th October

Minion Pony Morning 4-8 years

Friday 30th October

Halloween Spooky Jumping

Sunday 1st November

Dressage and Music

Sunday 6th December

Dressage and Music

Monday 21st December

Chelsfield Ponies Do Christmas

Tuesday 22nd December

Make a Pony Christmas Card

Christmas Carol Ride - Children

Christmas Carol Ride - Adults

For more information on any of the above events, or  
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Email: [info@chelsfieldequestriancentre.co.uk](mailto:info@chelsfieldequestriancentre.co.uk)

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## The Black Ant

In August I noticed that my compost heap in the allotments was very active with swarms of black (garden) ants (*Lasius niger*) preparing

right, the temperature, the humidity, the ambiance..... and off they go. Both females (immature queens or princesses) and males

restricted and these swarms will be 'out of phase' with each other. I remember as a child watching a nest of black ants preparing to leave



*Black Ant Milking an Aphid*

to take flight. This process carried on for some weeks so clearly there was a lot of preparation to be completed!

Eventually I opened up the lid to the compost heap and there they were – gone! I guess eventually everything is

(drones) leave the nest and fly to great heights, sometimes in great swarms to mate. If weather conditions are similar across large areas of the country then these local swarms will become a huge mix. If only local areas have the right conditions then the swarms will be more

the nest. There was an extended period of time as I watched one particular ant leave the nest and slowly work its way up a long piece of grass. Once at the top it flexed its wings a few times and then it was off. It got about 6 foot above the ground and 'snap' was gobbled up by a

passing bird! Such is the way with the struggle of life. Winners and losers are often decided by nothing more than sheer luck.

After mating the males die within a few days. That's if they avoid the attention of high flying swallows that treat these occasions as a feast to be savoured. The females return to earth and remove their wings. I have seen this myself in my garden and initially wondered what was happening. The queen I was watching was twisting its body back and forth and then first one wing was bitten off and then the other. Clearly, having mated the queen does not need the wings any more. The next stage is for the queen to dig a tunnel to act as the basis for a nest and I imagine the wings would be a hindrance if they were still present. The muscles required for flight however do not go to waste and she uses these as an energy source while laying eggs for the new colony.

Ants go through four stages of development: egg, larva, cocoon and adult. As a newly hatched

adult the ant will be white but within an hour the ant turns black. Once the first worker ants have emerged they will care for the queen and expand the nest. Once this has been achieved the workers will remove the seal put in place when the queen established the nest and begin foraging. The first generation of ants will be smaller than later generations who will have been supported by active foraging. Eventually, after a few years the nest may number around 10,000 individuals and the queen will begin laying queen and male eggs. Once these mature into adults the process starts again and these ants will leave the following summer/autumn. The queen however, may live to be over 10 years and there are reports of even older queens.

Black ants have an interesting habit of farming aphids and this process can be seen on plants with infestations of aphids. The ants will corral the aphids to the best locations and 'milk' them of an excreted material called 'honeydew' which is a sugar-rich liquid and use this as food. This is the same annoying hon-

eydew that falls from trees in the summer months and becomes a fine sticky layer on your car. The aphids, in return, get protection from predators such as ladybirds and wasps.

Ants have always been known for their community organisation and industry. The bible says 'Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise (Proverbs 6:6). This industry helps do a great job on my compost heap as ants help to break down the woody material to create a super-fine carbon rich tilth. They do however attack other insects although spiders and woodlice (another critter that helps break down any dry woody or leaf material) seem to survive reasonable well.

Ants can be a nuisance when one wishes to transfer some of the finished compost to the allotment but if ants are a problem then it usually means that the compost is too dry and a little water should be added occasionally. This also aids the composting process.

*Steve Fuller  
October 2015*

## Produce Show Report

The numbers of entrants and entries were again down on last year. This was due to several regular entrants not taking part this year. However, we were very pleased to see some new faces. It was also pleasing to have so many entries from the House Martins.

We managed to recruit some new villagers to help with the setting up and stewarding which bodes well for the future as the organisers were beginning to wonder if the show could continue.

There were no entries from the school this year although all children take home a schedule with their copy of the Village Voice and only one from the allotments. It is a shame that neither of these local groups think of themselves as part of the village.

The judges and their assistants all performed their duties flawlessly and contributed their opinions on what should be the best in show.

Sixty three lovely mini Christmas stockings will be on their way to Harris HospiceCare.

The Chelsfield Village front Garden judged to most enhance the village is judged by a Well Hill resident. His report is worth repeating.

'Life begins the day you start a garden'. Anon, Chinese proverb  
Special mention should be made regarding the front gardens of; June Cottage, where colourful window boxes and hanging baskets bring delight to the village street, No 2 Lillys Farm Cottages where the front garden makes a significant impact on the village street with its immaculate lawn bordered by colourful bold plants, mixed with interesting shrubs creating both a comfortable and interesting space and Harefield, where the opening up of the garden has identified wonderful mature shrubs and exciting spaces. Although still under construction, this is one garden to watch develop over the next year.

However, as usual, two very different front gardens stand out with great variety and good design. No 1 Ivy Cottages shows what interest and delight can be achieved in a very small confined space. This is an 'Arts and Crafts' garden, all about hedged compartments, restricted views and complex colour based planting. Common to all good gardens, however, there is a sense of integrity and coherence that allows all the different elements to work together as a composition.

In contrast, Rosewood Farm has a front garden on a much larger scale. Full of refreshing flower planting it creates mysterious spaces around its mirrored sculptures, full of atmospheric spirit. The design is coherent and consistent, with structure and all plants relating together.

However, this year, purely for the amount of interest that can be created with different forms, foliage and colour packed into such a small space, the winner of the Tom

Castleton Rose Bowl for 2015 is No 1 Ivy Cottages.

John Tranter had a difficult time deciding the best in show and finally chose Jean Crossfield's knitted chess set. Many thanks to Julie Sparkes for providing the welcome refreshments. Thanks to all those involved running and preparing the show, many tasks go unnoticed but all help is much appreciated by the organisers, from preparing the schedule, organising the paperwork, polishing the

trophies, assisting the judges, and running the legendary raffle to setting up Friday evening and clearing away afterwards – many hands do indeed make light work.

It was refreshing to see some trophies go to new homes.

The trophies were awarded as follows:

- Knox Cunningham Cup:**  
*Les and Ruth Cox*
- Well Hill Cup:**  
*Peter and Catherine Gandolfi*

- QEII Gold Jubilee Plate:**  
*Tricia Peek*
- Triss and John Cottenden Flower Trophy:**  
*Julie Sparkes*
- Allotments Cup:**  
*Peter Gandolfi*
- Wine Club Tankard:**  
*Andy Roberts*
- Country Fare Cup:**  
*Ruth Cox and Angela Fleming*
- Children's Cup:**  
*Alex Nikodem*
- Tom Castleton Rose Bowl:**  
*1 Ivy Cottages*
- Ken Pickering Best in Show:**  
*Jean Crossfield*

## Quiz Night Report

Eight tables of keen contestants filled the village hall. Quiz master Dan Sloan gave us rounds which were pitched at just the right degree of difficulty where no-one felt out of their depth but a clear round was a rarity. 'Bruce's B side' round was particularly enjoyable though certainly our team's worst round. Bruce also provided the excellent sound system. Pizza, salad and cakes were provided at half time so we could recharge our brains. The final result was very close with Bucks Quiz overtaking the long term leaders, The Badgers, after the last round and

winning by just one point. A very enjoyable and convivial evening was had by all and, as is usual with village events, the tables and chairs were swiftly cleared away by the participants.

The Village Hall trustees and committee would like to thank everyone for taking part and helping raise a further £400 towards the replacement of the remaining old village hall windows.



## Broadband Update

I recently met up with campaign organiser Steve Barnes to catch up on the current situation. He is working hard to find a solution to the poor broadband speeds in the rural parts of the Bromley borough and I know he will not give up. There are three possible solutions, one of which would exclude Chelsfield Village as it involves laying an alternative fibre network in the Downe/Cudham area. We are too far away to be included but it would be very expensive for anyone who takes it up and looks like a non-starter. The second

solution is to encourage BT to bring fibre to our unserved cabinets. Although grants are available, Bromley are reluctant to contribute a share due to the current financial strictures and government grants are unlikely to be applied to our sparsely populated area. As reported in the media on 23rd September BT has promised all its customers will receive a minimum speed of five to ten megabits. This commitment has a particular focus on rural area but, as we have previously found, the powers that be do not regard Greater

London as a rural area. Their announcement is thought to be a reaction to the prospect that a break up of BT may be recommended by Ofcom. Steve is soon to have a meeting with Jo Johnson and BT at the Houses of Parliament and we await the result with interest. Currently, the most promising solution is to make use of radio broadband. This would be provided by a non profit making community broadband organisation. It would require the sensitive siting of relay masts.

*Catherine Gandolfi*

## Puppy Training on the Village Green

Recent graduates of the IMDT level 1 class.

Everyone has worked really hard over the past 6 weeks to reach this level. Yoshi, Mertha, Zeus and Lottie had loads of fun with their owners whilst learning to be good doggy citizens.

I have a new puppy class starting on the 27th



September at 10.30am on the Cricket Green - phone for details.

just like to learn some new tricks please give me a call.

some agility training, could you please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

If you need help with your dog of any age or would

Also if any of you know of a small secure field to do

*Julie: 07717 606506*

## Pilates for Injury Rehabilitation

### Pilates: An Effective Exercise For Injury Rehabilitation

Pilates is still one of the fastest growing exercises in the world and millions more have experienced the physical fitness benefits of added strength, length, and agility that it provides.

However few people know that Pilates is rapidly rising in another area, rehabilitation from injury. The main culprit of injury is muscle imbalances within our bodies, many things cause these imbalances; our posture, the way we walk, bend over, sit, lie down, or work out - basically the way we move. Most of us move incorrectly in some way or another, which puts too much pressure on some muscles and weakens others, causing an imbalance.

Take the back, for example: the way we move may put too much pressure on the spine, while weakening the pelvic muscles in the front of the body or vice-versa. Either scenario creates an imbalance, which means the body is much more perceptible to serious strains, pulls, tears or worse.

Pilates exercises promote evenness and balance throughout the body by strengthening the core. The core is considered the "center" of the body and consists of the deep abdominal muscles along

with the muscles closest to the spine. Pilates also brings awareness to spinal and pelvic alignment, which is critical in getting us to move the way we're supposed to move to avoid injury.

If you feel Pilates could help you recover stronger and quicker from an injury or as a preventative measure against muscle imbalances then please don't hesitate to get in touch for details on my private sessions or see the back page for my weekly sessions.

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## Local History—The Priory and Gardens

Mike Marriot had gathered a huge amount of information and gave us a well illustrated talk with old photographs of the building and gardens from the 1930s.

The history of the site began in 1032 when its sale to King Canute's chaplain, Eadsy, for 80 silver marks was recorded. The Domesday book records it as being owned by the monks of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The current great hall was built around 1290. Structural additions occurred in 1393 and 1471, the dates being supported by dendrochronology, and there were further enlargements in the 17th century. Records show that the prior of the monastery of Christchurch Canterbury was the Lord of the Manor of Orpington, though not resident. The 13th century Bedell Rolls show the land was growing wheat, barley and oats. This was managed by monks but in the 14th century the land was rented out. The rectors of Orpington from the

14th to 16th centuries did not necessarily live at the manor.

At the dissolution of the monasteries the manor, land and revenue became the property of the crown and were leased to the Hart-Dyke family of Lullingstone. They built a new manor house – Bark Hart – which was demolished in the 1950s. This property was used as a boarding school in the 20th century and council offices after WWII. The priory building seems to have been returned to the church as in 1608 rector Dr John Bancroft lived there. In 1609 he became bishop of Oxford.

A later resident was Richard Spencer of the Spencers of Althrop and Wormleighton. His brother, whose portrait hangs in The Priory, was an ancestor of Diana Spencer. He leased the Parsonage, as it was then known after marrying a lady from Kent. He was MP for Northampton from 1621-29. Being a royalist,

he was exiled after the execution of Charles I but returned later, dying in 1661 and being buried in front of the altar in All Saints Church. Spencer's daughter took on the property and it came into the Gee family.



*The Priory in 1815*

A succession of tenants followed the death of Richard Gee. In 1865 the property was bought by barrister Herbert Broom. He renamed it "The Priory" and carried out much work on the house and gardens.

In 1882, Colonel Benjamin Greene Lake mortgaged the property for £25,000 to finance a scheme in north Devon

including a proposed Lynton to Barnstaple railway. The project failed and he was jailed in 1900

Bromley council have been attempting to reproduce the planting schemes of the time.

Mrs Ivy Millichamp of Kynaston Road, the last civilian casualty of a V2 rocket.



Valiant attempts have been made by a group of volunteers to save the house and gardens by the securement of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to facilitate a plan - The Priory Revisited - and further bid. Unfortunately further progress has been unsuccessful after Bromley Council

decided they were unwilling or unable to commit to a further 25 years of financial support and wish to sell the property. This 14th century Grade II listed building is designated a building of community value and was the oldest building in the borough accessible to the public. Its future is now uncertain as no-one is willing to pay the maintenance and running costs. The Friends of The Priory and Gardens are still active and there are plans to offer the gardens as a wedding reception venue. The museum closed the last week in September and we await further developments.

for 12 years for fraud. At the time of the 1901 census The Priory was empty.

In 1919 it was sold to Mr & Mrs Cecil Hughes whose family owned the property until 1946. Mrs Hughes was daughter of Sir John Williams and an aunt of Tony Benn. This was the era of the Arts and Crafts movement and the Hughes' worked alongside Geoffrey Jellicoe who designed the "theatre garden" in Italianate style. Gertude Jekyll was a family friend and probably influenced Mrs Hughes who was a keen gardener and employed a large staff.

In 1941 Mrs Hughes died and the property was leased to the council for offices. The property, plus 67 High Street, were bought by the council for £11,000 in 1946. The same year council minutes show plans for a memorial garden with many features but the plan didn't come to fruition. However, a blue plaque at the entrance gates commemorates the dedication of the gardens as a war memorial to citizens from the Orpington area.

In 1995 the anniversary of VE day was marked by the planting of a Wellingtonia tree in memory of

## We're Off to The Seaside!



I think by now most people will have heard that Jayne and I are moving to Seaford, hopefully by November. This is a big decision and not taken lightly, myself having been associated with Chelsfield since 1947. Jayne was a Petts Wood girl and in fact went to school at the bottom of Chelsfield Lane, so she even had an association with Chelsfield and friends from the village before we met! Apart from living in Tonbridge for 6 years after getting married we have resided here with both our children Nick and Sally, although not in the village centre. I well recall the late and dear Clare Hogben telling me

that I shall never be able to claim to be a true Chelsfield person as I lived "Down the Lane"! Back in the 50's village life was very parochial and the swathe of fields separating Chelsfield from the habitations down Chelsfield Lane was a very big barrier, and indeed the family ties with Orpington meant that my schooling was there. Strange really as there was not even a continuous road linking the two until 1958 necessitating a long walk twice a day, the bus only going up Spur Road that cost 1d. We frequently beat the bus by walking and spent the 1d on sweets.

Anyway, I do not propose to harp on about the reasons for us choosing East Sussex today but to reassure people that we shall be returning frequently seeing my Father who will be 99 at Christmas – he is quite an amazing man! Dad has known and loved Seaford and Newhaven since his teenage years, having learnt to drive by his father giving him the wheel one day, for one of their frequent visits to Seaford and Newhaven. We shall continue to support Chelsfield main events, being only an hour and a bit away, so both the big St Martins carol bash at Charing Cross and The Five Bells Carol Night will be rocking to the old squeezebox on the 3rd and 17th December respectively.

Many have asked about my vast collection of Chelsfield photos and documents. This was always going to be a problem one day as neither of our children will want it or be able to store it. The very local material is being dissipated

between the Hellicars and Pam Temple, and may eventually go to Bromley Library once we are absolutely assured that it will be safe, cared for and made accessible to researchers. For the railway fans, we hope to put back some of the garden railway in our new house, on a much smaller scale.

I personally will continue to write articles, cartoons and literary drivel if only to match the extraordinary outpourings of Dave Griffiths in the Fair brochure. In this world where it seems there are so many gullible people around, I fear for the mental state of those poor folk who have believed every word therein espoused. The curious thing is that despite rarely getting a

compliment in his "History of Chelsfield", it would be far worse to find your name missing Dave!

Chelsfield's future looks secure at the moment with our "new" and popular rector John and his wife Janet, the Tryhorn Field churchyard up in use and tidy, the Village Hall being greatly improved thanks to volunteers and Peter's hard work, in increasing bookings and encouraging increased donations from the Fair and other events (the remaining horrible Crittall windows are being replaced as I write). The recreation ground seems to be on a firm footing again and there are many new people moving in to the village who want to become involved.

All that needs to be fixed

are the potholes by the cottages, the irritating and costly fly-tipping in Skibbs Lane and Chelsfield Lane, and the rising cost of beer.

One final postscript: I have been told not to attempt tobogganing down Seaford Head golf course ever again, should snow arrive, following my disastrous crash in the 80's as I flew through the air into a bunker. The resulting lack of consciousness and blow to the head, ending up in Eastbourne General, I have since blamed for the many curious personality traits, that some may find endearing. But who am I to comment.....

So it's au revoir from her and au revoir from him.

*Philip Lane*

## Talk on Scams at CVS AGM

We have invited Rob Vale of the Bromley Trading Standards to give a presentation at the Chelsfield Village Society AGM to be held on the **18th November 2015** to be held in the **Brass Crosby Room** behind

the Church. His talk will provide an insight into the work undertaken and the latest scams that are around. Rob will answer any questions you have concerning trading standards and what course of action is required. The

scammers are experts at their activities and it as well to hear first hand what they are up to and how to avoid getting sucked into they scams. Safer Neighbourhood Watch.

*John Leach*

## Bromley Local Plan

Public comment is invited by 31st October 2015. This will replace the 2006 UDP (Unitary Development Plan) except in areas of the UDP where there is no change. Conservation

Areas are outside the local plan. For those interested, details are available of the 8 or 9 brownfield sites which have been identified for housing development. Also there are proposals

for 5 new primary and 4 or 5 secondary schools. The 185 page plan can be found at:

[www.bromley.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/localplan)

and in local libraries.

## Safer Neighbourhood Watch

### CRIME SUMMIT

These summits have been and are continuing to be held periodically through out the Borough where presentations are made by the Police and fire brigade in reviewing local matters. The public are encouraged to attend to keep abreast of the situations.

Bromley held a further crime summit on the 19th September 2015, when a presentation was made by Bromley Youth Council where they explained their proposals for better

understanding of children's behavior on Public Transport and some of the frustrations they have. In addition Mick McNally from the Home Office's "ending gang and youth violence" spoke about the analyst undertaken to understand gang culture, how, it develops from a very young age and what can be done to defuse situations.

The Borough Commander spoke about the cost savings that the Met Police were going to have to made to work within

budget. This can only come from manpower savings, so he was anticipating redundancies and a complete review the way the Met operates. Crime in the area was generally stable, with some MOPAC crimes going down in number of reported incidents, while others do show a rise.

There had been a big increase in motor bike and scooter crimes as criminals realised that under some circumstances, they could not be chased (Health & Safety)

### POLICE PROMISES

With a limited police team dedicated to the ward, the Safer Neighbourhood

(including Green Street Green and Pratts Bottom) request the police to concentrate on specific areas of concern to local

people. The current next 2 month target is to concentrate on School parking and youth engagement.

(further examples ; road safety/ fly tipping ) If any-

body has concerns that certain matters need tar-

geting, please let me know.

## **SPEEDING**

Traffic speed checks have been undertaken in the area and a number of

people were caught exceeding speed limits.

A radar device is around and further checks will be

undertaken - so watch your speed.

*John Leach*  
07711 304965

## **Shoreham Heavy Horse Show**

Although this show has been running for twenty four years it is the first time we have gone. It is difficult to believe that such a traditional country show could be taking place just a ten to fifteen minute drive away – or in our case, a brisk hour's walk. The highlights for me were the horsemanship competition, where heavy horses were guided through various obstacles by a handler walking behind with a long set of reins, steam ploughing

with two stationary traction engines either side of a field dragging a manned plough across the field between them, one man working 5 sheep dogs together using different commands for each dog and something I had never heard of, the Southern Golden Retriever Display Team with sixteen dogs and their owners performing obedience routines to music. There were classic and vintage cars, motorbikes, tractors, station-

ary engines, horse drawn carriages, Morris dancing, horse riding, birds of prey, Punch and Judy a ploughing competition and of course hundreds of stalls. With something going on in either or both arenas all day it was a good family day out. On our walk home we dropped into the café at the Shoreham Aircraft Museum. Lovely cakes!

*Catherine Gandolfi*

## **Crafield Club**

### **NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED**

The Crafield Club is a friendly ladies group which has been meeting weekly at Chelsfield Village Hall for more than 60 years.

We meet every Wednesday evening 7.30pm –9.30pm.

We are a very sociable bunch of ladies and have various activities, a wide range of speakers and also have trips / days out.

All are welcome. Do pop in and see us any Wednesday, or phone Angie on: 07733 078943

Check our diary date on the back page of every Chelsfield Village Voice.



BEAUJOLAIS WEEKEND  
THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup>  
to SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2015



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FRENCH ONION SOUP £4.95  
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TARTE AU CITRON

ALL £5.25

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## Trumped!

It wont be long before even we, here in the UK, whether we like it or not, will be inundated with Election material in the media for the US presidential elections of 2016.

Here is one pre-mail received that I must say I found most amusing!



## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### **Bromley Council**

Main switchboard:

020 8464 3333

E-mail:

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Opening hours Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm

Address: Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley, BR1 3UH

### **Reporting Problems to the Council**

Can be reported via the CVS website, or if urgent by phone out of hours  
Emergency Duty Team  
020 8464 4848.

### **Village Neighbourhood Watch**

Contact

John Leach 07711304965

### **BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital**

Main Reception

01689 877855

Helpline

0845 6032932

Physiotherapy

01689 885914

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### **Chelsfield Village Voice**

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### **Chelsfield Primary School**

01689 825827

**BT Line Faults** 0800 800151

**EDF** Electrical Power Failure

08007838866

**Thames Water** Emergencies

0845 9200800

**Transco Gas** Emergency

Service 0800 111999

**Bromley Police Station** and

police non-emergency 101

**Samaritans** 01689 833000

**NHS** non-emergency 111

**Safer Neighbourhood**

**Team** 020 8721 2605

**Chelsfield Village Hall**

(bookings) **01689 831826** or

email to

[cvhlettings@gmail.com](mailto:cvhlettings@gmail.com)

**Chelsfield Players**

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[www.chelsfieldplayers.org](http://www.chelsfieldplayers.org)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Methodist Hall  
Windsor Drive  
**Iyengar Yoga Classes**  
9.30am-11.00am  
Suitable for Beginners  
Contact Denise  
01689 853215

#### EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall and  
Brass Crosby Room  
**Chelsfield  
Housemartins**

Monday Afternoons, for local  
people who are unable to go  
out without help  
Contact Anne on  
01689 826349

#### EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Pilates Class**  
6.30pm-7.30pm  
Contact Francesca on  
07791073445

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Brass Crosby Room  
**St Martin's Toddler Group**  
10.30am-12.00 midday and  
now also 13.00 - 14.30  
Contact Sarah Ford:  
01689 853415  
[stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com)

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Pilates Class**  
09.00am - 10.00am  
10.00am - 11.00am and  
11.00am to 12.00 midday  
Contact Francesca on  
07791073445

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells  
**Charity Quiz Night**  
from 9.00pm

#### EVERY WED & FRIDAY

**Pilates & Pre & Post Natal  
Pilates Classes**  
Chelsfield Methodist Church  
Hall, Windsor Drive  
Wed 6.50pm - 7.50pm  
& 8.00pm - 9.00pm  
Friday 9.35am-10.35am  
**Post Natal Pilates Classes**

Friday 10.45am - 11.45am  
(Babies Welcome)  
Contact Bethany Lucas on  
07415 638546  
[bethanylucaspilates@gmail.com](mailto:bethanylucaspilates@gmail.com)  
Further Classes at:  
[www.bethanylucaspilates.co.uk](http://www.bethanylucaspilates.co.uk)

#### EVERY WEDNESDAY

**Hatha Yoga Classes**  
10.30am-12.00am  
Contact Pam Keeper on  
01732 458930

#### EVERY WEDNESDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Crafield Ladies Club**  
7.30pm-9.30pm  
Newcomers Welcome

#### EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Class Street Dance**  
4.30pm-6.00pm  
Boys & Girls All Ages  
Contact Clare 07960 865518

#### EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Pilates Class**  
6.30pm-7.30pm  
Contact Francesca on  
07791073445

#### EVERY FRIDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Pilates Class**  
3.00pm-4.00pm  
Contact Francesca on  
07791073445

#### EVERY SUNDAY

The Chelsfield Pub  
**Live Singer**  
5.00pm-8.00pm  
Contact 01689 600656

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Wednesday 14th October  
(2nd Wednesday of Month)**  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Afternoon W.I.**  
Newcomers Welcome  
Contact Irene 01689 835143

**Wednesday 14th October**  
Five Bells  
**Open Mic Night**  
So all you budding  
musicians out there, come  
along and have a go!

Starts at 8.30pm  
**Thursday 15th October  
(3rd Thursday each month)**  
Brass Crosby Room  
**Local History Group**  
10.30am

**Tuesday 20th October  
(3rd Tuesday of Month)**  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Evening W.I.**

Newcomers Welcome  
From 7.45pm  
Contact  
Madeline 01689891533

**Friday 23rd October**  
Five Bells

**Race Night at the 5 Bells**  
Enjoy the thrill of the Gee-  
Gees from the comfort of the  
pub!

Races start at 9.00pm  
**Sunday 1st November**  
Five Bells

**Halloween Meets Guy  
Fawkes**

Fun Day, Childrens Fancy  
Dress, Bonfire from 5.00pm.  
For adults and children

**Sunday 3rd November  
(1st Tuesday each month)**  
The Chelsfield Pub  
**Quiz Night**

From 7.30pm  
Contact 01689 600656

**Thursday 5th November**  
Five Bells

**Jazz Night - Just Friends**  
The ever popular Jazz sextet  
Commencing 8.30pm

**Tuesday 10th November  
(a week earlier this month)**  
Chelsfield Village Hall  
**Evening W.I.**

Newcomers Welcome  
From 7.45pm  
Contact  
Madeline 01689891533

**Wed 11th November**  
Five Bells  
**Open Mic Night**  
So all you budding  
musicians out there, come  
along and have a go!  
Starts at 8.30pm