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The Crow

When thinking about which bird to write about this month I met on the road to Shoreham a bird I immediately thought was a grouse, although I have never knowingly seen one before. Doing some research it seemed very unlikely that it was indeed a grouse as both the habitat and the geographic location were wrong. Consequently the grouse could not be considered as relevant to the village and so I decided to revert to my original subject (the crow – see below), but should anybody else see what they think is a grouse in the local area then please do let The Voice know.

So, onto the crow, or more correctly, the carrion crow (*Corvus corone*). Although I have not had any interactions with these birds worthy of the name, it's one of those birds that are always there in the background. One that you take for granted and rarely notice due to its wariness of man, only occasionally hearing their plaintive calls across frozen winter fields.

So first, what's the difference between a crow, a rook and a raven? Well, ravens are large, very large, while rooks and

crows are merely large (take a trip to the tower of London {where my sister-in-laws father was born as it happens} if you want to check it out)! As for crows and rooks, they are very similar with only small anatomical differences but a nice distinction I found to decide whether you are dealing with a crow or rook is to follow the country proverb "when you see a rook alone, then it is a crow and if you see a crow in a crowd, then it is a rook". Strange then that I was able to find 8 collective nouns for crows (including a mob, murder and hoard of crows) but only three for rooks!

The carrion crow is the plainest of the corvid family and one of the most unloved of all British birds leading to centuries of persecution. It has a reputation as a classic symbol of evil and portent of misfortune. Tales from early in the twentieth century tell of the Doom Crow. It was considered very bad luck to see a single crow in flight. People would watch to see where a crow would land and if it alighted on a house then it foretold a death in that household. This is similar to folklore associated with magpies

which of course, are also members of the corvid family. In TV or Hollywood films crows are often used to convey danger, death or evil. Examples include Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*, the pet belonging to the wicked witch in Disney's *Snow White* or the TV series *Six Feet Under* which uses a crow on a gravestone in its credits. This reputation may have been gained from crows feasting on the remains of gallows corpses or more commonly by the habit of pecking at the eyes of dead sheep. Interestingly, Hollywood tends to use the call of American crows in movies as these are considered even more mournful than their British cousins! It's clearly an accent thing...

This dark image extends to language where the name crow may be used to describe an ill-tempered old woman. The bird also appears in many other English idioms such as, to crow over, as the crow flies or to eat crow or even the exclamation 'stone the crows'.

Despite the negative connotations crows are also very intelligent. They are known as avid takers

of game bird eggs and one reference I found tells of researchers investigating the habits of grouse who marked ground nests with canes placed a short distance away. Crows quickly realised that a cane meant that a meal could readily be found and the research came to a grinding halt!

The poet Ted Hughes conveyed the bird's intelligence, primal life force and ability to withstand man's attempts to destroy it in the 1970 poem Crow when the crow witnesses the environmental destruction inflicted by civilisation.

All that remained of it a brittle desert,

Dazzling with the bones of earth's people,

Where Crow walked and

mused.

There's an argument as to whether the crow and its cousin the hooded crow are one or two species. Historically, hooded crows were considered to be the Scottish and Irish counterpart to the all-black English carrion crow and so different species. However, while the Irish hooded crow is still fully intact, their Scottish cousins are interbreeding with the carrion crow creating a zone of hybridisation where the two populations meet. This zone is continually retreating towards northern Scotland. Both birds are genetically identical other than the genes that control plumage colour and mating preferences (about 0.28% difference). Hence they can, and do interbreed but prefer to

breed with their own kind, so making this integration process a slow one. It is thought that during the last glacial period these crow populations were separated and became two distinct races which are now interbreeding again and will again eventually become one united species sharing the same plumage.

Further afield, the crow is represented in the night sky by a small and inconspicuous constellation called corvus. It sits next to two other, similarly faint constellations called crater (the cup) and the largest constellation in the sky, hydra (the snake). The Greek legend tells of how Apollo sent the crow to collect water in the cup but he stopped to eat fruit on the way back. As an excuse he returned to Apollo with both the cup and a snake saying that the snake had caused the delay by defending the water pool. Apollo was not fooled and banished the crow to the sky and condemned him to be eternally thirsty: which is why the call of the crow is so harsh. And now, all three are represented by constellations that sit closely together in the northern sky.

Photo: Livescience



*Steve Fuller
Oct 2017*

Mutterings From The Millers

The farming year has started again with the planting of the cover crop of black oats, phacelia and radish on 31st August. This has germinated well despite the colder soil temperatures as you can see from the picture. We



are growing two different varieties of wheat this year, Zulu and Bassett, both being what we call soft wheat for biscuit and cake flour. Dodging some heavy rain showers, Peter has managed to drill the seed under good conditions. The sun has been quite hot during the planting so hopefully it should germinate within

seven to nine days. In some parts of the country, farmers are still combining spring sown wheat and beans due to the very wet August.

Goodness knows when they will be able to plant again. The harvest in Australia has been a lot

smaller than usual due to the extra dry weather. One extreme to another.

We have been pleased with our Deutz-Fahr tractor, it has proved to be a great asset. Although smaller than we are used to, it has carried out all the work required without using too much diesel and is a pleasure

to drive. We had a loader mounted on the front, which has proved very useful for moving bales etc.

The hedges have been trimmed back to thicken them enabling better nesting for the birds next year and keeps the hedges under control. The boys have noticed this year that we seem to have more pheasant poults and partridges running about on the fields. This together with a lot more worm casts is another bonus for not ploughing.

The cats have settled in and working well, Steve watched one trying catch a rat that was feeding on some spilt grain. It is good to see them about the yard again, the cats not the rat!

Work still carries on in the buildings, up grading electrics and delivering straw, hay and haylage. The haylage has proved very popular with the horses, at one yard the horses were trying to bite through the plastic to get at it. Steve thinks it

smells like Christmas pudding so goodness knows what a horse thinks!

The grass has been mown and cleared on Chelsfield green enabling seeds to drop, so we can

look forward again next year to the wonderful wild flowers.

Autumn is on its way and as I write a few swallows are still around but they will be gone very shortly. There are plenty of

acorns, fruit and berries on the trees and as the saying goes:-

When berries are many in October, beware a hard winter

*Chris Miller
Court Lodge Farm*

Halloween "Monster Dash"!

Join us for a special halloween event being held in Goddington Park, Orpington on Saturday, 28th October.

There will be a "Monster Dash" at 5.00pm which

will be a 5k fun-run through four zones, including bubbles, foam, etc. which is recommended for the whole family and "Running Scared" at 8.00pm which is for

adults. All the details of ticket prices, etc. can be found on Demelza's website: www.demelza.org.uk or call 01795 845191.

Rosemary Norris

Ringers Sunday, 15th October

Every year at St Martin's we have a 'Ringers' Sunday' to commemorate the work of the bellringers, and this year we are privileged to have Alan Regin coming to address us at the 6.30pm Evensong Service.

Alan is an eminent bell ringer and former Master (on several occasions) of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, a national ringing organisation which was founded in 1747. He is also the Central

Council Steward of the Rolls of Honour, which records the names of bellringers lost in conflict.

Alan will be talking to us about the Rolls of Honour which is particularly topical at the moment as we remember the 100th anniversary of some of the battles of WW1 and move, next year, towards the centenary of the end of WW1.

Alan has been instrumental

in producing a new volume of the Church Bell Ringers' Memorial Book which records the extraordinary sacrifice made by so many ringers during the Great War. Additionally, Alan is a trustee of the Bells4StGeorges project.

This exciting project has involved installing a peal of eight English style change ringing bells in St George's church, Ypres.

Three huge battles were

fought around Ypres in World War One in 1914, 1915 and 1917 but it was never captured by the Germans and was one of the few parts of Belgium to be held by the allies. The third battle, known as Passchendaele, alone cost the allies roughly 250,000 casualties, with nearly 80,000 dead. The town's St George's Memorial Church was built to honour the dead but funds ran out before bells were installed. St George's was built in 1927 but the bell tower has stood empty since. Following successful fund raising, eight new bells

were cast at Taylor's bell foundry, Loughborough earlier this year, each bell being uniquely marked with a poppy and bearing names of those involved in the conflict. After going on display at the Dorset Steam Fair over the August Bank Holiday the bells were transported to Ypres, Belgium on two WW1 era lorries in order to be present at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate on 30 August. The installation process to hang the bells in the tower at St Georges is underway and, once complete, the bells will ring out for the first time at a

special service to mark the completion of the project on 22nd October.

Alan will be talking to us about this exciting initiative and which will continue for some time even after the bells are installed as ringers from the local church and community will have to be trained to ring these new bells. If you'd like to hear more about this project please join us at St Martin's on Sunday 15 October at 6.30pm, and pass the message on to anyone you think might be interested.

Nick Wilkins

Himalayan Balsam Update

During last month's piece on the Himalayan balsam I explained how I had informed Sevenoaks council about a patch of this plant I found near Timberden bottom. To my surprise, I was walking past the same spot just a week ago only to find this patch has been entirely

cleared of this plant. I was impressed that the council had acted so quickly although, as explained in last month's article, at this time of year the seeds are catapulted away from the plant when disturbed.

Consequently I expect

this task will need to be repeated next spring if any long term effect on this plant is to be achieved. In addition, many other patches of balsam could be seen deeper withing the woods in this area and these were still present.

Steve Fuller

Village Society AGM & Christmas Gathering

Chelsfield Village Society AGM & Christmas Gathering will be in the Brass Crosby Room – behind St Martin's Church on
Wed 29th November 2017 at 7:30 pm

Following on from the meeting we are lucky to be joined by Patrick Hellicar, a retired journalist who's now digging up local history stories.
Wine and Nibbles to

follow, we hope that you will be able to join us for this both interesting and festive occasion.

For further information please contact Melanie on **07900 171266**

Memories of Well Hill Village Store

One lovely midweek Spring morning back in 1976, I arrived at Orpington Station from Hertfordshire to view a property at Well Hill known as The Homestead and Well Hill Village Stores. The bus dropped me off in Chelsfield Village and I walked up Hawstead Lane and Rock Hill towards Well Hill. On arriving at the junction of Rock Hill and Well Hill, there was the village shop with car parking for about four cars.

Having looked around the bungalow and the shop, I was sitting in the kitchen with a cup of tea admiring the view down towards Chelsfield and decided that my wife and children must come and see what I believe could be their next home, so made arrangements to visit again at the weekend. Thus began our new adventure with me continuing to work in Lewisham and my wife running the shop with some stalwart part time help from Gladys Wells from Kilnfields.

Trade came from a small

group of locals apart from passing demand for cigarettes, ice creams, sweets etc. We stocked most types of groceries with cheese and ham cut to order, paraffin, and a few other odds and ends. There were also daily deliveries of bread from a small local baker.

During our time at the stores there was a national bread strike so the local supermarkets had no bread and it was quite interesting to see people who never normally would come into the shop, come looking for bread. Needless to say we could not help them in their need!

Another interesting memoir was the DANDAG period when we were fighting the M25 development which subsequently, out of the three chosen routes, the one on the cockerhurst side of the hill was chosen. A member of the Residents Association asked us if we would have a hamper in the shop and sell raffle tickets for the fighting fund. We were, of course, delighted to help out in

any way we could. Imagine our surprise when the said hamper arrived full of supermarket grocery items! We then decided that we would not help as we had naturally assumed that the contents of the hamper would come from our shop. However the story did not end there. At a DANDAG village meeting some time later, the aforementioned hamper was ready to go to the winning ticket holder, and who should win it – you've guessed it – yours truly!

Generally trade was slow and the shop was open 9.00-5.00 Monday to Friday excluding Wednesday, which was re-stocking day, and Sunday mornings mainly for newspapers which were only sold on Sundays. This was my turn to get involved. It was mostly men coming in to collect their ordered papers, and the young scholars from Cannock School on their way back from Church, coming in for sweets and chocolate.

We did have one

beautiful summers day on a Sunday when relatives were visiting us. During the afternoon, after the shop had shut, our daughter and her cousin asked if they could open the shop for passing trade. We agreed and they passed a pleasant and enjoyable afternoon playing shopkeepers and did a good trade in ice creams etc.

However, in spite of the regular support from some of our neighbours and residents, the lack of

support from the majority eventually led to us closing the shop down, after almost two years, in February 1978. At the next Residents Association meeting it was somewhat of a surprise when some residents criticised us for closing the shop as they believed it would be catastrophic for the older residents who patronised us with their trade. Even more surprising was that this criticism generally came from people who had never supported us.

When we closed, our stock was run down and what was left was sold to the stores down at Polhill, now no longer there sadly, and suitable arrangements made for our older and regular customers.

All in all an interesting part of our lives and staying on after the closure, we enjoyed a further 21 years as residents there.

Pat and Mary Woods

A Rather Magnificent Visitor!

We hope you enjoy these shots of the rather magnificent female sparrowhawk perched in



the tree in our garden at Gladsholme.

Two consecutive mornings a few weeks ago she was sat in the walnut tree just a few metres from our bathroom window. She was right above our bird feeders. We opened the window for a better view and she remained on her perch. She stared at us often but seemed only mildly annoyed by our intrusion. The first morning she sat for nearly half an hour watching as small garden birds arrived at



the feeders then turned, often amusingly in mid air when they saw her, and fled.

Gary & Trish

Well Hill Harvest Church Decorations

Our little church at Well Hill was beautifully decorated for Harvest last Sunday with local hops. I keep meaning to take a photo and this year we finally remembered.

The kneelers in front of the altar were embroidered some years ago by members of the parish and local residents and show scenes around Well Hill, framed by the church windows.

Anne Ireland



Mini Medics Come to Chelsfield Village

“Making Medics” came to Chelsfield Village Hall towards the end of the summer holidays running two first aid courses with a difference! Using a specially designed syllabus and “child friendly” manikins for CPR practice (from Flat Stan First Aid) they inspired the “Mini Medics” teaching them first aid in a fun, enriching and innovative way.

The Mini Medics in attendance at these sessions used specially designed, easy to use manikins and practiced their skills on each other

after watching demonstrations from the instructors.

The workshops are such fun & really exciting for the children as they simply LOVE to ‘Have a Go!’ while learning very important life saving skills. The sessions equipped the children with the skills and knowledge needed to recognise a variety of first aid situations, how to deal with them and to summon help. After completing the session every child received a First Aid book, certificate and a sticker to take

home and show their family and friends! So Flat Stan First Aid can be introduced to their family! Its mind blowing how many potential life savers Flat Stan can create.

All children are capable of helping someone in an emergency situation if they are given the opportunity to learn and develop skills which they can use for the rest of their lives. “Flat Stan First Aid” is an exciting concept for introducing 4-11 year old children to ‘Essential Life Skills’, sessions are taken by qualified first aid

instructors Ellen Ansell & Emma Saunders both whom have primary school aged children and passionately believe in the importance of teaching first aid to children of all ages.

They cover the following topics in a fun and child led manner:

- ◆ What is first aid and who can deliver first aid
- ◆ When and how to get help (calling 999)
- ◆ How to check if someone is responsive / breathing
- ◆ What to do if you think a casualty is not breathing
- ◆ What to do if someone is choking
- ◆ What to do if someone is bleeding
- ◆ What to do if someone suffers a burn

Making Medics offer classes and private first

aid instruction at the venue of your choice – even in the comfort of your own home if you should choose. Popular courses include their 2 hour “Mummy Medics” Parent first aid class (grandparents / other carers also benefit), a 2 hour “Mature Medics” session for the over 50’s, AED/ Basic life support, Paediatric first aid qualification for professional childcare providers & First Aid at Work for businesses. If you have any first aid needs though, they are confident that they will be able to deliver a solution



for you - enquires by email please as below.

Making Mini Medics are now taking bookings for October half term at Chelsfield Village Hall on 25th October.

Please email info@makingmedics.co.uk or visit the facebook page for more information. <https://www.facebook.com/makingmedics/>

Pilates is Back in The Village Hall in October

It's been a busy 2017 so far as we now countdown the months to Christmas, we moved out of the village in the spring, I became Francesca Myles shortly after and we welcomed our first child Louis Costantino Myles to world on the 20th June.

Nothing like doing everything at once! My 4 months away from teaching Pilates in the village hall to become a mother has been at times incredibly challenging but the most rewarding experience of my life so far!

My recovery after the birth has taken longer than I expected but as I start back it has made me realise how important Pilates has been in my life over the last 5 years in my general wellbeing but it also gave me so much strength during

pregnancy and going into the birth. The few aches and pains that I've had after the birth and from lifting Louis the bigger he gets are starting to be relieved as I regain my strength and flexibility.

After 3 months off I have had to make sure I started slowly and listening to my body at all times as the temptation is always to think everything just goes back to normal I can just pick up where I left off. The beauty of Pilates is that it is so inclusive for all ages and all levels of experience.

Whether you have been recovering from injury or



a fit as a fiddle Pilates can help improve your strength and flexibility. I make sure that all of my classes are not too large so I can fully accommodate each client and make sure that they get the best out of each session.

I am really looking forward to getting back to teaching in the village hall, if you are interested in joining please do not hesitate to get in touch!

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Commemorating Chelsfield's Casualties of WW1

This month is a poignant one as there are five casualties to report on from the war memorial in St Martin's church, the second highest toll in one month for the village, because of the bloody skirmishes all around Passchendaele.

G/4614 Sergeant Joseph Edward Potter of the 7th Battalion Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment was killed in action on 12th October 1917 aged 25. He has no known grave so he is remembered on the Tyne Cot memorial in Belgium.

Joseph was the son of James & Eleanor Potter, he was born on Ide Hill but the family moved to Maypole Cottages, Well Hill shortly after; father James's occupation in 1901 was 'carter on farm'.

At the time of the 1911 census Joseph was a footman for the Honourable Frederick Anson, a son of the Earl of Lichfield, who was then living at Cell Barnes Manor, St Albans. Joseph signed up in November 1914, very early on – perhaps because he was working in the household

of such high-ranking aristocracy there was pressure to support the cause. His service record shows 12th October is an assumed date of death as he was missing in action. It also shows that his brother Thomas was also serving and was 'on his way to West Indies, Royal Marines, HMS Malabar'.

37473 Gunner Julius George Bailey of the 150th Heavy Battery Royal Garrison Artillery died of wounds on 13th October 1917 aged 24 (according to the official record) and is buried in



Dozinghem cemetery in Belgium. Heavy Batteries were equipped with heavy guns, sending large calibre high explosive shells in fairly flat trajectory fire. As British artillery tactics developed, the Heavy Batteries were most often employed in destroying or neutralising the enemy artillery, as well as putting destructive fire down on strongpoints, dumps, store, roads and railways behind enemy lines.

Julius was the son of Arthur Henry Bailey, landlord of the Bulls Head Hotel, Chelsfield Valley [Pratts Bottom], and his wife Ellen. Born in Stoke Newington in 1895, by 1901 Julius is living with his parents in Hackney, his father is a commercial clerk and they have two servants. I don't know when his father took over the Bull's Head but it appears he is there by the time Julius signs up for the army in 1912. Julius Bailey's service record is available online, but the

scans show evidence of the fire that destroyed many of the records when they were in storage during WWII. From what's left it's possible to see that he signed up at Great Yarmouth in 1912 aged 19, and during his early years of service he was posted to India, before returning home, and then joining the British Expeditionary Force in France. This record shows he had a brother in the 7th Hussars. In the medical section, there is evidence that he was treated near home for some things, there is a reference to 'Ontario Military' which was the military hospital on the site of what is now Orpington Hospital, and he is treated at 'Addington Park War Hospital'.

There is also the official document listing the return of his effects to his family, among which is 'letter, scarf, 2 pairs socks...2 candles...a tin of crab...air pillow...22 carat gold ring', all signed for by his father.

The last three servicemen were soldiers in different regiments when they were all killed in action on the same day, 26th October 1917. The parents of two of them lived four doors

apart in Kingsley Road. They all have no known grave and are remembered on the Tyne Cot memorial in Belgium. 26th October was the first day of the Second Battle of Passchendaele, which was the culminating attack during the Third Battle of Ypres. The battle took place in the Ypres Salient area of the Western Front, in and around the Belgian village of Passchendaele, between 26 October and 10 November 1917. More information here - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Battle_of_Passchendaele

G/4952 Private Albert Edward Cornwell

[Cornwall on the memorial] of the 1st Battalion Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment was 20 years old. He was the son of Albert & Emma Cornwell of 8 Kingsley Road, Green Street Green. He lived with his wife Rose Eleanor (nee Attwood) and daughter at 23 Turpington Lane, Bromley Common. Albert was born in Redhill, Surrey, but by 1911 he was living in Kingsley Road with his parents and eight siblings, and gives his occupation as 'House Boy'. His father was a bricklayer's labourer.

31 year old L/10740 Lance Corporal Henry George Kimber of the 2nd Battalion Queens Own Royal West Surrey



Regiment was the son of Mrs Esther Kimber of 2 Kingsley Road, Green Street Green. Henry was awarded the Military Medal on 26th May 1917. This was awarded to personnel below commissioned rank for bravery in battle on land. Over 115,000 awards were made for actions during the First World War. In 1911 Henry is in the army, a member of the Royal Scots Fusiliers and stationed in South Africa. The 'Register of Soldiers' Effects' lists his next of kin as Mother Esther, and sisters Mary Barrett, Clara Osborne, Alice Theobald. This last is interesting as I think she could be the wife of Frederick Theobald, also on the memorial, but I have yet to trace more details for him. Henry was 15 when the previous

census was taken in 1901, and he was living in Worlds End Lane with his mother and his father Henry, who was a 'Railway Platelayer'. Henry junior is a 'Gardener (domestic)'.

33663 Private George William Smallwood of D Company, 2nd Battalion The Border Regiment was 26. He was the son of Thomas James & Annie Smallwood of The Bakery, Crosshall, Chelsfield, and the husband of Mary Eveline Smallwood of Llandaff. Geoffrey Copus has sent me a photograph of something that George's nephew, Peter Beal of Crockenhill, showed him. It was sent by George to his mother from the Front – a poignant greeting card, typical of many produced in France & Belgium for



British servicemen. It is embroidered with a silk floral pattern and the words 'to my dear Mother', and inscribed 'with love and best wishes from your loving son George, France, July 28th

1917'. In 1911 George is a cowman on a farm in Addlestone in Surrey. Earlier, in 1901, he's living with his parents and siblings in the bakery at Crosshall in the heart of the village.



As Armistice Day falls on a Saturday this year, I'm planning to do a memorial walk around the village and wider area, visiting the streets these servicemen and their families lived in.

Put the date in your diary and I'll put more details in the November issue of Village Voice.

I'd also be interested to hear from you if you (or someone you know) live in Maypole Cottages, Prospect Cottages Pratts Bottom, Kingsley Road, Laxey Road, Ash Road or Oak Road off World's End Lane.

Philippa Rooke
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Crime Summit

Safer Neighbourhood Board held a summit on 30th September 2017. Bromley Youth presented their views and surveys on Gang Crime in the area with half the children surveyed having concerns about gangs. Gangs develop as a result of peer pressure, money and power. Different areas have very different results, but all areas seemed to suggest that education was needed to assist in combating the development of gang culture.

Police recorded that after about 5 years of sustained decrease in crime, LBB like all other Boroughs were now experiencing an increase in recorded crime. Some increases are to be expected where more domestic and sexual crimes were now being reported, however, robbery and knife crime was also on the increase. Additional ward offices are being deployed and Chelshfield area has an additional PCSO in the beat.

The Deputy Mayor of

London also attended and responded to questions on the closure of front office police stations and reminded everyone that they had until 6th October to register their concerns. Whilst the concept of money saving as acknowledged, grave concerns were expressed about the operational processes of having officers operating from 7 hubs around the area. In addition, the proposed amalgamation of Bromley Croydon and Sutton was questioned as the wrong amalgamation, It was suggested that we should be joined with Bexley and possibly Lewisham if we need to join anybody- The decision will be made after the trials at the Pathfinder site have been considered. (Next year?)

Cyber Crime

A presentation was given by City of London Police (CofLP) who manage and co-ordinate investigations into fraud and cyber crime.

In cost terms, it exceed sums far greater than all other crimes put together.

The success is dealing with these criminals is to distil many pieces of small incidents which can be mapped into a bigger picture. CofLP have access to other agencies, like GCHQ, National Fraud Intelligence, HMRC and others.

The police rely on the public to report all these small incidents. – They manage Action Fraud whose web site is being updated otherwise report it on line to 0300 200 3300. (Possibly phising@actionfraud) The criminals who operate the scams are professionals, some with crafted skills in getting people to reveal details. The scam of responding to the telephone call asking “if you have a problem with your computer” cost and average of £600 over hundreds of responses, as banking and other details were revealed by a piece of software being put on computers. Quite often details are obtained and sold to third parties who may use the information several years later.

Suggestion- Have a

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strong password, with for example three words in it. Update all updates as soon as possible (quite often these updates are for security reasons where flaws have just been discovered) If you hold the curser over an incoming email address,

you will see the true email address, which may not be the same as the visible address. Never call back on the same line as a scam call, as they may not have disconnected the connection. You may be calling them directly even

though it seems a legitimate number!
Do report incidents you know so we can shut down these guys.

John. B. Leach
Mob 07711 304965
Office 01689 851333
Safer Neighbourhood Watch

St Martins General Knowledge Quiz Night

On Saturday 25th November at 7.30pm in the Brass Crosby Room St Martin's will be a holding a General Knowledge Quiz night

The entry cost is £6 per

person. Teams should be between 2-6 people. Nibbles will be provided but please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Ticket numbers will be restricted this year so

please contact and book your places in advance and as early as possible by contacting Sarah Ford on 01689 853415

Cheques should be made out to "Chelsfield PCC".

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Bromley, BR1 3UH

Reporting Problems to the Council

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

Neighbourhood Watch

John Leach 07711304965.

NHS Non-Emergency 111

Chelsfield Primary School
01689 825827

BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital

Main Reception

01689 877855

Physiotherapy

01689 885920

Outpatients

01689 885905

Councillors

Keith Onslow

keith.onslow@bromley.gov.uk

Samaris Huntington-Thresher

020 8464 3333

samaris.huntington-thresher@bromley.gov.uk

Lydia Buttinger

lydia.buttinger@bromley.gov.uk

Chelsfield Village Voice

chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com

EDF Electrical Power Failure
Call 105 or 0800 316 3105

BT Line Faults 0800 800151

Thames Water Emergencies
0800 714614

National Grid (Gas)

Emergency (leaks) 0800 111999

Bromley Police Station & Police non emergency 101

Samaritans

Freephone 116123

Safer Neighbourhood Team

020 8721 2605

chelsfield.prattsbottom.snt@met.police.uk

Chelsfield Village Hall

(bookings) **01689 831826** or
email to:
cvhlettings@gmail.com

Chelsfield Players

info@chelsfieldplayers.org
www.chelsfieldplayers.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS 6.30pm-7.30pm

TUESDAYS 9am-11am

THURSDAY 6.30-7.30pm

InsideOut Pilates

Contact Francesca
07791 073445

iopilatesuk@gmail.com

EVERY MONDAY

Brass Crosby Room

St Martins Memory Cafe

2.00pm - 4.00pm
Suitable for Beginners
Contact Jackie McCann on
01689 854119

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Methodist Hall,
Windsor Drive

Iyengar Yoga Classes

9.30am-11.00am
Suitable for Beginners
Contact Denise
01689 853215

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall and
Brass Crosby Room

Chelsfield Housemartins

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

EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

Christ Church Hall,
Charterhouse Rd

Pilates Classes

Monday 9.30am Beginners
10.45am Over 60's

Monday 5.45pm Beginners

6.55pm Mixed Ability

Tuesday 7.15pm Beginners

8.25pm Mixed Ability

Wed 9.15am Mixed Ability

Wed. 1.30pm Over 60's

Saturday 8.45am Beginners

Saturday 10am

Contact Sally 07786 035640

orpingtonpilates@gmail.com

see www.orpingtonpilates.co.uk

for venues and more info

EVERY TUESDAY

Brass Crosby Room

St Martin's Toddler Group

10.30am-12.00 midday

Contact Sarah Ford:

01689 853415

stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com

EVERY TUESDAY

The Chelsfield (Windsor Dr.)

Quiz Night

From 7.30pm Contact
01689 600656

EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells

Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

EVERY WED THURS & FRI

Chelsfield Methodist Church
Hall, Windsor Drive

Pilates Classes & Pre &

Post Natal Pilates Classes

Wed 6.50-7.50pm

& 8.00-9.00pm

Thursday 8.20-9.20pm

Friday 9.35-10.35 & 10.45-

11.45am

Post Natal Pilates 12-1.00pm

(Babies Welcome)

Call Bethany Lucas 07415

638546 bethanylucaspilates@gmail.com

Further classes at:

www.bethanylucaspilates.co.uk

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am

Contact Pam Keeper

01732 458930

EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Class Street Dance

4.30pm-6.00pm Boys & Girls all

Ages

Info: Clare 07960 865518

www.class-streetdance.co.uk

EVERY SUNDAY

The Chelsfield, Windsor Dr.

Live Singer

5.00pm-8.00pm

Contact 01689 600656

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday 5th October

(1st Thursday each month)

Five Bells

JAZZ NIGHT with JUST

FRIENDS

Music Starts at 8.30pm

Wed 11th October

(2nd Wednesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Afternoon W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

Contact Gwen 01689 834879

or Sue on 01689 827407

Wed 11th October

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

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

Sunday 15th October

St Martins of Tours Church

Ringers Sunday

An address by Alan Regan
at 6.30pm

Tuesday 17th October

(3rd Tuesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Evening W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

From 7.45pm

Contact Madeline 01689 891533

Wed 25th October

Chelsfield Village Hall

Making Mini Medics

email:

Info@makingmedics.co.uk

Wed 25th October

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

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

Thursday 26th October (Last

Thurs of each Month)

Brass Crosby Room

Local History Group

Starts at 10.30am

Saturday 28th October

Goddington Park

Halloween Monster Dash

at 5pm. In aid of Demelza.

Contact Rosemary on

01795 845191 for more info

Saturday 25th November

Brass Crosby Room

QUIZ NIGHT

£6 per person. Teams of 2-6.

Contact Sarah (01689 853415)

for tickets

Starts at 7.30pm sharp

Wednesday 29th November

Brass Crosby Room

Village Society AGM and

Christmas Gathering

With guest speaker Patrick

Hellicar. From 7.30pm

Thursday 30th November

Chelsfield Village Hall

Floral Workshop

Wreath Making From 7.30pm