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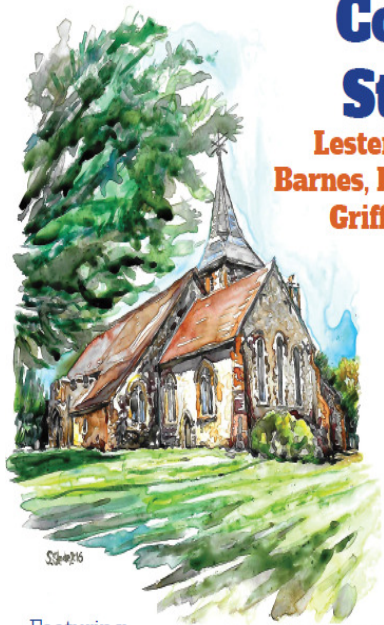
# Concert for St Martins

**Lester Barnes, Henrietta  
Barnes, Beth Sawyer, Helen  
Griffiths, Dave Griffiths**

**Sunday  
27th October  
2019**

**Music starts  
4pm**

Tickets **£3** on  
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Includes light  
refreshments



Featuring

**Jazz**

Lester Barnes - Saxophone  
Henrietta Barnes - Bass  
Dave Griffiths - Piano

**Burntwood**

Helen Griffiths - Electric  
Cello  
Dave Griffiths - Keyboards

**Tritones**

Beth Sawyer - Saxophones  
Dave Griffiths - Piano  
Helen Griffiths - Electric  
Cello

This concert is to raise funds for the continuing and very expensive upkeep of this wonderful church which is not far off 1,000 years old

If you fancy staying for Evensong after the concert, the rector would be only too delighted to see some new faces.

And if you'd rather pop down to the Five Bells afterwards then they'd be equally pleased to see you! Or do both!

Painting: Sally Slade ([sallyslade.weebly.com](http://sallyslade.weebly.com))

## Please Tell Us What's Occurring!

You tell us what's going on, or planned, or send us any interesting snippets, amusing stories etc., and we will share your contributions with the residents and friends of Chelsfield

Please send anything you feel suitable for the November 2019 issue to:  
[chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com](mailto:chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com)  
or post to:

Chelsfield Village Voice  
2 Bucks Cross Cottages  
Chelsfield Village  
BR6 7RN

to arrive by  
**Friday 25th October 2019**

## The Greenfinch

Before moving onto this month's subject I thought I'd tell you about an interesting reference I saw while reading a book originally published in 1914. The book's called 'The English Countryside' and was written by Ernest C. Pullbrook. I picked it up from a second hand bookshop near Tintern Abbey and it describes the English countryside prior to the large scale modernisation that occurred after WW1.

There are a number of interesting chapters such as; Ancient bridges, Fords and crossing places and The village green. But one that caught my eye was titled 'Fields and field names'. This gave many historic examples and reasons for given field names although now the practice of using such names has dwindled and few know those that once existed. One paragraph that spiked my interest referred to the use of the name "Bottom" of which we have a few in the local area. There's Timberden Bottom on the way to Shoreham and Pratts Bottom being the most commonly known (and once used in a national newspaper advert for Levi

jeans with the catch phrase 'Tougher than living in Pratts Brottom'). Now the obvious interpretation for this name is that it means dip, valley, hollow or some similar feature in the landscape. However, on occasion, according to the book in question, the name refers to fields on high land, particularly in Northern England. It is suggested that in these cases the name is usually a corruption of the Scandinavian word "Bottern", or "Botton", meaning an allotment and would have been introduced during the days of Danelaw after the Viking expansion into Britain during the 9<sup>th</sup> century.

So, on to the greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*). This is one of the most common birds in Britain and has always registered as one of the top ten most common birds in the RSPB 'Big Garden Birdwatch'. Although not as well known as robins, blackbirds and sparrows it is an avid fan of bird tables. Such is their attachment to bird tables that they can become a nuisance to ornithologists conducting surveys as they are repeatedly trapped and released. One bird in a

survey conducted in the 1920s was trapped thirteen times in a single week – glutton for punishment!

As its name implies, its plumage can range from yellow, through green to grey but is not a showy bird and maybe this is why it is not as well known as some of the more common visitors to bird tables. Its name has been in use since about 1400 and it is sometimes known as the green linnet although this seems to be a country name while in town the name greenfinch is favoured. This bird has a mating behaviour that could be described as a butterfly display. In spring the male uses exaggerated slow and deep wingbeats following a circular path accompanied by a twittering song to attract the attention of the females.

The 19<sup>th</sup> century ornithologist Hugh Macpherson described how thousands of linnets and greenfinches were trapped each autumn by the London bird catchers: "I have seen the shops in Seven Dials so gutted with newly caught 'Green birds', that the dealers were thankful to sell them for a penny a piece". Times

have changed and London is not the environmental haven for birds that it once was in Victorian times despite the more sympathetic attitude of its inhabitants. But it's not just the loss of habitat that affects the greenfinch. Since 2005 a disease called Trichomonosis, a disease caused by the protozoan parasite *Trichomonas gallinae* has been affecting a number of bird species with greenfinches being one of those hardest hit. This parasite affects the throat and causes the bird to have difficulty feeding and breathing and is often spread by poor birdtable

hygiene. An infected bird can regurgitate food onto the table and this can then be consumed by another bird. Signs of the disease are wet plumage around the bill due to the drooling of saliva, a puffed up appearance and general lethargy. The disease inevitably leads to death and killed a third of greenfinches when it first passed from pigeons to the wider bird community. In fact, about ten years ago I found a dead greenfinch in my garden and after contacting the British Trust for Ornithology I sent the bird off to them. I never heard anything more but assumed that it was trichomonosis that had killed

it. This disease has killed around 35% of the greenfinch population and the main cause of the spread has been due to the poor hygiene practices of the owners of birdtables. These need to be cleaned regularly so that the parasite that causes trichomonosis cannot spread to other birds.

One last note: this is the 100<sup>th</sup> piece I have written for the Village Voice on the subject of wildlife after starting in July 2011. Surprising how time flies.

*Steve Fuller*  
Oct 2019



## Mutterings From The Millers

The oats were combined at the very end of August and as we thought, the wind had done quite a lot of damage by knocking them down to the ground and tearing the actual oats from the stem, the joys of farming. All in all not a disaster, at least covered the cost of growing them and they are a break crop so some benefit. We combined 50 tonnes of spring oats which was quite low, average year should have been nearer to 100 tonnes. The quality was reasonable though. The wheat and barley crops were reasonable considering all the dry

weather we had earlier on in the year, overall we have met our targets for what we needed to produce. (Peter did manage to repair our combine with the new part, clever boy). Although it seems as if we have a lot of rain we are about 5" down this year and 4" last year locally.

We have planted the grass seed for hay making along the borders of some of the fields, this makes life easier during harvest. The hay is made around June/July so cleared before combining, making

it easier for the harvester, tractor and trailers to turn and not run over the cereal crops that are not ready. The cover crop of phacelia, oil radish and rye has been planted on the winter barley ground. This is our third year of cover crop and we are certainly noticing a benefit to the soil, and the worms love it too. The wheat seed will be planted at the end of September or beginning of October depending on the weather conditions along with the winter barley. We are growing a new variety of winter barley this year called bazooka, the reason



being is that this particular variety is very dominant against grass weeds. It grows quite tall so smoothers out the dreaded black and rye grass by not allowing light to get to it. These two grasses are becoming resistant to sprays hence the different approaches we are making to eliminate them.

We have been asked to do a trail of some by-product from the coal industry in Spain that apparently helps to raise

the lever of organic matter in the soil! We will take soil samples in the test area and adjoining area before and after application to see if there is any difference.

The third week in September saw us still watching swallows being fed by their parents. Seems very late but they must soon be leaving us again very soon. Plenty of blue, great, coal and long tails tits in the garden and have just managed to see a chiff

chaff in the larch tree after hearing them for months but not spying them. Checked out the bird book and some stay here during the winter, so will keep looking. We seem to have very large flocks of crows/jacksaws around the farm, most unusual.

*St Luke's Day is on the 8th October and is known as St Luke's little summer as it is usually fine and mild in England.*

*Steve and Chris Miller  
Court Lodge Farm*

## **Chelsfield Village Society AGM**

**!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!**

**WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**

**Chelsfield Village Society**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**in the BRASS CROSBY ROOM at 7.30pm**

The format of the evening following the AGM is still to be decided, but whatever, it will be an enjoyable and social event

We look forward to seeing all existing members, residents and friends with an interest in our delightful village!

## **Situations Vacant**

"The Chelsfield" Public House in Windsor Drive has long term vacancies for: CHEF

CLEANERS and BAR STAFF  
On either Full Time or Part Time basis

Contact:  
jillymac66@gmail.com  
or telephone:  
01689 880288

## How The Caring Kids of Chelsfield Backed Barnardo's - 100 years ago!

A remarkable concern with the shocking plight of children suffering blighted, destitute lives in harsher conditions and surroundings than those found in Chelsfield in the early the 20<sup>th</sup> century, is revealed in the pages of the Village School's logbooks for those years. Although the school drew its pupils from a largely rural community – the children mostly the sons and daughters of farm labourers, waggoners and other manual workers with large families and low or uncertain incomes – the response to its regular collections for the benefit of Dr Barnardo's homes was surprisingly generous.

On 10 May 1907, just as the Chelsfield youngsters were looking forward to a week off for the Whitsun holidays, the school clerk reported: "During the week, some of the senior scholars have undertaken a collection on behalf of the Barnardo Homes. The sum of £2-19s has been forwarded today as the result."

Average daily attendance that week was very good at 130.3 (91.1% of the school roll), but nevertheless this seems an impressive amount to have raised. By a simple measure of inflation, the sum the school collected is worth £287 in today's money – or £1,102 using a comparative average wage index. In 1907, a farm labourer earned less than £1 a week, even in the relatively well-paid north-west Kent area, though his family's home may have been provided by his employer and he could often reduce food costs with home-grown produce.

On 20 December 1912, with the children about to start their two weeks' Christmas holiday, a collection was made in the school for Dr Barnardo's. Attendances had been affected by colds and the weather, but still the logbook shows that "no less than 10 shillings was collected".

Even in the midst of the First World War, with

many fathers and elder siblings serving in the Forces and money tight, the Chelsfield children were keen to support Barnardo's.

At the end of November 1915, headmaster George Butcher, who encouraged the Barnardo's tradition soon after taking up his post in 1907, had resigned "for the period of the war" to join the Royal Flying Corps. But, despite his absence, on 7 June 1916 a "collection by means of collecting cards" raised a total of £1-6s-6d, which was duly sent to Barnardo's.

The enthusiasm for the work of Barnardo's displayed by the Chelsfield children (and their parents, no doubt) was all the more notable as, just two weeks earlier, on Empire Day, they had handed over hard-earned pennies for "a collection ... in aid of our Soldiers". Contributions amounted to 10 shillings but, sadly, the logbook reveals, there was no Empire Day holiday for the kids that

year.

Two days later, on 9 June, the hat was again being passed round in the Chelsfield classrooms. "All children at the school made a collection for a wreath for Ethel Winchombe (6 years) whose death was owing to operations for ear trouble," according to the

school logbook, which also noted that "Whitsun has been abandoned". These records testify that the children of this quiet Kent village nestling amid green fields, were no strangers themselves to hard times, illness, accidents, family problems and death. So perhaps the Chelsfield community was drawn to Barnardo's

as a charity which sought to rescue youngsters who were even less fortunate – living in terrible overcrowded conditions, dragged down by poverty, disease and unemployment, often severely abused and with no access at all to education.

*Patrick Hellicar*

## Dancing Lessons in the Village Hall...circa 1963



I have found this ancient negative I took of St Martins Guild of Young People in the Village Hall 1963. It was a learn to dance evening.

From left to right (apart from the two extreme left) Jenny Wright/Chris Freeman; Duncan Croucher/? (He became a photographer). Clive

Chalk/Paul James; Jenny Payne/Gill Parker. Fairly certain of these names!

*Phil Lane*



# GUIDED AUTUMN WALK

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**A Circular Walk around Chelsfield**

**Starting at St. Martin's Church, Chelsfield  
at 10.00am**

**Approx 3.5 miles - some stiles to cross**



**Tea and coffee  
available from  
9.30am**



**Brunch served  
at the church  
from 11.30am  
£5**





## Paediatric First Aid Course

Suitable for anyone who cares for a baby/child

Brass Crosby Room, St Martin of Tours Church, Church Rd, Chelsfield BR6 7SN

advance to secure your booking.

Saturday 16 November, 10.00am-12.00 noon, £14 per person

Full payment to be paid in

To book your place or find out more ring Sarah 01689 853415

## Thomas Cook Scam

We have been told about a new scam happening at the moment.

People claiming to be from the Thomas Cook refunds department are calling people and asking for their bank details in order to proceed with a refund.

calling customers.

Following on from the collapse of Thomas Cook an unscrupulous scam is happening.

THIS IS A SCAM!!!  
Thomas Cook are not

THOMAS COOK HAVE NO STAFF IN JOBS AND NO SUCH DEPARTMENT..!

Please make claims via [thomascook.caa.co.uk](http://thomascook.caa.co.uk)

## St Martin's Baby & Toddler Group

Tuesday 10.30am-12.00 noon, during term time. £2 per baby/child.  
St Martin of Tours Church, Church Road, Chelsfield BR6 7SN

We have lots of toys to play with: small world toys, ride-ons, books, puzzles, playdough and a craft table plus refreshments, all included in the admission cost.

expectant mums, mums and dads, grandparents, childminders, just anyone who cares for a little one really! No need to book a place, just turn up.

Come along and make some new friends.

The session ends with singing and action rhymes.

Plenty of parking available.

Suitable from new-born up to school age.

Everyone is welcome -

For further information ring Sarah 01689 853415

## St Martin's Toddler Group Volunteer Required

Can you volunteer for a few hours on a Tuesday morning? We need help from 9.30am-12.30pm during term time, to help set the toys out for the

group, chat to parents/carers and then put the toys away at the end of session. It's a really lovely group of friendly mum, dads and

grandparents that attend each week. If you think this might suit you and you'd like to know more, please ring Sarah on 01689 853415



# QUIZ

GENERAL QUIZ – NOT JUST HORTICULTURAL TOPICS!

**Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**7:30 for 8:00 pm**

**HALSTEAD VILLAGE HALL, KNOCKHOLT ROAD, TN14 7EU**

Light bites and nibbles included but  
bring your own drinks and glasses

Teams of six                      £6 per head

**PRIZES**

**RAFFLE**

To book a table please contact Barrie Blundell:

Tel: 01959 533074 Email: [blundellbarrie@gmail.com](mailto:blundellbarrie@gmail.com)

## Events At St Martin's 2019 Dates for Your Diary

Sun 27 Oct

Griffiths / Barnes Collective afternoon concert

Sat 7 Dec

Christmas Fair-10.30-12.30pm Brass Crosby Room

and

Sat 11 Jan 2020 – Quiz Night in the Village Hall



For more information about any of our activities visit our website at  
[www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk](http://www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk)



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## Threatened Local Species - House Sparrow

### House Sparrow

*Passer domesticus*

House sparrows are resident throughout the UK, living in groups often first noticed by their noisy cheeping. They live for 3-4 years (occasionally for much longer), mate for life and often return to the same nest site every year, building nests quite close together of dry grass lined with feathers and hair in holes, crevices or hedges. They will also use nestboxes. Between April and August each pair may lay 2-3 clutches of 2-5 eggs. The young are fed on invertebrates, including aphids, caterpillars, beetles and

grasshoppers. When these are scarce, seeds and vegetable matter are also given, but the adults rarely travel more than 60-80metres from the nest site. Young birds leave the nest after 14-16 days, but the parents continue to feed them until they are fully independent at about 4 weeks. They then often form small flocks. Adult birds are mainly seed eaters but they also eat insects.

According to the RSPB, UK house sparrow numbers fell 71% between 1977-2008. In urban areas experiments have shown that lack of invertebrates for birds in

the nest is one factor, but although providing supplementary mealworms improved the numbers of fledging birds, the numbers surviving to breed the following year only showed marginal improvements even when seeds were supplied. Research is ongoing, with a reduction in colony numbers noted to coincide with areas where air pollution from vehicle emissions is high. 55 records were submitted for the 2018 survey, from many parts of the borough of which 7 reported that they had started seeing house sparrows again following a gap when none had



been seen for a number of years. 1 resident from Beckenham stated that 2018 was the first time she had seen them since moving into her current house 14 years ago, another reported, '1<sup>st</sup> time in years'. Residents from West Wickham recorded 'the first siting for 10 years', 'the first for a very long time' and 'Yes they are coming back'. A population in Leaves Green, Biggin Hill has grown to over 30. So may be some good news here. Records included 20 from West Wickham – thanks, in part, to an article in the residents association newsletter, but there were also 6 from Orpington, 5 from Beckenham and records from Penge East Station, Petts

Wood, South Norwood, Norman Park, St. Paul's Cray, Downe, Hayes, Coney Hall, Chislehurst, Gravel Road, Lovibonds Ave., Crown Lane, near Hoblingwell Wood and near Sundridge Park. In 2019 short articles asking for records of priority species in the London Borough of Bromley, including house sparrow, will be submitted to some residents association newsletters.

**Threats to House Sparrow**

Reduction in invertebrates for developing young.

Loss of habitat for both adult birds (loss of long grass providing seeds) and for invertebrates

which provide food for young (loss of \*native hedgerow and tree species).

Reduction in availability of 'weed' seeds due to herbicide use and frequently mown turf. Loss of nesting sites: reduction of scrub & hedgerows, over-trimming of hedges, tidying up. Improved house insulation – loss of nesting opportunities in eaves etc.

Air pollution

**Measures to help House Sparrow in Bromley**

Increased planting of \*native species; shrubs, trees and other plants to increase invertebrate numbers, e.g planting of \*native species rich hedgerows, planting/encouraging the growth of native species in gardens.

More and larger \*wild areas in local parks, school and sports grounds and gardens, including long grass, to provide invertebrates and seeds.

Maintain some areas of scrub and manage climbing plants to provide multiple nesting sites.

Provide nest boxes: note the entrance hole needs to have a slightly wider diameter than that of blue tits – i.e 32 mm rather than 30mm. For instructions to make and site sparrow boxes (you need more than one as they live in colonies), see [www.bto.org/sites/default/files/house\\_sparrow\\_nest\\_box\\_plan.pdf](http://www.bto.org/sites/default/files/house_sparrow_nest_box_plan.pdf)

Link wild areas via thick hedgerows, scrub and/or rough grassland. Decrease pesticide and

herbicide use and encourage others to do the same.

Feed birds in your garden. If you know you have sparrows nearby, put out seeds and suet balls for adult birds, mealworms during the nesting season. They will feed on the ground or from a table.

If you have a cat, keep it indoors between dusk and dawn and use a

collar with a bell or ultrasonic device. \*More invertebrates in the UK are adapted to feed on native plants than non-native plants so these are more valuable for wildlife.

**Reference**, and to find out more, see RSPB website at [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

*Bromley Biodiversity Partnership Species & Habitats Subgroup 2019*

## Local History Group

### Thankful Villages *a talk by Catherine Gandolfi*

During a cycling holiday in the Cotswolds last year the organiser told us to look out for something unusual in the church porch in the village of Coln Rogers.

This is not a war memorial but commemorates those who served, all of whom returned safely. A small slate plaque is mounted beneath the original plaque showing this to be a Thankful Village. This terminology was first coined by the splendid Arthur Mee of Children's Encyclopaedia fame. Mee was struck by the tiny proportion that did not have a war memorial, and the notion of the

thankful villages was born. He wrote that a Thankful Village was one which had lost no men in the Great War because all those who left to serve came home again. His initial list identified 32 villages. To date 54 Thankful Villages in England and Wales have been identified. There are to date no Thankful Villages identified in Scotland or Northern Ireland. Millions of families throughout the UK suffered the loss of close family relatives in the Great War but Arkholme Lancashire saw all their 59 enlisted men return from the Great War - the greatest number so far discovered from any Thankful Village.

However, at the opposite end of the spectrum is

Mennock, Dumfries and Galloway.

Tragically it won Britain's bravest village award from the Weekly Dispatch as it sent 17 men, all of whom died.

There are 52 names from WWI commemorated on the Chelsfield Village memorial plus 2 other war graves. Around 150 served, an attrition rate of 35%.

Of the six million British who went to war in WWI, about 700,000 died. Crudely then, there was about a 12% chance of being killed.

The same day on our holiday we cycled through Upper Slaughter which we found out later to be a

Doubly Thankful Village. Eighteen of the English and Welsh villages are considered "doubly thankful", in that they also lost no service personnel during World War II. Tucked away in the village hall are two modest wooden plaques, one for each of the wars. Also in the village hall is a brass plaque commemorating the "distinguished conduct and promptitude" shown by Upper Slaughter's residents on the night of an incendiary bomb raid on February 4th 1944.

A total of twenty five Service personnel enlisted from the Parish of Upper Slaughter six of whom had the surname Witts. The Village Hall in Upper Slaughter was leased for 99 years at a peppercorn rent by the aforesaid Witts family to be constituted as a Parish Hall 'to commemorate the ending of the Great War'

All 30 men who went to war from the East Yorkshire village of Catwick gave blacksmith John Hugill a coin he nailed to his doorpost below a horseshoe. All 30 came back. During World War Two, Catwick's villagers and blacksmith performed the same coin trick and somehow there was the same outcome. Another Doubly Thankful Village.

There may be more thankful villages out there. Sever-

al of those on the list are there purely by virtue of residents' curiosity. One of those was Minting, a small village in Lincolnshire to which couple Roy and Karen Griffiths had retired. They noticed that the village didn't have a war memorial. The pair set off on a trail and ascertained that Minting had sent 10 men to WWI and all of them returned.

A number of slides were shown illustrating the different ways the Thankful Villages were commemorated. There were road signs, plaques of stone, brass and wood, written scrolls and stained glass windows

Examples of outdoor memorials were shown included a churchyard cross, a lantern, a Thankful Bell, a stone poppy a sundial and church clocks.

It was noticeable that surnames often appeared several times in the inscriptions.

Consider how these villages of survivors must have felt. They had no war memorials and would attend memorial services in their neighbouring communities. A certain amount of shame was associated with this good fortune and it was unseemly to celebrate when others were mourning. Some memorial plaques were only erected

in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century but many other villages celebrated their good fortune immediately after the war.

Other people have been captivated by this topic. Many decades ago Motorbiker Medwyn Parry was doing some work in Colwynston in the Vale of Glamorgan. One day it started teeming down with rain and he went into the porch of the local church to shelter. He saw the plaque there listing the men who went to the Great War and giving thanks for the fact that they all came home alive. It struck him as incredibly unusual at the time, but it was only with the arrival of the internet that he started doing some research and realised just how unusual it was. During the summer of 2014 Medwyn Parry and Dougie Bancroft rode their Triumph Trophy motorbikes, provided by the Triumph company, to every one of the 51 Thankful Villages in the United Kingdom which were identified at that time. This was called the Thankful Villages Run. Triumph provided 20,000 motorbikes to be used in WWI so it was fitting the company was involved in this project. The 2,500 mile journey started at Llanfihangel y Creuddyn, near Aberystwyth on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July and finished at the same point, 9 days later. The riders left a commemorative

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slate plaque at each Thankful Village and raised funds in support of the Royal British Legion.

Artist and musician Darren Hayman was being driven through Kent when his friend introduced him to the concept of Thankful Villages and Knowlton, Kent's only Thankful village. Darren decided to visit every one of Britain's 54 Thankful Villages and Thankful Villages, a project about rural life was born. He has made a piece of music and a short film for every one focussing on village life. Knowlton in East Kent was

the first Thankful Village he visited. Knowlton was dubbed the "bravest" village by a national newspaper for sending the highest proportion of residents. Nearly 400 villages competed. The Weekly Dispatch presented it with a prize of a cross of Aberdeen granite about 17 feet high, with the figures of a soldier, a nurse, a casualty, and Victory at the top of the column, and a Roll of Honour on the plinth. According to the inscription on the plinth 12 men enlisted from a total population of 39, representing 31% of the villagers.

The local land-owner often selected men from his domestic staff or farm labourers and took them to the nearest recruiting office. The men involved accepted with few qualms. The local Squire, Major Elmer Speed was evidently from this mould.

Where did the twelve men come from? The Squire of Knowlton and his two sons, John and Douglas, lived at Knowlton Court. Although all the other men worked on the estate only one lived there. So it was really four men of Knowlton who served, not 12.

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### **Bromley Council**

Main switchboard:  
020 8464 3333  
E-mail: [fixmystreet.com](mailto:fixmystreet.com)  
Opening hours Monday to  
Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm

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

### **Problems to the Council**

Can be reported via the  
council website,  
[www.bromley.gov.uk/report](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/report),  
or if urgent by phone out of  
hours Emergency Duty  
Team 020 8464 4848.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Dave Lambert  
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### **NHS Non-Emergency 111**

**Chelsfield Primary School**  
01689 825827

### **BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital**

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Call 105 or 0800 316 3105

**BT** Line Faults 0800 800151

**Thames Water** Emergencies  
0800 714614

**National Grid (Gas)**  
Emergency (leaks) 0800 111999

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Police non emergency** 101

**Samaritans**  
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**Safer Neighbourhood  
Team** 020 8721 2605

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### EVERY SUNDAY

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

#### Live Singer

From 6.30pm Contact 01689 880288

#### EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Methodist Hall,  
Windsor Drive

#### Iyengar Yoga Classes

9.30am-11.00am

Suitable for Beginners

Contact Denise 01689 853215

#### EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Christ Church Hall,  
Charterhouse Rd

#### Pilates Classes

##### Monday

10.45am Over 60's

6.00pm Beginners/Improvers Pilates

7.10pm Mixed Ability Pilates

##### Tuesday

7.15pm Beginners Pilates

8.25pm Mixed Ability Pilates

##### Wednesday

9.30am Mixed Ability Pilates

10.40pm Beginners / Improvers

##### Friday

8.45am Pilates with weights

10.00am Beginners/Improvers

##### Pilates

##### Saturday

8.45am Mixed Ability Pilates

10am Beginners/Improvers Pilates

see [www.orpingtonpilates.co.uk](http://www.orpingtonpilates.co.uk)

for more information contact

[sally@orpingtonpilates.co.uk](mailto:sally@orpingtonpilates.co.uk)

Ph. 07786 035640

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Brass Crosby Room

#### St Martin's Toddler Group

10.30am-12.00 midday

Contact Sarah Ford:

01689 853415

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

#### EVERY TUESDAY

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

#### Quiz Night

From 8.00pm Info: 01689 880288

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells

#### Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

#### EVERY WED THURS & FRI

Chelsfield Methodist Church Hall,  
Windsor Drive

#### Pilates Classes & Pre & PostNatal

##### 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

[bethanylucasplates@gmail.com](mailto:bethanylucasplates@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

01732 458930

#### EVERY FRIDAY

The Chelsfield (Windsor Drive)

#### DJ NIGHT

From 8.30pm Contact

01689 880288

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

##### Monday 7th October

##### (1st Monday of Month)

Brass Crosby Room

##### St Martins Memory Cafe

2-4pm. Contact Jackie McCann

01689 854119

[memorycafe@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk](mailto:memorycafe@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk)

##### Thursday 3rd October

Five Bells

##### Jazz Night with Just Friends

Our popular sextet with their swing  
jazz standards Starts 8.30pm

##### Saturday 5th October

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

##### Singles Karaoke

Starts 8.30pm

##### Sunday 6th October

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

##### Calli Malpass Sings

##### Wednesday 9th October

##### (2nd Wednesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

##### Afternoon W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

Contact Sue on 01689 827407

##### Thursday 10th October

Halstead Village Hall

##### QUIZ NIGHT

Starts 7.30 for 8.00pm

See page 10 for details

##### Friday 11th October

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

##### Titanic Cinq Band

#### Saturday 12th October

From St Martin's Church

#### Autumn Walk

See page 8 for full details

#### Sunday 13th October

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

#### Darren James Singer

#### Tuesday 15th October

#### (3rd Tuesday Every Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

#### Evening W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

From 7.45pm Lisa Lobb (Secretary) on

01689 608070

#### Saturday 19th October

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

#### Keval Reggae Band

#### Sunday 20th October

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

#### Karen Bizzel Singer

#### Saturday 26th October

Coolings Garden Centre, Knockholt

#### Food & Produce Market

Starts 9.30am - 1.00pm

#### Saturday 26th October

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

#### Run For Cover/Glam Star Band

#### Sunday 27th October

St Martin's Church

#### Concert for St Martin's

Starts 4pm—See Front Cover

#### Sunday 27th October

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

#### Sam Spade Singer

#### Thursday 31st October

#### (Last Thurs each Month)

Brass Crosby Room

#### Local History Group

Thankful Villages and Village Hero -

A Chelsfield Survivor

Starts 10.30am

#### Friday 1st November

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

#### Halloween Fancy Dress Disco

#### Monday 4th November

#### (1st Monday of Month)

Brass Crosby Room

#### St Martins Memory Cafe

2-4pm. Contact Jackie McCann 01689

854119

[memorycafe@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk](mailto:memorycafe@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk)

#### Wednesday 27th November

Brass Crosby Room

#### Village Society AGM

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#### Monday 16th December

The Five Bells

#### Phil's Christmas Carol Bash

with Phil Lane, Accordions & Friends