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Residents & Friends of Chelsfield Village

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ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, CHELSFIELD



**SATURDAY, 28th OCTOBER AT
7.00PM**

CHELSFIELD VILLAGE HALL, BR6 7RL

Please get anything
you have for
publication in the
November 2023 issue to:
[chelsfieldvillagevoice
@gmail.com](mailto:chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com)
by **Saturday**
28th October 2023

Blue Butterflies

We have just passed the month of September and now into October, the culmination of the year where plants bring forth their fruits and seeds and fungi cash in their accumulated food throughout the year to produce their mushrooms. The autumn is starting and my first interesting observation in September was while driving home one night along Maypole Rd and there in the middle of the road was a large tawny owl. It appeared to be doing what cats like to do and often results in their deaths, and that was sitting there watching the hedge for the movement of mice or voles. I dipped the lights and rolled to a stop and after a few seconds of staring at my headlights it flew directly upwards into the tree coverage above the lane. Maybe I should have hit the horn to get it to associate danger with headlights? That's the first time I've ever seen an owl so closely in the wild although just a week earlier on the way back from the pub one night I saw one fly out of the trees above the same



spot and then dip back and out of sight. Maybe it's a young bird and has chosen Maypole Rd as its patch?

When choosing subjects for these pieces I usually wait for a touch of serendipity to suggest possible topics. For this month I was in the garden of a friend's house in Kent when a number of small blue butterflies were drawn to the large Ivy hedge on one side of the garden. This minded me to do a piece on a couple of British blue butterflies: the holly blue (*Celastrina argiolus*) and the large blue (*Phengaris arion*). *There are a total of nine British blue butterflies belonging to the subfamily Polyommatainae, and these two are arguably the most interesting of the lot.*

The butterflies that I saw around that ivy bush was the inappropriately named Holly Blue butterfly. The name stems from the first annual generation's favourite spring food source: holly. In the autumn this butterfly usually has a second generation and in good conditions, or further south, a third and at this time of year the food of choice is ivy. So these are the two favourite foods but this inconspicuous butterfly will also feed on the leaves and buds of other plants such as gorse, bramble, raspberries, rotting fruit and even carrion. The population of these butterflies can vary greatly on four to six year cycles and this is due to a constant deadly battle with a parasitic wasp which has a life cycle so intimately linked to the

holly blue butterfly that it is called the 'Holly blue Darwin wasp'. This is the only butterfly that this wasp will use as a host. The wasp lays an egg in the body of a young caterpillar and the wasp then develops by using the caterpillar as a food source thereby killing the caterpillar. The wasp population will build over a number of years until an estimated 99% of all of the holly blue caterpillars have been used as a host and the butterfly population crashes followed shortly after by the wasp population due to a lack of hosts. The butterfly population then builds for a number of years until the whole cycle is repeated.

The second butterfly I want to talk about is the Large Blue and this insect has one of the most remarkable life cycles of any insect. The adult butterfly lays its eggs on a wild thyme flower. Once the egg hatches the caterpillar uses the plant to feed upon until it reaches the fourth stage instar (development stage). At this point the caterpillar falls to the ground and waits for a passing red ant to discover it. The ant is fooled into believing the caterpillar is a grub of its own species and picks it up to return it to the brooding chamber within the ant nest from where it believes it has strayed.

Once there, the initially herbivorous caterpillar becomes a carnivore and begins to eat the ant grubs. The caterpillar hibernates over winter but once the spring arrives it continues to feed before becoming a chrysalis. Once the butterfly emerges in its final form it crawls through the ant nest tunnels to the surface while still fooling the ants that it has some legitimate reason to be there. Once at the surface it unfurls its wings and flies off to find a mate. This remarkable butterfly is rare and became regionally extinct before being reintroduced. This butterfly has struggled because it needs short grass grazed by ponies or cattle while having a good supply of wild thyme and the right species of red ant. It was only when the full life cycle of this insect was discovered in recent decades that a rescue plan was able to be utilised to bring this interesting creature back to the British countryside.



JOIN US AT OUR

Harvest Festival



Join us at one of these services of
thanksgiving on Sunday 8th October:

ST MARTIN'S, CHELSFIELD @ 10.30AM
OR
WELL HILL MISSION CHURCH @ 10AM

For more information check out the website
www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk

Chelsfield Community Cafe



Join us for tea, cake, chat, quizzes and fun on

the first and third Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm in Chelsfield Village Hall. October sees our Macmillan cancer support fundraising afternoon, so come along on Wednesday 4th and try some of the guessing games! On Wednesday 18th we have our popular saxophone quartet playing some of your favourite tunes. And in November Bromley

Carers in Harmony will return with a programme of winter songs. So lots to look forward to, and of course there's always great cake!



Kent Heights Flower Club

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

Thursday 2nd November 2023

7.00pm for Refreshments

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

Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road, TN14 7EX

Raffle of the displays created by Jilly; Sales Table

**For further information contact
Sally Kemsley on 01959 534406**

How Did The Produce Show Go?



Thanks to Avis and Ruth for running the refreshments and the donors of raffle prizes which enables the show to cover its costs and make a small profit. Lester was around for much of the day taking photographs and recording the trophy presentations as well as being a judge.

Finally, thanks go 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, organizing the paperwork, polishing the trophies, assisting the judges, and running the raffle to setting up Friday evening and clearing away afterwards – many hands do indeed make light work.

There were 147 entries, a considerable reduction of 19% on last year's 241 and despite the welcome participation of several new faces the number of entries was down by a disappointing 38%.

the move to digital photographs has something to do with this.

We were very disappointed to receive no children's entries at all. Perhaps it is a sign of the times but the previous week's show in Halstead was still attracting entries from children.

We thank our judges who all did a splendid job.

Thanks go to Freda McClorey for judging the Best in Show, always a difficult task, Michael Gentry for judging the best front garden and especially Kay and Ade Stone for announcing the winners and presenting the trophies.



Entries in the Wine, Country Fare and Handicrafts classes held up well, however, a few of last year's entrants were away and the recent weather had not been favourable for flowers or vegetables which was reflected in the low number of entries in these classes. The photographic classes also had fewer entries than last year. Perhaps

Should we persist and try again next year? Would a change of date to July be better for flowers and vegetables?



The trophies were awarded as follows:

Knox Cunningham Cup, for the household with most points in the adult classes only:
Ruth and Les Cox



Well Hill Cup, for the household with most points in all classes:
The Gentry Family



Tom Castleton Rose Bowl, for the garden judged to most enhance Chelsfield Village:
The Five Bells

QEI Golden Jubilee Plate, for the individual

with most points not awarded either of the household cups:

Andy Roberts



Triss & John Cottenden Flower Trophy, for the individual with the most points in the Flower classes:
Sophie Foreman



Wine Club Tankard, for the individual with most points in the Wine classes:
Andy Roberts

Country Fare Cup, for the individual with most points in the Country Fare classes:
Ruth Cox

Children's Cup, Not awarded as there were no entries

Allotments Cup, for the individual with most points in the Vegetable classes:
Colin Lambert



Ken Pickering, Best in Show, a magnificent portrait of a German Shepherd:
Lyn Stone



Thanks to the following local businesses for their generous donations of Raffle Prizes:

The BoPeep
Chelsfield Motor Works
The Chelsfield
Coolings
Polhill Garden Centre

THE CHELSFIELD PLAYERS

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2023

* Bar * Raffle * Bring Your Own Nibbles *

Doors open at 7.30 pm * Quiz starts at 8.00 pm

£7.00 per person - tables of up to 8 players

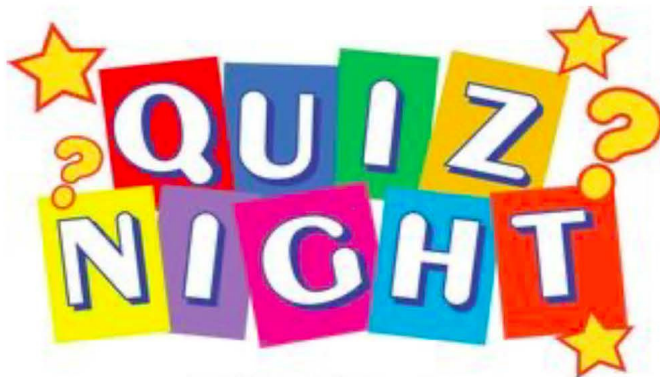
Can't make a team? That's ok, join us & form another!

Reserve your table on 07792 735116 or info@chelsfieldplayers.org

Chelsfield Village Hall, Bucks Cross Road, Chelsfield, Kent BR6 7RL

www.chelsfieldplayers.org

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**SATURDAY, 28th OCTOBER AT
7.00PM**

CHELSFIELD VILLAGE HALL, BR6 7RL

**ENTRY £10 PER PERSON
MAXIMUM 6 PEOPLE PER TABLE**

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND DRINKS

CONTACT JACKIE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

events@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk

or tel: 07547 794870

**Fundraising event for St. Martin's Spire Appeal
Registered Charity: 1131572**

I Paid My TV Licence Today....

I relented, under fear of prosecution, and paid my TV licence today. Failing to use a stamp....another capital offence, I put this photo on the back of the envelope. What a value he is to the viewing public. Wonderful. We should all be very grateful!

Chris Parsons



Our Interesting Life Stories

It's strange how we meet people day in and day out and never realise, so many times, just what extraordinary lives some of those we meet may have had.

A while ago, a volunteer at the village hall cafe

Rob Burn who reads the Village Voice, thought that we should suggest that residents write about an interesting episode about their previous work.

I suggested cheekily that he should write one, knowing that he had an

interesting job in the early days of developing Concorde. The following is his contribution.

Now it's your turn, tell us a little something from your past life!

Peter Gandolfi

Learning Life's Lessons - Rob Burn

Some lessons learnt when young, such as life not being what it seems, cannot be tarnished by the problem of age that ensures the older we get the better we were.

I started my first job as a mathematician at a Research Centre only after many security checks and signing the

Official Secrets Act. These, along with repeated warnings of dire consequences to me, and the nation, if I lost my pass ensured I felt the aura of secrecy and tight security. So you can imagine how distraught I was when, one Saturday, I realised I had mislaid my pass. After numerous abortive searches of my

room I spent two sleepless nights thinking how the USSR, then our nemesis, might reap the secrets I had potentially made available.

I dreaded Monday morning being collected by the coach trip taking people without their own transport, such as me, from the hostel to work. In

order to avoid the ignominy of being ejected from the coach if subjected to one of the random security checks during the trip I decided to borrow a bike. After a slow cycle, enjoying fresh air for, possibly, the last time, I dolefully presented myself to the Guard to confess, arms extended ready for the hand cuffs.

The Guard looked me in the eyes for what felt as if he was waiting for his retirement before turning to pick up a massive tome, staggering as he then returned with it to the counter. Another long look deep into my soul before he readied himself to add my name to those miscreants to be transported to the Tower. Hanging my head low, I surreptitiously glanced at the ledger and went weak at the knees....because the entry number revealed how many passes had been lost before mine!

I was overwhelmed with relief the list was so long but then felt anguish that the country's secrets were so vulnerable with all those passes lying around somewhere. I suspected the bubble of tight security in which we

had been convinced we lived could be a mere façade. These fledgling doubts over the difference between life's theory and practice were soon compounded by another event.

In a paper I drafted to report some research conclusions and I happened to mention the specific name of the engine on which the work had been conducted. However, following security vetting of my draft all references to the engine, which was being used in Concorde, were removed to maintain the secrecy of the engine's name. I was impressed by the security that meant it would have been difficult for me to obtain a copy of the paper, had I not been the author.

Later, back at University, I explained I could not share my paper due to the secrecy attached to Concorde's engine, vague as references to it had become. Hearing this a colleague from Rolls Royce nonchalantly delved into his briefcase to reveal a brochure containing a cut-away diagram illustrating and naming the specific engine to be used in Concorde. Any foreign

government could have obtained, direct from Rolls Royce, the detail so carefully removed by the censors from my paper. The realities of the bubble in which we lived were unquestioningly exposed.

Another example of the difference between what we are told and real life was also illustrated by my work. Almost anything can be represented by differential equations and you'll remember from school that exact solutions to a set of these equations is always available, possibly after painful promptings from a teacher. However, in life exact solutions are rarely available and mathematical techniques have to be used to obtain the best approximations we can hope for.

The differential equations depicting processes in Concorde's engines were no different and a new method for solving them was being developed until the researcher given the task died suddenly. My job was to evaluate the part-finished method and to do this I had to use some powerful computers. The route between the office where I worked and the

computer building passed the engine test shed and a regular topic of conversation between my older colleagues was the probability that one day the engines would be pushed too far and blow up. This encouraged me to have a leisurely cycle

when collecting my computer results to save my energy for the furious pedalling when reaching the vicinity of the engine house until reaching "safety" at the other side of the building. I am pleased to report that the engines never did

actually blow up but we did have some incidents.

It was evident that life is what we live and not what we're told.

Rob Burns

Table Sale at The PRUH



The Friends of the Princess Royal University Hospital
are holding a

Table Sale

on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October 2023

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

Princess Royal University Hospital

Farnborough Common
Orpington
Kent BR6 8ND

St Martin's Toddler Group

All babies, pre-school children and their carers are very welcome to our friendly, happy group held in the Brass Crosby

Room at the back of St Martins Church, Church

Road, Chelsfield. It is on Tuesdays in term time between 10.30am and 12 noon.

We have a large car park in front of the church.

Please note we will be closed for half term on 17th and 24th October and the last day of term will be 12th December.

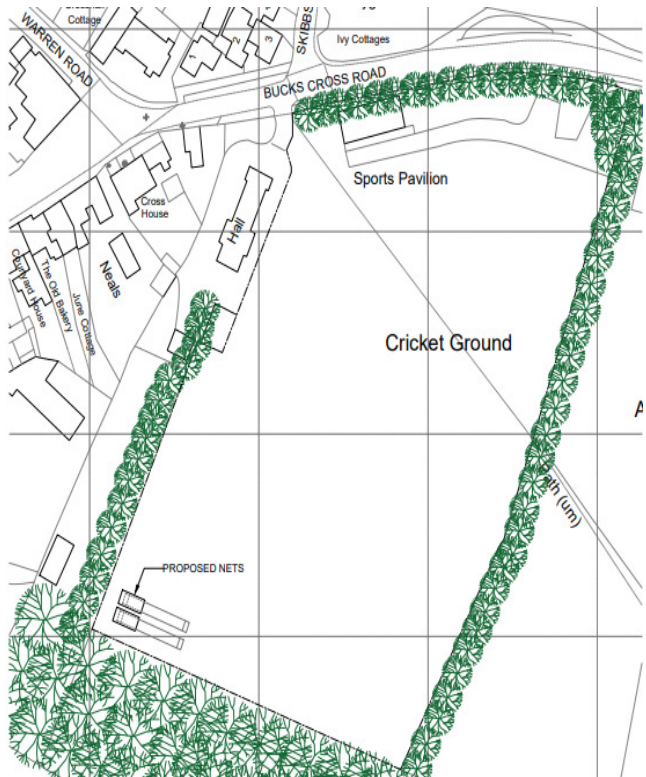
Val Hemmings

Application For Cricket Nets

For those of you who haven't seen the planning application sign posted beside the village recreation ground, an application has been made to the London Borough of Bromley to lay two concrete slabs on the top right hand corner of the field and to erect two sets of cricket nets.

If you wish to comment on this proposal, either in support, or oppose, you can access the application by following this link:

<https://searchapplications.bromley.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RR27KEBTORD00>



Metal Detecting in the Fields

I live in The Highway and back on to the field. We have seen lots of people in the field recently with

metal detectors.

I just wondered if anyone had any more

information. It would be interesting to know if they found anything.

Janet Holdstock

iCare Day Centre to Close



ICARE Day Centre to close

It is with great regret that the Board of Trustees of the ICARE Day Centre Trust announced recently that the charity's financial situation does not allow us to continue and that our Day Centre will have to close. This has been the most difficult and saddest of decisions to have to take, but it is simply not possible to carry on.

For 38 years ICARE has served people in and around Bromley living with the effects of a stroke. Our Day Centre in Green Street Green has offered rehabilitation, friendship and support for people who have had a stroke, and respite for their families and carers. Many have been helped over those years and the fact that present circumstances mean we cannot continue is a great disappointment and loss.

Like many charities, we have been a victim of the pandemic, after which our client numbers were significantly down, as was our income. Despite considerable efforts, but in the face of the cost-of-living increases that we have all seen, we have been unable to build up the number of clients again. We have had support from the local community throughout our existence, and especially in recent months in response to our Save ICARE appeal. However, it became clear that even this would not secure a long term future for ICARE; we cannot cover our costs and therefore have no choice but to close the Centre and wind up the charity in an orderly manner. |

We are so very grateful to all those who have supported us over many years, including many readers of Chelsfield Voice. On behalf of our clients as well as ICARE, we thank you all wholeheartedly.

We have been able to contact some of the donors who responded to the appeal regarding their donations. If we have not yet been in touch with you, please contact us at the Centre by the end of October. (01689 862883 admin@icarecentre.org.uk) Thank you.

JUST FRIENDS PRESENTS...

**Jazz
Night**

Jazz at The Five Bells

**Live Jazz
with the Just Friends Sextet
Thursday 5th October from 8pm**

Open Day at Bore Place



LILY MUNNS

Environmental Educator and Community Events Intern

Bore Place Road, Chiddingstone, Kent, TN8 7AR

Direct number 01732 755287

Reception 01732 463255

www.boreplace.org

Home of the Commonwork Trust (reg. charity 1160725 & company 09254227)
& Commonwork Organic Farms Ltd (reg. company 1977080)



We are really excited to be hosting a free Open Day at Bore Place on Saturday 7th October from 12noon - 4pm.

On the day there will be a BBQ, drinks, homemade cakes, an opportunity to see the calves, the chance to visit our new milking parlour experience and see the cows being milked, children's activities, the chance to meet our

producers (Blackwoods cheese, Happy Belly fermented goods, our organic veg grower, Metske), open gardens, as well as the opening of our new Farm Gate. The Farm Gate will be selling produce from our producers and will be run by young people attending projects at Bore Place, with all money made being fed back into our educational programmes. The open

day is aimed at our local community and will be free to attend (donations welcome).

Pre-registration will be available soon on our website [What's On \(boreplace.org\)](http://What's On (boreplace.org)).

We are really keen to ensure that local people know about this day out and would like to come along and enjoy the experience

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the second, around the 1st of each month, will be the monthly issue.

Our email list is not shared with any other organisation, group or individual whatsoever.

Please let us know if you wish to be removed from the distribution list.

Passing the Time in Chelsfield - Part 7

Produce Show!



Being a busy estate agent, based in Orpington, means I can't get to go to everything locally that I want to. For example, in the last few days I have been fixing up commercial deals for landlords housing people on behalf of housing associations, Councils and even the Home Office. I have my array of homeowners moving houses, both buyers and rental, and I like to take the time to look after them properly and to be responsive when needed.

So, as I was (again) talking with Darren from the Bromley Buzz podcast recently, he mentioned his visit to the annual Produce Show in Chelsfield Village Hall. As a result, I invited him to offer a few words about the show. Darren said, "I don't really want to share this event for the Bromley Buzz, but I have, mainly with ten pictures on the Bromley Buzz Instagram. The reason is

that is I don't want to have such a lovely show flooded with visitors! I want to go again next year and see the cheese straws (samples would be so good to have!), the fabulous cakes, the beautiful vegetables lit up by the summer sun coming through the windows, the art, and the wine, without elbowing people aside! Talking of wine, congratulations to Dan Sloan for his winning and wonderful (one sample

we did have) blackberry wine! And I should mention Lyn Stone's beautiful first prize winning Alsatian dog



artwork, and Sophie Foreman's cute, heart-warming crocheted elephants."

As an estate agent, we use terms like 'in a desirable location' a lot. Community events like this, and the Five Bells Dog Show, help to make Chelsfield Village a desirable location. Long may it and these events continue.



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

www.ianwoodproperty.com

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

Ian Wood
28th September 2023

Changes to Bus Routes

TfL are in the process of changing some of the local bus routes.

If you'd like to check the proposals and make any comments, here is a link:

<https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/orpington-bus-proposals>

[Home](#)[Plan a journey](#)[Status updates](#)

**Your Bromley bus services.
Your say.**



Buses



We would like to hear your views on proposed changes to bus routes R1, R2, R3, R6 and B14 in Orpington. The changes aim to provide some improved bus connections. Changes to the R1, R3 and B14 would mean the R2 and R6 would no longer run.

Visit our [website](#) for more information, to view maps and to have your say. Consultation closes on Wednesday 1 November.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Cheeseman
Director of Buses



REPAIR



TOSS IT? NO WAY!



CAFE

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

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

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

WHERE?

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

WHEN?

Saturday 28th October 2023
2-5pm

Contact us at: orpingtonrepaircafe@gmail.com



A Dance Date with Jane Austen



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

Barbara Segal our visiting specialist tutor

Saturday 18th November 2023

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

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

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

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

OUR TEACHER – BARBARA SEGAL



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

SATURDAY WORKSHOP TIMETABLE

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

HOW TO FIND US

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

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

SOME HELPFUL NOTES

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

PRICE FOR THE FULL DAY'S WORKSHOP

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

Advance bookings only

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

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

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

Account Name: Pastime; Sort code 60-15-28; Account number 10362126

If you prefer to pay by cheque, please let us know

BECKENHAM CONCERT BAND

Raising Funds for CAP Bromley
An Early Evening Celebration
Concert

Music from Fame, Fiddler on the Roof, Miss Saigon,
and featuring pieces by Gershwin & Sibelius

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER
6PM – 8PM

CHRIST CHURCH, CHARTERHOUSE
ROAD, ORPINGTON, BR6 9EP

Conductor: Dimitri Chrysostomou

Refreshments will be available to purchase

Tickets: Adults £12, OAPs £8, children free

Tickets available on the door, or book via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beckenham-concert-band-evening-celebration-concert-in-aid-of-cap-bromley-tickets-714839884337?aff=oddtcreator>

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTIES

**Every First Saturday
in the Month
From 9am to 11am**

Please help if you can,
no green fingers necessary!

Bring tools if you can - but most of all
we just need you!

For more information or to join the
Churchyard Working Party email group please
contact the Churchwardens on
churchyard@stmartincheslsfield.org.uk



CURRY WEEK
AT

CELEBRATE NATIONAL CURRY WEEK
Monday 2nd
TO
Saturday 7th October 2023



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Chicken Curry £15.95
Goan Prawn Curry £17.95
Vegetarian Curry available on request

All served with rice, poppadom, mango chutney
& onion salad



SIDES

Naan Bread £3.95
Aubergine Bhaji £3.95
Lentil Dhal £3.25

St Martin's Spire Appeal

Spire Appeal

We need to raise £175,000



Having launched the appeal at the beginning of last month the money has started to arrive. More of a trickle than a flood at this time, it must be said, but it's early days. We hope that this merely reflects the ability to tell ourselves 'I must get round to making a donation when I have a spare minute'. If you are in that category I hope your minute arrives soon!

In parallel to simply asking for money we are organising fundraising events and hope for your generous support. Elsewhere in this magazine you'll see a flyer for a quiz that is to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday October 28th.

For your diary:

The choir will be holding a concert in the church at 4pm on November 19th.

On Saturday 17th February next year there will be a dinner in the Village Hall followed by an Auction of Promises. We are planning to make this our flagship fundraising event (unless we identify an even better one!). Promises to be auctioned off will range from a week in a house 200m from the beach in Marbella to a few hours gardening.

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

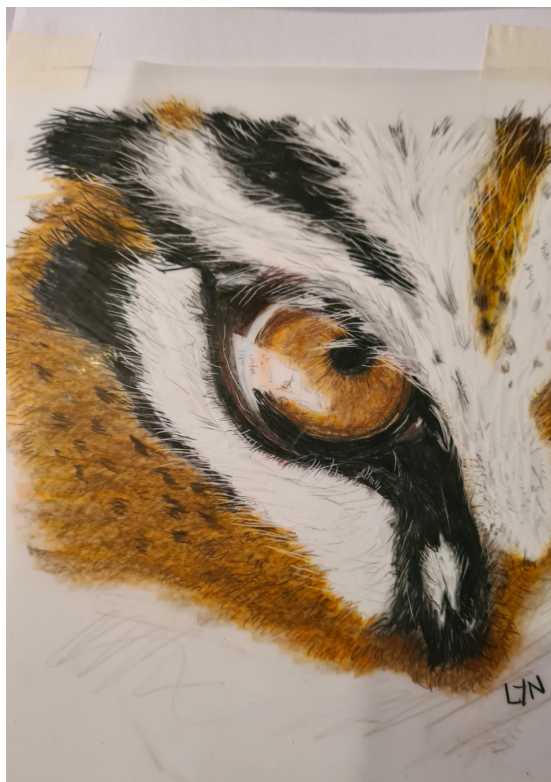
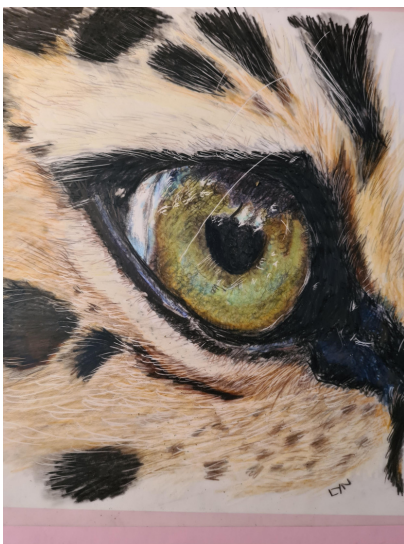
Steve McCann

For anyone who doesn't know what this is about, briefly explained: the wooden tiles on the outside of the spire, called shingles, need replacing and it's going to cost a lot of money – you can find far more detail and photographs on the church website: stmartinchelsfield.org.uk/spire.

Artworks by Lyn Stone

Following Lyn winning “Best in Show” with her drawing of a German Shepherd, here are some other examples of her work. If you’d like to buy any of her work, or commission a drawing contact her on:

07773 626665





The Benefice of
Chelsfield with Green Street Green
and Pratts Bottom



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

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

St Martin's

Sun 1 Oct	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion CWO1 : MH
17 th after Trinity	6.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP : MG
Wed 4 Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion CWO2 : MG
Sun 8 Oct	10.30am	Harvest Family Worship : MG
18 th after Trinity	6.30pm	Sung Eucharist CWO2 : SAJ
Wed 11 Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion CWO2 : SAJ
Sun 15 Oct	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>with Baptism</i> CWO1 : SAJ
19 th after Trinity	6.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP : MG
Wed 18 Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion CWO2 : MG
Sun 22 Oct	10.00am	Morning Worship : MG
20 th after Trinity	6.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP : KIA
Wed 25 Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion CWO2 : MH
Sun 29 Oct	10.00am	<i>Benefice Service – see below</i>
Last after Trinity	3.00pm	Memorial Service for the recently bereaved
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP : Reader Philip Southby

Well Hill

Sun 8 Oct	10.00am	Harvest Morning Worship KIA
Sun 22 Oct	10.00am	Holy Communion SAJ

Benefice Service at All Souls, Pratts Bottom

Sun 29 Oct	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by lunch
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Key: CWO1 – Common Worship Order 1; CWO2 – Common Worship Order 2; BCP – Book of Common Prayer; SAJ : Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones, MG : Rev Michael Gentry, MH : Rev Martin Hayward, KIA : Reader Ken I'Anson

National Trust: Orpington & Chislehurst Centre

The Centre has monthly evening lectures held at the

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

starting at 8.00pm
and afternoon lectures held most months at the

**Methodist Church,
Prince Imperial Road,
Chislehurst,
BR7 5LX
starting at 2.00pm**

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

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

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

LECTURES FOR OCTOBER 2023

Thursday 12 October
at 2.00pm

**Village Signs in
Bromley Borough**

Thursday 26 October
at 8.00pm

**Forensics and the
Tsunami**

Chelsfield Station - Local Steam Train

Electric train services were extended from Orpington to Sevenoaks on 6 January 1935. Before then Chelsfield was served by a local service of steam trains. The picture shows one about to depart towards Knockholt.

John Francis



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

Dates For Your Diary

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Every Tuesday
Five Bells
CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
8.30pm

Every Wednesday
Chelsfield Village Hall
CRAFIELD CLUB
from 7.30pm

Every Thursday
The Chelsfield Pub
QUIZ NIGHT
from 7.30pm

Every Thursday
Five Bells
Bingo
from 8.00pm

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Wednesday 4th October
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.30pm (page 5)

Wednesday 5th October
Five Bells
Just Friends Sextet Live Jazz
from 8.00pm (see page 14)

Saturday 7th October
St Martin's Church
Churchyard Working Party
from 9-11am (see page 22)

Saturday 7th October
Bore Place, Chiddingstone
Open Day
12 noon - 4pm (see Page 15)

Sunday 8th October
St Martin's Church
Harvest Festival
from 10.30am (see page 4)

Sunday 8th October
Well Hill Mission Church
Harvest Festival
from 10.00am (see page 4)

Monday 9th October
Call Sophie 07983 656022 for this month's venue
Knit and Natter
8pm

Wednesday 11th October
Five Bells
Open Mike Night
from 8.30pm

Thursday 12th October
Methodist Church, Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst
Village Signs in Bromley Borough
2pm (page 27)

Saturday 14th October
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Players QUIZ NIGHT
from 7.30pm (see Page 8)

Sat 14th - Sun 15th October
Coolings Garden Centre
Antiques & Collectables Fair
from 10am - 4pm

Tuesday 17th October
Chelsfield Village Hall

Evening WI
7.30pm-9.30pm

Wed - Thurs 17th-18th October
PRUH Hospital
Table Sale
10.00am - 6.00pm (page 12)

Wednesday 18th October
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.30pm (page 5)

Wednesday 25th October
Five Bells
Open Mike Night
from 8.30pm

Thursday 26th October
Methodist Church, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington BR6 9JH
Forensics and The Tsunami
8pm (page 27)

Saturday 28th October
St Mary's Church Hall, Worlds End Lane
REPAIR CAFE
2pm-5pm (page 18)

Saturday 28th October
Christ Church, Charterhouse Rd
Celebration Concert
6pm-8pm (page 21)

Saturday 28th October
Coolings Garden Centre
Knockholt Farmers' Market
from 10am - 3pm

Saturday 28th October
Chelsfield Village Hall
St Martin's QUIZ NIGHT
7pm (see Page 9)

Recycling Bin Collection October 2023

Monday 2nd October
Monday 9th October
Monday 16th October
Monday 23rd October
Monday 30th October

Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste
Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste.
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Every week

Batteries, Small Electrical Items, Textiles (please only present one small transparent bag each week, and re-present the following week if it is not collected)

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

Green Garden Waste is collected fortnightly or monthly only from households that subscribe (£60 per annum) to the Bromley scheme (Telephone: 0300 303 8658 for advice)