



The Newsletter and  
"What's On" Guide for  
Residents & Friends  
of Chelsfield Village

September 2009

Chelsfield, Well Hill and District

# PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 19th September 2009  
in Chelsfield Village Hall



Classes for Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables,  
Handicrafts and Photographs

**SCHEDULE AND RULES ENCLOSED**  
or available from:

[www.chelsfieldevents.co.uk/eventspage.htm](http://www.chelsfieldevents.co.uk/eventspage.htm)

or 01689 831826 or 01959 535022

Set up from 9.30 to 11.00am

Viewing from 2.00pm

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

### PLEASE !

If have an event, a story, an amusing experience, anything, tell us, this newsletter is your voice to speak to the village.

Contributions should be emailed to:

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## Five Bells Win CAMRA Award

**Congratulations to Kay and Ade - The Five Bells has won the Pub of the Season Summer 2009 award by the South East London branch of CAMRA. As the pub is within Bromley it is classed as south-east London and so was competing with all the pubs in south London. So, there was huge competition and it is nice to know our local pub beat them all**



## Letter - Chelsfield Lane

Dear Sirs,

I read with interest the item in the August edition about great problems with roadside verges in Chelsfield Lane. For a long time I have observed the great flow of traffic up and down Chelsfield Lane. A great deal no doubt arises from the wish to avoid the traffic lights at the Avalon Road / Court Road junction, and also at Poverest Road in getting onto the main

highway towards Orpington / Chelsfield. The use of satellite navigation has probably added to the "rat runs" and will not cease without some action being taken.

My own solution may well sound drastic and I am not really too hopeful of it ever being used. I have long felt that the use of Chelsfield Lane from the village down towards St. Mary Cray should be DOWN the lane only.

Traffic from the bottom end would need to go along Avalon Road or via other routes further down. This would greatly reduce traffic volume along the lane and passing of vehicles in that stretch would be eliminated. It would also be much safer for pedestrians in the lane which is very dangerous nowadays.

*Yours faithfully*

*Carol Margetts (Miss)*

## Traffic Wish List

The traffic sub-committee met to compile a prioritised wish list to pass on to Councillor Julian Grainger. This resulted from our previous meeting reported in the last Village Voice. Bearing in mind that the council will claim cash shortage, we have not put forward the more expensive physical traffic calming measures but are asking for mini roundabouts, some double yellow lines at junctions to improve sight lines and gateways at the approaches to the village. We are also asking for a way to prevent

heavy goods vehicles from using the village as a rat run to avoid the bypass (no doubt directed by sat-navs). Many of these are entering the village via Chelsfield Lane, a narrow road with passing bays already signed as unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles. The problematic Warren Road/Court Road cross roads is the responsibility of Transport for London which would be the source of funding for any improvement works. Although this is the most likely spot for any serious accidents, the high cost

of a roundabout or traffic lights seems to be out of the question. A re-design of the junction offering protection for vehicles may be feasible but is thought to be financially prohibitive in today's financial climate.

It has just come to light that in 1993 the Village Society carried out a very similar exercise with the same conclusions. These were presented to the same councillor with no effect. We hope for a better result this time, especially with the local elections coming up.

## Skibbs Lane Blocked With Rubbish

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August a village resident cycling down Skibbs Lane, found that the road was blocked by garden rubbish to the extent that even a cycle could not get past. The council were told the extent of the problem, and that it has been known for large vehicles to use this narrow road (Satnav route?) and they would be unable to reverse. The councils reply was that it

would be dealt within 5 days!

Over the weekend it was noticed a Road closed sign had

been put up at a point where vehicles could turn round, and the blockage



had been cleared by the Monday.

## A History of The Chelsfield Village Post Office

When I started to investigate the history of the Post Office in Chelsfield, I was surprised to find that the existence of a postal service and Post Office in Chelsfield stretched back much further than I ever expected. I think it is so interesting that I would like to include details of these arrangements in more distant times before leading up to the most recent history. In doing this the history of some familiar properties in the village can be included in the overall picture of life and times around Chelsfield.

Much of the early history of the postal service in the Chelsfield area is centred around Crosshall which is probably one of the oldest properties in Chelsfield Village and indeed the house is mentioned in a document dated 1612. The first inland post offices were established in 1635 and letters were sent by weekly post using horse-drawn coaches travelling between the towns and villages of the time. Whether Crosshall was used as one of these Post offices is not recorded as far as I am aware.

However, between 1785 and 1865 the Chelsfield Post office was located at Crosshall and between that period, was run by the Hills family. The letters at that

time were carried to and from Chislehurst by a walking postman.

In the earliest period when the Hills family ran the Chelsfield postal service, letters used to be placed in the window of the Post Office to be claimed and paid for by those they were addressed to with a separate pane of glass being allocated to a particular person of family. Postage used to be so expensive as to be prohibitive for the majority of Chelsfield residents. There is an account book in existence which shows entries such as: Paid Sally Hills £4.4.10 and £7.10.0 for letters. There are other entries which show that residents did not always pay for letters when sending or receiving them, but ran up accounts.

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Members of Parliament and Peers used to enjoy the privilege of free postage. All that was required was their signature on the outside of the envelope or folded letter and it went free. Some of the letters used to be secured with 'wafters' or small round sticky pieces of paper resembling counters instead of using envelopes. It appears that some of the politicians of the day used the privilege of free post since in 1764 the racket in

franked envelopes and forged signatures reached such a proportion that an Act of Parliament declared such persons as 'guilty of felony and liable to transportation'. At the time that this was occurring, the ordinary poorer citizen had to pay from sixpence to one shilling and four pence to send a letter to the country according to the distance involved. In spite of the penalties which were enforced, Members of Parliament continued to increase their popularity by obligingly franking other people's letters until a Royal Warrant ordered their seals be impressed upon the envelopes. Even in the face of further restrictions the privilege continued to be abused until the introduction of the penny post in 1840 which stopped such practices.

In 1839 a postal rate of fourpence for half an ounce was introduced and on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 1840 a letter could go to any part of England, Scotland or Ireland for one penny. These revolutionary postal arrangements were largely due to the efforts of Mr Hill later Sir Ronald Hill. In December 1898 this scheme was extended to the Colonies and India largely through the efforts of Mr Hanker Wheaton, and is remembered as the Imperial

## Penny Post.

It is interesting to note that the 1d rate held from 1840 to 1938 when the rate the rate was still 1d, with three deliveries and three collections in Chelsfield each day (except Sundays). In 1939 the rate was increased to 1½d with two posts in and out each day. What a contract with today's rates in new pennies nearly 60 years on considering that the 1d rate held for nearly 100 years.

At this point I would like to digress a little and mention an incident which occurred recently yet relates to the work of the Post Office in Chelsfield and has a fascinating connection with this early period prior to the 1860's. In November 1996, a document was discovered by Mr and Mrs Walker in the attic of their home at Maypole Cottage, Jubilee road. This document takes the form of a Certificate on a blue parchment and embossed in silver stamped lettering which dates back to 1865. It refers to a man called Robert Partridge who retired from the Postal service in that year 1865 and who worked on embossing and stamping documents for the Post Office. The embossed script is written in a formal style of language and was obviously read aloud to the assembled company of colleagues on the occasion

of the last day of Mr Partridge's employment with the Post Office. It refers to a presentation of a 'timepiece' in recognition of his esteemed service over many years. (It is not clear whether the gift was a clock a pocket watch – some things do not change very much over the years, do they!)

Despite laying in the attic at Maypole Cottage, the document was wonderfully preserved after so many years and was easily able to be read, and with very little damage except along one or two of the edges of the parchment. The document was passed across to Mr Philip Lane as the best person to store and preserve it for the future.

I have been puzzled up until now about the reference to the Post Office with Mr Partridge, retiring in 1865 since I had always believed that the postal service did not start until the time of the penny post with Sir Roland Hill in 1840. However, I now realize from research for this article that the postal service in Chelsfield goes back to a very early period which in reality might well have encompassed all or the greater part of Mr Partridge's working life well before 1840. In any case, 25 years (say 1840-1865) is still a long period of employment worthy of recognition

in the manner described through the document.

Perhaps one of our more knowledgeable or scholarly readers might be able to discover more about Mr Partridge and/or the work that he might have been undertaking for the Post Office in Chelsfield at that time. It certainly seems likely that he lived at Maypole Cottage in Jubilee Road in 1865 and in itself is a fascinating insight into the age of the property there (at that time two semi-detached cottages now converted into one complete cottage).

In 1865 the Post Office was given up at Crosshall by the last of the Hills family (who had been in charge of Postal arrangements there since 1785) and moved to one of the nearby Ivy Cottages (the old, original ones, of course which were sadly demolished in the late 1950's). At Ivy cottages, the Post Office was run by a man called Mr Robert Booker. Following on from this, the Post Office moved back to a shop next to Crosshall with a man called Mr Wilton as the Postmaster. *To be continued*

*Written by Carol Margetts with the invaluable help and co-operation of Mrs Pauline Lambert plus additional detailed information and inspiration from Mrs Vera Margetts.*

## Bush Fire in Well Hill

Following the article on Shoreham museum last month, we decided to walk there via the route given, only to find in Hollows Wood in the clearing under the power cables at the top of the ridge next to the mobile phone mast, an active bush fire. The mobile phone mast can be seen from the village, looking south towards the motorway. The fire brigade

were in attendance (they must have had trouble getting up there) but had used up all their water and were waiting for a water tender which had got stuck on its way up to the ridge. On our return the brush under the power lines all the way down the ridge had been burnt, with the fire presumably starting at the bottom near Shoreham lane, and driven uphill by

the wind. The fire brigade were still in attendance but all the flames had been extinguished. The next day we walked to the bottom of the clearing and realised how much worse the situation could have been. The fire had started to spread into the prunings and leaf litter under the trees. Some of the poles supporting the power lines were also charred.



## Income Tax Refund Scam

HM Revenue and Customs are warning of emails that claim to originate from HMRC. The scam tells the recipient that they are due a tax refund and ask for bank or credit card details to pay the refund

into. These details are then used to access the person's bank account. HMRC say that the department only contacts customers due a refund by post or telephone, and that any such emails be sent to them

for investigation.

To:  
[phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk)  
 A number of Chelsfield residents have received these already and can vouch for their 'genuine' appearance.  
 Do not be fooled.

# **PRODUCE SHOW**

**Saturday 19th September 2009**

**In Chelsfield Village Hall**



## **SCHEDULE AND RULES**

**Set up from 9.30am**

**Viewing from 2.00pm**

## Flower arrangements

1. An autumnal arrangement not to exceed 14" (36cm).
2. To be judged by the public. An arrangement for the opening of a new public house. State the pub's name. Natural material must predominate. Accessories allowed.
3. A miniature arrangement in a thimble not to exceed 2" (5cm) in any direction.
4. Men only: An arrangement in a wine glass.

## Flowers

5. A single chrysanthemum.
6. A floating pansy head.
7. In a single vase the three stages of a rose bloom – the bud, the perfect bloom and a blown bloom.
8. 3 Dahlias.
9. The largest sunflower head.
10. A vase of garden flowers

## Vegetables

11. A clean sheet. A collection of 5 different single vegetables on a plain sheet of A4 paper.
12. Gardener's choice. Enough vegetables for a meal for two comprising potatoes and two other vegetables.
13. 5 Potatoes – one cultivar.
14. 3 Onions- tied & trimmed.
15. 5 Cherry Tomatoes.
16. 5 medium to large tomatoes.
17. A Cauliflower.
18. 3 Leeks – untrimmed.
19. 3 Carrots - untrimmed.
20. The heaviest pumpkin.
21. A pair of lettuces.
22. A bucket of home produced compost.

## Fruit

23. 3 Dessert Apples- polished.
24. 3 Cooking Apples- unpolished.
25. 3 Pears.
26. 5 Plums.
27. The heaviest apple.
28. A dish of wild fruits and nuts.

## Wine

29. A bottle of dry white table wine.
30. A bottle of sweet white table wine.
31. A bottle of dry red table wine.
32. A bottle of sweet red table wine.
33. A bottle of any non fruit wine.
34. A bottle of home made beer.



### **Country Fare**

35. A brioche loaf made with around 1lb/450g flour, any shape.
36. Crunchy top lemon cake to given recipe.
37. 3 Eccles cakes. Bought pastry may be used.
38. A theme cake depicting a harvest theme. Decoration only to be judged.
39. A tea bread in a 2lb loaf tin.
40. A jar of home made mincemeat.
41. A jar of home made pickle.
42. A bottle of flower cordial.
43. Dish of 5 homemade chocolate truffles.
44. Men only: 3 Rock cakes.

### **Photographs - All to be unmounted max size 8½" x 6" (22cm/15cm)**

45. A farm animal.
46. An emotion.
47. Clouds.
48. Reflections.

### **Handicrafts**

49. A Knitted or Crocheted item
50. An item or tapestry or embroidery (specify if using kit.)
51. An item machine or hand sewn
52. A portrait of a person – any medium.
53. A soft toy.
54. Any craft or hobby (specify if using a kit).
55. A collage – maximum size 16" (40cm) square.

### **Children up to 5 years**

56. Draw a butterfly.

### **Children 5-7**

57. A decorated paper hat.
58. A bookmark.
59. A drawing of a flower.

### **Children 8-11**

60. An edible necklace.
61. A miniature garden in a biscuit tin.
62. 3 Smartie biscuits to given recipe.

### **Teenagers**

63. A model scarecrow not to exceed 12" (30cm) high.
64. A flower arrangement in a jam jar.
65. Any craft or hobby.

### **Matchbox (Adults class)**

66. Standard size, filled with listed items starting with V for Village Show.

Additional schedules and enquiries  
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# The Cups & Trophies

**The KNOX-CUNNINGHAM Cup** - Awarded to the household with the highest number of points gained in adult sections.

**THE WELL HILL CUP** –Awarded to the household with the highest number of points in all classes

**KEN PICKERING CUP**- First awarded in 1996. This is awarded to the “best in show”

**TOM CASTLETON ROSE BOWL** – This is awarded to the garden judged to most enhance Chelsfield Village.

**ALLOTMENTS CUP**- First awarded in 1996. To be awarded to the individual with the highest number of points in the vegetable class.

**CHILDRENS' CUP**- This is awarded to the child with the highest number of points in the Children's' classes.

**QUEEN ELIZABETH II GOLDEN JUBILEE PLATE** - This is awarded to the individual with the highest number of points not awarded the Knox-Cunningham or Well Hill Cup.

**WINE CLUB CUP** - First awarded in 1996. This is awarded to the individual with the highest number of points in the Wine Class

**COUNTRY FARE CUP** – This is awarded to the individual with the highest number of points in the Country Fare class.

**TRISS & JOHN COTTENDEN TROPHY** – First awarded in 2007. This is awarded to the individual with the highest number of points in the Flower classes.

## PROGRAMME

Staging: 9.30-11.00 a.m. Entries will not be accepted after 11.00 a.m.. Judging 11.30. Viewing 2.00p.m. Prize Giving 3.00 p.m.

## RULES

1. Open to residents of Chelsfield, Well Hill and District.
2. 20p per entry. Children's classes free.
3. Competitors may submit more than one entry in each class, but can only win one prize per class. Children may submit entries in adult classes 20p per class.
4. Fruit, vegetables and flowers (except in classes 1-4 must be home-grown. Handicrafts, cookery and wine must be homemade. No item may have been exhibited at this show in previous years.
5. Winning entries will be awarded points as follows:

1st prize: 3 points (red card) & prize (will vary according to class)

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: 2 points (blue card) & prize ( will vary according to class)

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: 1 point (green card) & prize (will vary according to class)

Class 11 and 36 will merit double points for each prize. Handicraft classes and children's classes will be judged on individual merit.

6. Children and teenager classes will be judged in four age groups - up to 5; 5-7;8-11;12-18.

The Knox Cunningham Cup will be awarded to the household with the highest number of points gained in all adult classes. The Well Hill Cup will be awarded to the household with the highest number of points in all classes. No household may win both cups. Each entry must be accompanied by a 2" square of white paper. On the back should be:

- a) Your name
- b) The class number of your entry

You will be given a competitor's number when you arrive, which must be written on the front of the card.

Entries for the children's classes should show the child's age on the front of the card.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Two PCSOs from the Safer Neighbourhood Team met with residents on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August. They reported that they had just spoken to a parent whose young child was riding a small scooter on the cricket field. They claimed to have permission. This was denied by a member of the cricket club committee. No harm was done. The re-launch of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme was discussed. This would involve new street signs and the opportunity for residents to become members. Membership of a neighbourhood watch scheme can lead to a reduction in home insurance premiums.

### Cold Calling

If residents want to subscribe to a "no cold callers" scheme one of these can be set up. This will involve street signs and information packs for residents. The scheme will be registered with the local trading standards authority so that it would be an offence for unsolicited traders to call. This scheme has made a real difference in the areas where it is in place. A small cost is involved which could be met by the Village Society and/or small contributions.

Please let the Village Society know your views on this proposed scheme via the VV or CVS.

Hopefully we all read the leaflet put through our doors about the security of UVPC front doors. Don't forget to double lock them so that they cannot be opened from outside by an intruder operating the handle through the letter box. Residents are advised to make a photocopy of computer scanned image of their passport detail pages and driving licence in case of theft. The numbers can then be passed on to the police. A steering wheel locking bar acts as an extra deterrent to car thieves. House burglaries are on the increase throughout the borough. These are happening at any time of the day or night. Please be vigilant for

## Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Over Chelsfield

Did anyone notice the lone Lancaster bomber that did a low circuit around St Martins and over the village during

the afternoon of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August? On looking at the Battle of Britain memorial flight website, it was on its

way to land at Biggin Hill prior to a three day display at Eastbourne. A great sight.

## **Bromley Town Centre Area Action Plan**

The following is a précis of a presentation by Doug Black, on behalf of Bromley Civic Society, to the Bromley Friends of the Earth group in August. Doug formerly worked for Bromley Council Planning Department.

The Bromley Civic Society aims to raise the awareness of the importance of Bromley Town Centre as a historic and living place and to secure the preservation or enhancement of those features that contribute to the special character of the area. Consequently, Society volunteers have been providing detailed scrutiny and written representations on the Area Action Plan which at times is hard to understand. Even the three professional planners in the Society (Doug is one of them), have had difficulty. Although the Society praises some aspects of the plan, it has become more and more concerned about others.

The proposed sites for redevelopment include:

**Bromley North station area**

250 flats in a 15 story building proposed, disrupting the outline of the listed station building.

### **Tweedy Road / London Road**

72 residential units next to grade 1+2 buildings. This was refused at committee and the refusal upheld at appeal. This was deemed to be a totally unsuitable social housing development, overcrowded and with access directly onto the pavement of a busy road. This has been re-submitted with a reduction to 70 units.

### **Pavilion Leisure Centre**

Re-location of the leisure centre (20,000 sq metres) to allow Glades to expand (more retail space).

### **Civic Centre**

25 units of low density residential development, and conversion of the mansion to residential use and new leisure centre, now reduced to 6,000 sq metres. This

contradicts the Council's earlier ruling that there should be no further development on this site.

### **West of High Street**

Demolition of everything from the Library to Ox-fam including Ethelbert Close to make space for a new town square, 1200 residential units, 1200 parking spaces, and a retail area the same size as The Glades! It was thought that this would lead to the retail units from The Glades re-locating to the new retail area and a subsequent deterioration of the Glades.

### **Former DHSS offices**

To be replaced by a tall building consisting of a hotel and residential units. The view from the High Street towards the Keston Ridge would be obstructed. This is (or was) regarded by Bromley as being a view worthy of protection.

### **Queens Gardens**

There is some discrepancy about the amount of open space protected

here. The plan is for over 1000 sq metres of café/restaurants along the perimeter even though similar businesses are closing in the High Street.

Questions are being asked about Bromley Council's dual role as property/land owner and

planning authority. This has resulted in inconsistency of decisions which have been made regarding planning applications. Is Bromley trying to compete with Croydon? Do the residents want it to? Those of us who use Orpington High Street would like to see a simi-

lar level of attention made to our deteriorating shopping centre, particularly the north end of the High Street. The current plans for the improvement of the High Street do not address this at all. What has happened to the £17million from the Tesco deal?

## Mobile Library

Is this a well kept secret of Chelsfield Village? Where else can one have a large selection of books brought to your door (almost)! Even better than that, one can browse the catalogue of all of Bromley library's books, CD's and DVD's, at your leisure at home on the Internet, reserve your choice online, and pick them up at one's convenience when the Mobile Library comes to the village. You can also return books you have borrowed from Bromley's other libraries. Unlike the rest of Bromley's Libraries who are moving towards self service, our mobile library has a helpful team to guide your selection. They even

boast the use of an Internet machine, whilst in the village. Leaflets of local interest are available. The mobile library parks

outside Chelsfield Primary School on Tuesdays from 11.15 to 11.45 and has disabled access.



## Police Presence at Hewitts Farm

A resident noticed 5 police cars and an

Ambulance on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Does

anyone have any further information?

## Report on Olympic Park Visit

The trip began at Stratford where we joined a coach party. After showing our passports we set off for the site watching a short video presentation on the way. At the site entrance we were met by a security team and an explosives sniffer dog. What an enormous site, around 500 acres in all, and at present consisting of hundreds of mountains of soil, that apparently changes from week to week, together with skeleton structures in various stages of completion. The main stadium structure looks complete at least from outside, although I gather it has a long way to go inside. The aquatics centre (see picture) is at present a pile of steel gird-



ers with only half the span complete, but its scale is impressive, spanning two complete 50 metre pools, and should be stunning when complete. It was good to hear of the realistic regeneration plans and the intention to build a large school on site, immediately after the games so

that the housing on site will quickly become a community in its own right.

The visit was worthwhile, and I came away with a more positive attitude towards the games than I had previously. Booking details in the last edition of the Village Voice.

## Two Hourly Bus to Gatwick Airport

Do you have the problem of parking at London's airports? With current pricing of the budget flights it may cost you

more to park than to travel.

The *Gatwick Flyer* runs a bus from Thurrock Services via Swanley and

Clackets Lane Services every two hours day and night. Check it out at: [www.gatwickflyer.co.uk/gatwickflyer.swf](http://www.gatwickflyer.co.uk/gatwickflyer.swf)

## Federation Minutes Précis

We should all remember to keep a look out for elderly neighbours and residents as part of our Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

The number of PCSOs is planned to increase from 8000+ to 20,000 in the Metropolitan area.

'Picnic in the Park' is an initiative aiming to bring

neighbours together through local events. See [www.bromley.gov.uk/events](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/events)

The private patients wing at the PRUH has not proved viable and therefore been closed. Rent had been prepaid for 10 years: 8 years need to be refunded.

The helicopter Air

Support Units will continue to operate out of their present base in Essex as insufficient manpower is available to support operations out of Biggin Hill.

'Best Bar None': The Licensing committee together with other departments have organised a competition to find the best kept public house in the borough.

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### **Bromley Council**

Main switchboard:

020 8464 3333

E-mail:

[csc@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:csc@bromley.gov.uk)

Opening hours Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm

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

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

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

### **Mobile Library**

The mobile library stops outside Chelsfield Village

School on Tuesdays between 11:15 and 11:45.

Books can be reserved from here, or over the Internet via the Bromley library website for later picking up from the mobile library.

### **Councillors**

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BT Line Faults	0800 800151
Electrical Power Failure (EDF)	08007838866
Thames Water Emergencies	0845 9200800
Transco Gas Emergency Service	0800 111999
Orpington Police Station 1000-1800 Monday-Saturday	0300 1231212
Samaritans	01689 833000
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Safer Neighbourhood Team	020 8721 2605



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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**Wednesday 2nd September**

Vernon Hall High St St Mary  
Cray BR5 4AX

**Weekly Country Market**  
starts (Morning)

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**Thursday 3rd September**

Parish Room

**Internet Café**

2.30pm - 4.30pm

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**Thursday 3rd September**

Five Bells

**Live Jazz**

with "Just Friends" swing  
sextet from 8.30pm

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**Sunday 6th September**

Five Bells

**"Bat & Trap"**

Old Kent Game, Pairs  
competition from 5.00pm

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**Monday 7th September**

Five Bells

**Open the Box**

from 5.00 to 7.30pm

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**Tuesday 8th September**

Five Bells

**Quiz Night**

Quiz from 9.00pm

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**Friday 11th September**

Five Bells

**Live Music**

with "Raincheck" soul  
based band from 9.00pm

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**Monday 14th September**

Five Bells

**Open the Box**

from 5.00 to 7.30pm

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**Tuesday 15th September**

Five Bells

**Quiz Night**

Quiz from 9.00pm

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**Wednesday 16th September**

Parish Room

**Internet Café**

2.30pm - 4.30pm

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**Thursday 17th September**

Brass Crosby Room

**Local History Group**

10.15am

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**Saturday 19th September**

Chelsfield Village Hall

**Produce Show**

See front cover

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**Saturday 19th September**

Five Bells

**Opera Evening**

with 3 course meal. Hear  
"The Food of Love" op-  
era singers. Booking es-  
sential (01689 821044)  
Price £29.95 includes  
canapés & glass of  
bubbly on arrival

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**Monday 21st September**

Five Bells

**Open the Box**

from 5.00 to 7.30pm

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**Tuesday 22nd September**

Five Bells

**Quiz Night**

Quiz from 9.00pm

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**Saturday 26th September**

Downe Activity Centre (Scout  
Camp)

**Orienteering**

register 11.00-12.00am

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**Saturday 26th September**

Five Bells

**Live Music**

with "The Butterfly Col-  
lectors" influenced by

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Paul Weller, Motown,  
Kinks, Small Faces  
from 9.00pm

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**Monday 28th September**

Five Bells

**Open the Box**

from 5.00 to 7.30pm

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**Tuesday 29th September**

Five Bells

**Quiz Night**

Quiz from 9.00pm

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**Wednesday 30th September**

Parish Room

**Internet Café**

2.30pm - 4.30pm

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**Thursday 1st October**

Five Bells

**Live Jazz**

with "Just Friends" swing  
sextet from 8.30pm

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**Sat/Sun 17/18th October**

Chelsfield Village Hall

**Photo Show**

Philip Lane's Annual His-  
torical Photo Exhibition

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**Tuesday 3rd November**

Brass Crosby Room

**Village Society AGM**

followed by an illustrated  
talk

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**Wed 18th Thur 19th Fri 20th**

**& Sat 21st November**

Chelsfield Village Hall

Chelsfield Players

present

**"Time and The**

**Conways"**

by JB Priestley

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