

September 2014

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# PRODUCE SHOW

Chelsfield Village Hall Saturday 6thSeptember



Patricia Peek 2012 Entry

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Phone 01689 831826 if you require a schedule

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## The Squirrel

This month I've decided to write about an anilmal that's familiar to us all: the squirrel (Scours carolinensis). More correctly. this Latin name refers to the Eastern Grey Squirrel which was introduced into Britain and has largely displaced the indiginous red squirrel (Sciurus vulgaris). The grey squirrel's Latin name sciurus derives from two Greek words meaning shadow and tail while the specific epithet Carolinensis refers to the Carolinas in the US where the species was first recorded. During Victorian times there was a trend to 'enrich' the unsatisfactory native fauna and as a result of this trend the grey squirrel was introduced at least 30 times between the 1870's and the 1920's. It seems that a disease carried by the greys is lethal to the red variety of the squirrel and hence the red's number have dwindled ever since... Locally it must be many vears since a red squirrel was seen around the village but only a couple of years ago an albino



was reported and photographed frequenting the village from around the Five Bells to Chalk Row Cottages on Maypole Rd (see photo by my neighbour Carol). I have been fortunate enough to see a red squirrel close to the many golf courses between Liverpool and Southport but it was only a fleeting look. I got a





closer look at a black squirrel (melanistic Eastern Grav Squirrel) in Cambridgeshire. They are becoming more common in Britain and have a reputation for being very aggressive. I thought these animals were some sort of mutant squirrel that had evolved in the UK but apparently they were the predominant squirrel in the US before the arrival of Europeans and can be produced when the parents have mutant pigment genes.

The eating habits of squirrels are varied and as well as the usual nuts and fruit that we usually associate them with, they also eat insects and even small rodents and snakes. Friends of mine in Wales have even seen an unsuspecting blue tit arrive at a feeding table only to be rapidly grabbed and eaten by a squirrel already in attendance. Early spring appears to be the toughest time of year for squirrels as buried nuts are beginning to sprout and are no longer palatable. It is for this reas on they attack the fresh



buds of trees and cause frustration to gardeners at this time of the year. Here in the village a few years ago I found a dead squirrel with its jaws clamped around a power line on Maypole Rd. It appears to have climbed onto the lower of four lines and then attempted to climb to the next line up as if on a ladder. The squirrel's quite safe as long as it's only touching one line and not earthed but as soon as it touched the line above (while still touching the line below) it became electrocuted and staved there for some months. See photo below. There are a number of projects to re-introduce

red squirrels or protect them where they are already established. A spokeswoman for the 'Cornwall Red Squirrel Project' which is backed by Prince Charles says. "If you want reds, you have to kill greys". However, others such as the BBC wildlife presenter Chris Packham describes those who want to eradicate greys as "a small band of lunatics". Many believe the battle is lost and that efforts would be better spent finding a vaccine for the disease that greys pass onto reds but to which they themselves are immune.



## Parking Available

PARKING A 2 minute walk from **Orpington Station** 

A Private Drive

Fees Negotiable.

Please telephone or text 07879 470175 for more

information

# **Met Office Fails to Scupper Village Fair!**

Saturday 19th July seems a long time ago now and by the time the Fair kicked off at 12 noon, the simply ghastly overnight and early morning weather seemed to have been horrible dream from which we had miraculously escaped. The Met Office are normally reasonably accurate when predicting 24 hours ahead but while they nailed the overnight storms, their predictions that we would have torrential rain showers all day were very wide of the mark, thank goodness. While we were delighted to see the skies clear. there is no doubt that the dire forecasts adversely affected the attendance: in fact a number of stallholders decided not to attend, cancelling on the morning of the Fair only, I hope, to kick themselves as the glorious sunshine broke through later! The brave were rewarded!



As far as a slick operation on an organisational level goes, we were particularly delighted with this Fair:

it was the best yet. The cohesion and camarade-







rie of the teams running the multiple aspects of the Fair could not have been better and as I and other members of the team assembled to fold Prize Draw tickets at the end of the afternoon (accompanied by Christmas music, of course - this IS Chelsfield!), we were shaking our heads in disbelief that we had got away with it once again!

The entertainment was typically up to scratch with brilliant displays by Eagle Heights, Mike Delaney and the Green St Green May Queen. However, the highlights of the afternoon were, once again the aircraft. After a beautiful Hurri-

cane display courtesy of Clive Denney, he and our favourite Spitfire pilot Dan Griffith returned in a Mk 9 and a Mk 16 Spitfire to perform some thrilling loose formation passes before breaking in front of the crowd, leaving Dan to perform the best Spitfire solo display we have ever

had. Period. We thank the generosity of the Chelsfield Flying Club for sponsoring the displays and for W J King's corporate sponsorship of the Hurricane display.

This year has seen us receive the best feedback ever after a Fair which was very gratifying. The Crovdon Steel Orchestra were singled out many times, which was great as they fielded the largest number of musicians yet. and we also received a great deal of praise for the Scouts who ran the car parks - not an easy job but one they executed with unruffled skill by these great young folks.

Once again, we have taken on board some of the







lessons learned and we have decided that we'll come back next year if that's alright with you!

Our headline charity this year was Bromley Mencap and while the income was down on last year, and costs up significantly, we expect to be making a considerable donation to both them and local good causes. Exact figures will

be published when we have sorted out some corporate matched funding which will be available through the employers of some of the committee members. Sorry for the delay, but having dedicated months of our time to the Fair, most of the committee cleared off on well deserved summer holidays once the Fair was over!

So it's a huge thank you to all our volunteers, a group of people without whom the Fair would simply not happen and a group of people who would welcome you to join them, if you fancy supporting the best Fair in the area. And thank you for coming along and supporting it, and our local good causes.

Keep checking our website and Facebook page for details of the finally charity donation: www.chelsfieldfair.com and www.facebook.com/chels fieldfair

> Dave Griffiths Vice-Chairman Chelsfield Village Fair 2014

## **Better Broadband Update**

The campaign coordinator, Steve Barnes of Downe has reported on his recent meeting with Jo Johnson MP. Also present were BT's Director of Public Affairs, Tim O'Sullivan, and General Manager, London, Andrew Campling. Our new councillors, Lydia Butt-

inger and Keith Onslow also attended

BT outlined their position on fibre rollout (£2.5bn invested and 20m premises now served). They explained the 12 – 15 year payback timeframe for cabinet uplift, and explained newer technolo-

gies being trialled. They outlined the funding scheme via the government "BDUK" funding programme. BT also announced a further review of rural broadband later this year with a potential further investment by them of £50m Jo Johnson pressed BT



(several times) for a map/plan for rollout of fibre in Bromley. BT responded that for commercial reasons they would not do this. We agreed instead that I would provide my research data to Tim & Andrew (cc Jo, Keith, Lydia) with a request for answers to the issue of cabinet upgrades Jo also pressed BT on where Bromley fared in the issue of further BT investment (as above). BT replied this would be steered by demand. It was suggested (by BT) that residents registering with the Openreach "Expression of Interest" website would give them a view of the demand in the area. I would ask residents. Jo would put this on his website, and Bromley would also request that affected residents do this BT also stated that they had written to all London Boroughs with their interpretation of "state aid" ruling with regard to BDUK funding London residents - ie they indicated that it would be acceptable. Lydia would obtain a copy of the BT letter sent to Bromley.

Steve's take on the meeting is as follows.

Not much was achieved. BT refused to move on the key position of plans for Bromley. I suppose the key things to come out are:

1

At least I have the word of two BT seniors that they will personally supervise feedback on the infrastructure in our area.

2

Two more Bromley Councillors are aware of the problem (they are Chelsfield/Pratts Bottom ward).

3

This issue will come up in all other rural parts of major UK cities (so not unique to London) so we might get Government action?

4

BT "hinted" that state aid rules governing BDUK handouts for rural broadband may not prevent money being given to Bromley.

5

There may be a chance to get Bromley looked at

as part of BT's review later in the year (dependent on demand?)

Having talked to BT and several "radio" broadband suppliers, the common theme is that they want to see that there is a demand for fast broadband before they will even consider our area. Therefore. the next stage of the campaign to improve broadband will be to issue a questionnaire to people on whether they want broadband, whether they are prepared to pay for it and whether they are prepared to sign up for a contract if we got someone to install it. In this way, we hope to be able to show potential suppliers (including BT) that there is demand.

The link below shows Kent County Council's plans for bringing decent broadband speeds to the whole of Kent by the end of 2015. If only Bromley Council had such plans.

http://www.kent.gov.uk/lei sure-and-community/ broadband/broadbandmaps



#### **Home Front - Local Collection of Articles**

A 138-page book commemorating World War One has been put together by Christine Hellicar of Worlds End Lane on behalf of the Bromley Borough Local History Society – and it contains a great deal to interest

Chelsfield folk.

Called "Home Front – Life in the towns and villages of Bromley in the Great War", it is a collection of articles, including one focusing on the Miller family of Court Lodge

Farm written by Christine's husband Patrick, a regular contributor at the Chelsfield and Farnborough local history groups. There are over 80 photographs and illustrations in the book – many of them never published before.

Home Front Life in the towns and villages of Bromley in the Great War Edited by Christine Hellicar A Bromley Borough Local History Society publication covering Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Hayes, Orpington and West Wickham

Christine, a former journalist, editor and Government information officer, edited the book and wrote several pieces herself over 15 months, with production help from Patrick, also a former journalist.

Christine says: "It was very hard work but well worth the effort. It's a very special book for Bromley. The articles are essentially snapshots in words and pictures that capture how the war affected local people and places. Each one concentrates on a different town or village of the borough or a different aspect of wartime life of the 'people back home'. It records how that terrible conflict changed things for them."



Areas touched on in the book on include Chelsfield, Orpington, Green Street Green, Bromley, Beckenham, Chislehurst, Haves and West Wickham. Everyday life, the work of the Red Cross. refugees, and the impact on children and farmers are among the topics covered. Authentic voices from the past are heard through letters and reminiscences.

Apart from the Court Lodge Farm item, an article that will particularly

interest many Chelsfield residents is the story of Orpington Hospital, a "most generous gift" from the government of Ontario that was equipped with every modern facility to handle Canadian military casualties.

Christine's book was published on that momentous date 4 August, the 100th anniversary of Britain's declaration of war against Germany in 1914. It is on sale in various shops and other places throughout the borough and can also

be bought via eBay. It should also be available to buy at local libraries soon. Christine says it is selling so well that BBLHS is already considering a second reprint.

Copies, priced £9, can be collected directly from Christine (telephone 01689 857214 or email chris.hellicar@btinternet. com) or can be delivered locally. Alternatively, the book can be bought via eBay for £10, including postage.

## Five Bells Dog Show 2014

August saw the Five Bells Especially Tess, the dog pub in Chelsfield's annual dog show take place. A group of dogs, large, medium and small, went under the hurdles they were expected to go over, and slid around the hoops they should have gone under. One owner crawled under the hoops to offer a good example, which was ignored by their pet. Nevertheless. all had a good time on a sunny day and the contestants, rottweiler, dachshund, and many more, went home happy.

who won best of show. Roll on next year's show in what is a small-scale

highlight of the local calendar.

Darren Weale





# Give Me More Time - Part 2 (A short Story)

In part 1, nine year old Adolf Hitler almost dies of fever but convinces his spirit guide that he should be returned to the world of the living as he is "going to be famous and will change the world".

Oh Adolf. I thought I'd lost you!'
'Mother?'
'Darling boy. You were so cold and white.'
'Mother!'

Fifteen years later...
Brittle-haired Charon,
demon ferryman of Acheron, the first of the
mighty rivers of Hades,
looked unkindly upon the
young man through eyes
like coals. The young
man, newly arrived,
stared back, angry and
afraid.

'You can't get on this ferry,' said Charon gruffly. 'It's hateful over this side,' protested Adolf.'There's nothing to do, and it's all brown.'

'That's the Vestibule for you, the place for the uncommitted and pusillanimous,' replied Charon. 'The...?'

'The lukewarm,' sighed Charon.'They're not for one place, nor the other.' 'But I hoped....'

'No room for that when you entered here. Didn't you read the sign on the way in, or pay heed to your spirit guide?'
'I had a deal', protested the youth. 'The Great War had just begun. I was to prove my worth!' Charon looked at his watch. 'You still can't cross. To be honest, why would you want to? You

do know about this River Acheron?' Of course I do, fool,' cursed Adolf, Losing his temper. 'Fool, eh? Alright. I'll see what I can do, just to prove who the fool is.' 'Corporal Hitler...? 'Captain?'. 'Corporal! I thought that bullet had finished you. Welcome back corporal.'

Ten years later....
Adolf looked with disgust at the sullen marshes and black lagoons of the Styx, the second great river of Hades. 'I want to see Phlegyas,' he demanded, 'demon ferryman of the Styx.'

To be continued.....

Mike Taylor

# From Maidstone Telegraph 10th Sept 1870

I quote:

HARVEST SUPPER On Friday evening, W B Fox of Lillies, and Court Lodge farms, in accordance with custom, and to celebrate the in-gathering of the harvest, gave his usual supper to the men and boys in his employ, at The Five Bells Inn. About forty five sat down, the founder of the feast himself presiding, and the excellent catering of Mr

and Mrs Bath was thoroughly appreciated. In the after supper proceedings Mr Fox, in acknowledging the toast of his health, and that of Mrs Fox and the family, after referring to the harvest



with which Providence had blessed them, and which they had just gathered in in such excellent condition, spoke at length of the duties of employers attention to their duties and employed, and ex-

he took in the welfare of all those connected with him, and he urged upon his carter boys the necessity of steadiness and now in order that they pressed the deep interest might become skilled and

respected labourers. hereafter. The proceedings throughout were of a very pleasing character, and those present are not likely soon to forget their last harvest supper.

Phil Lane

# Children In The Village 1900



### **Pilates Classes**

**Chelsfield Village Hall** Starting Dates & Times of Classes Monday 15th Sept 6.30pm - 7.30pm Tuesday 16th Sept 10am - 11.am

Tuesday 16th Sept 11am - 12pm Thursday 18th Sept 6.30pm - 7.30pm Friday 19th Sept Afternoon 3.00pm - 4.00pm

If you are interested in joining us please contact me, Francesca, on

Telephone: 07791073445 Email:

iopilatesuk@gmail.com



#### Ride-On Mower Needed

St Martins Church urgent- Please contact Phil on ly need a ride-on mower to keep the large areas of grass cut. If anyone has one, serviceable or otherwise that we can either buy or take over, our current team of mower men. especially Tom "Clarkson" Blatcher. would be delighted.

858634.

The Tryhorn Field is looking good. Please visit it. There is a bench installed and the grass is being cut hence the above appeal. There is a huge display of wild Margarite daisies (should be grass,

but never mind!). Our very first interment takes place in September when the ashes of Nick Tryhorn, from whose family we purchased the land, are laid to rest in the very first plot. Especially pertinent.

Phil Lane

# **Chelsfield Village Shops 1860**





# **Orpington Fire Station on Track**

Building of new Orpington Fire Station is well under way. The old fire station has now been completely demolished and fire fighters have been moved into a temporary station on site. The new station will be environmentally friendly and will include innovative energy efficiency features in accordance with the London Fire Brigade's commitment to sustainability and to achieving low or zero carbon emissions. The building itself will offer flexible facilities that will accommodate and adapt to the evolving



operational, equal opportunities and staff needs of the Brigade and will provide community areas where members of the public will be invited to attend and obtain fire safety advice.

The new station is expected to open early in 2015.

#### **Motorists Beware**

Motorists are being warned to take precautions after a spate of registration plate thefts in the borough. Thieves only need one minute to steal number plates and they can be used for offences such as driving away from petrol stations without paying, evading speed cameras

and red-light traffic camera fines, and even where more serious crimes are being committed. Luckily, there is a simple solution as there are a variety of anti-theft number plate fixers on the market at most motoring supply centres costing as little as £2 per set. This sim-

ple step can save you time and money in reporting the theft, obtaining new number plates, and dealing with any issues that arise from subsequent unlawful use of the stolen number plates.

Chelsfield Safer Neighbourhood Watch.



# **Recipe and Knitting for Produce Show**

## Mini Christmas Pudding

Requires brown and white double knitting wool for the body, green felt for holly leaves

and small amount of red wool or red beads for the berries

Pair of 3 1/4 mm (UK Size 9) Knitting Needles With brown doubleknitting wool cast on 20 stitches

1st Row Knit, 2nd Row Purl, 3rd Row Knit, 4th Row Purl, 5th Row Knit, 6th Row Purl 7th Row Knit, 8th Row Purl
Change to white double

Change to white double-knitting wool, leaving enough brown wool to sew up pudding section 1st Row K2, inc. 1 stitch, K2, inc 1 stitch repeat to end of row (30 stitches) 2nd Row Knit, 3rd Row k2 tog to end of row (15 stitches)

4th Row Knit, 5th Row Knit 1, k2 tog to end of row (8 stitches) 6th Row Knit, 7th Row k1, k2 tog to end of row, k1 (5 stitches)

Thread wool through re-

maining stitches and join sides together using white wool for topping and brown for pudding. Sew in ends Stitch on two small felt holly leaves and embroider 3 red berries (or sew on 3 red beads)



## Mini Christmas Robin

Requires brown double knitting wool, red double knitting wool, brown felt, orange felt, something to make the eyes (these can be stitched on or white felt can be used).

K = Knit, p =Purl, m1 = make one by knitting into front and back of stitch. Work brown wool across the back of red as in Fair Isle.

Cast on 20 sts on 3 1/4 mm (size 9) needles 1st Row: k7 Brown, k6 Red. k7 Brown, 2nd Row p7 Brown, p6 Red, p7 Brown Beneat 1st & 2nd rows

Repeat 1st & 2nd rows once

5th Row: k8 Brown, k4 Red, k8 Brown, 6th Row: p9 Brown, p4 Red, p8 Brown

Break off Red wool, 7th & 8th Row – stocking stitch Brown

9th Row: k1 m1, to end of row – 30 sts, 10th Row: p, 11th Row: k2 tog to end – 15 sts, 12th Row: p, 13th Row: k2 tog to end k1 – 8 sts

Red, k7 Brown, 2nd Row: Take the wool through

the stitches and draw up, then sew up seam. Glue on eyes and beak.

Cut a small rectangle of brown felt for the tail, snip to fray one end, and glue or stitch to the back of your robin.





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Main switchboard: 020 8464 3333 E-mail:

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.

#### Chelsfield Village Society

cvscontact@gmail.com

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BT Line Faults 0800 800151

**EDF** Electrical Power Failure 08007838866

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**Bromley Police Station** 24 hrs 0300 1231212

**Samaritans** 01689 833000 NHS Direct 0845 4647

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Chelsfield Village Hall (bookings) 01689 831826 / 836808 or email to cvhlettings@gmail.com

#### **Chelsfield Players**

info@chelsfieldplayers.org www.chelsfieldplayers.org

# Village Neighbourhood Watch

Contact

John Leach 07711304965



#### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

#### **EVERY MONDAY**

Chelsfield Methodist Hall Windsor Drive Ivengar Yoga

#### Iyengar Yoga Classes

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

#### **EVERY MONDAY**

Chelsfield Village Hall and Brass Crosby Room

#### Chelsfield Housemartins

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

#### **EVERY TUESDAY**

Brass Crosby Room
St Martin's Toddler
Group

Re-opens Tuesday 2nd September 10.30am-12.00 midday Contact Sarah Ford: 01689 853415 stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com

#### **EVERY TUESDAY**

Outside the Village School Mobile Library

11.15am-11.45am

#### **EVERY TUESDAY**

Five Bells

Charity Quiz Night
from 9.00pm

# EVERY WEDNESDAY Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am Contact Pam Keeper on 01732 458930

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

# EVERY WEDNESDAY & EVERY FRIDAY Pilates Classes

Chelsfield Methodist Church Hall, Windsor Drive Wed 8.00pm –9.00pm Friday 9.35am-10.35am Contact Bethany Lucas on 07415 638546 All levels

bethanylucaspilates@gmail.com

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Wed 3rd September Five Bells Open Mic Night Starts at 8.30pm

Thurs 4th September Five Bells Just Friends (Live Jazz) Starts at 8.30pm

Sat 6th September Chelsfield Village Hall Produce Show Schedules available 01689 831826

Wed 10th September Chelsfield Village Hall Afternoon W.I.

Newcomers Welcome Contact Irene 01689 835143

Mon 15th September Chelsfield Village Hall Pilates

6.30pm-7.30pm Contact Francesca on 07791073445

Tues 16th September Chelsfield Village Hall Pilates

10.00am-11.00am and 11.00am-12.00 midday Contact Francesca on 07791073445

Tuesday 16th September Chelsfield Village Hall Evening W.I.

Newcomers Welcome From 7.45pm Contact Pat 01689862326 Wed 17th September Five Bells Open Mic Night Starts at 8.30pm

Thurs 18th September (Third Thursday of every month) Brass Crosby Room Local History Group 10.30am

Thurs 18th September Chelsfield Village Hall Pilates

6.30pm-7.30pm Contact Francesca on 07791073445

Fri 19th September Chelsfield Village Hall Pilates

3.00pm-4.00pm Contact Francesca on 07791073445

Friday 19th September Five Bells Live Music from "Something Else" Starts at 9.00pm

Thursday 2nd October
Five Bells
Just Friends Live Jazz
Starts at 8.30pm

Sat 18th October Chelsfield Village Hall Quiz Night 7.00pm for 7.30pm £6 per Person Contact Anne to book 01689 826349

Tues 25th November Chelsfield Village Hall Village Society AGM Starts 7.30pm Members, Newcomers and Residents welcome

Sat 29th November Chelsfield Village Hall Christmas Fair In aid of Village Hall 9.30pm—12.00 noon Table £6 Contact Anne 01689 826349