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THE FIVE BELLS CHELSFIELD PRESENTS.....

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ON THE 24TH SEPTEMBER AT 8.30PM

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(ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 49TH BIRTHDAY)

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We depend on your news, reports, stories, photos, diary events, cartoons, etc. to keep the Village Voice both useful and interesting.

Please send anything you feel suitable for the October issue to:

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**by Wednesday
28th September**

Comfrey

This month I'm going to talk about comfrey, or more specifically, common comfrey (*symphytum officinale*). This is a fast growing plant with large thick leaves and has a number of uses for gardeners and in times past, to herbalists and cooks. Although I have found a number of references to methods of cooking this plant I have also found others that recommend that it is not consumed due to the presence of alkaloids. Indeed, in 2001 the US Food and Drug Administration issued a ban on comfrey products marketed for internal use. So, probably not wise to go in that direction. It has however had a long history of being used externally for medicinal purposes. In particular it was employed historically to help the healing of bones. The root can be grated and mashed with water and allowed to set and used as a substitute for plaster of paris. This has led to it having folk names such as *knitbone* and *boneset* while the Latin name *conferre* (comfrey) means 'to come together', unite or

join. I have also heard that it is very good for easing the pain of stinging nettles although I have never tried it. My usual country lore method is to crush the leaf of a dock plant and rub it onto the affected area. I will however try a comfrey leaf the next time I get stung although the comfrey leaf also has tiny (non-stinging) needles that can irritate the skin of some people.

I have a patch of this fast growing plant in a corner of my allotment. It could be seen as a weed as it's fast growing, hardy and can spread quickly. It is also difficult to remove as its root system runs very deep. However, it tends to have a reprieve from the usual trials endured by weeds due to its remarkable fertilizer uses. The very roots that make it difficult to remove also allow nutrients to be obtained from deep underground where most plants are unable to reach them. These roots can reach down around 3 m and these nutrients are then concentrated in the leaves which either die naturally leaving the nutrients on the surface

or they can be used by gardeners by adding to the compost heap or by creating *comfrey tea*. My own personal method of using the plant is to simply add leaves to a water butt and let them rot down. If enough are added the mix will become wiffy and the resultant fluid has the colour of tea. The fluid can simply be drawn off and diluted with water before use. A couple of years ago I had a two butt water collection system where the first water butt collected water from my shed roof and would then overflow into a second butt. I used the second to make comfrey tea. I noticed that the water level of the second butt never rose above a certain level and realised that the butt had a leak. To repair it I allowed the water level to be run down and poured the last remains of the comfrey tea onto my rhubarb plants. At this time I did not realise just how potent the tea was and the fluid killed off each of my plants! They did however return the following year. I was hoping they would



roots enable it to withstand drought. Comfrey, as you would expect also has folklore associated with it. It apparently has protective properties for the traveller and guards against theft. It is recommended that the traveller should place a comfrey leaf in their luggage to ensure it isn't lost or stolen. Now there's a tip for the jet set although I don't recommend using it as your primary security measure when trying to make a claim from your insurance company! It apparently also has similar properties for the protection of money and if one is planning to visit a casino or poker game then one should wrap ones money in a comfrey leaf to improve your luck!

reappear with renewed vigour but alas, no. I think they are just too old and need to be lifted and replanted in new ground. So, now I understand that the tea has to be used with a certain amount of caution and respect as this fluid is heavily loaded with nitrogen and can contain two to three times more potassium than farmyard manure.

Such is the potency of comfrey, it can be grown on an industrial basis as a source of fertilizer. Indeed, due to being able to withstand multiple annual leaf cuttings (up to twelve in a tropical environment) it holds the world 'yield' record of over 140 tons per acre. It is also very hardy having originally come from Russia whilst its long

*Steve Fuller
September 2016*

The Litter Pickers

The village litter pickers are now up and running! We currently have eleven households helping to keep their own small corners of the village clear.

The centre of the village is now well looked after

and a volunteer has come forward to cover Jubilee Rd. This only leaves the upper end of Maypole Rd towards the Bo Peep pub and Holly Bush lane that are currently not covered.

If anybody would like to

volunteer to help with these areas then your efforts would be much appreciated. Please contact the Village Voice.

Thanks to everybody who has made the effort to help.

Steve Fuller

Mutterings From The Millers

The peas were cut at the beginning of August and, having learnt from last year that it is best to cut them slightly earlier than you think, have done well and will be going for human consumption as dried peas. The haulm (stems) were still green in places, so were left for a day or so before Peter baled it. As it left the combine, you could hear it crackle as it dried out in the sunshine but it baled well and now in store ready for someone to purchase later in the year for cattle fodder. Any offers?

After all the rain in June, the wheat has taken some time to ripen but was cut in the middle of August. The grains were very slightly moist but the proteins and hagger levels were still there. If you cut the wheat too dry a lot of the goodness goes, so it is sometimes better to cut early and pay for drying charges rather than wait. When to cut is obviously crucial. The new variety, Skyfall, came out well and despite the weather this year it hasn't made much

difference in tonnage between our older variety. The reason for trying the new variety was it is much less susceptible to disease so less pesticide needs to be applied. We are very pleased with the crops so far.

There was plenty of straw this year so we have sold some straight from the field. We had to leave the straw for a few days to dry out before baling as the stalks were still a little green, same as the peas, but with all that hot sunshine it didn't take too long to dry. Some of you may have seen tractors out in our big field late

into the night clearing the bales. Quite a sight to see three machines working with headlights in the dark! The rest we have stacked in our barns ready to sell to stables and straw contractors over the coming months.

As I write we are waiting to cut the barley but the company doing the trails cut their strips and seemed happy with it. We will let you know the results perhaps next month.

The old saying about whirlwinds is that when you see one you will have five days dry weather. Whether this is true or not



we don't know but we have seen them regularly since the middle of July! We sometimes see large whirlwinds lifting swathes of straw circulating in the air and then just dumping it down anywhere.

The picture is Pete combing the peas.
PS Just to keep you informed, now that the crop has been harvested, work will commence in the field between Church Road and Court Road,

village side, to lay a high voltage electricity cable 1.1 metre deep to service the village and Well Hill. A substation will be also be built on the site of the old fire station.

Chris Miller

Holm Oaks

During the month of June we had two beautiful Holm Oak trees in our garden cut down as they had become unsafe. Four years ago a crack appeared in the trunk of one, this was wired together so that hopefully it would not have to be cut down but after a bout of bad weather this year it became clear that the tree was very damaged and could not be saved.

Removing one tree meant that the remaining

tree which had been leaning towards the damaged one then also became unsafe as the roots of the two trees were joined and thus became damaged on the removal of first tree. They were beautiful trees and were probably about four or five hundred years old.

They have given us shade for many years and children had amused themselves by playing on swings and tyres hung from their strong

branches. The children have grown up and now the trees are gone.

The only good thing about the removal of the trees is that our drive stays clean as pigeons are no longer able to rest in the oaks and the fact that all the year the trees deposited various leaves and acorns and catkins making the ground littered all the time. In spite of this the Great Oaks are missed.

Bridget O'Donnell

Commemorating Chelsfield's Casualties from WW1

This month we have another casualty from the Battle of the Somme, and uncover the strange story of a man whose name is not recorded on the War Memorial in the church but is buried in a soldier's grave in the churchyard.

EDWARD CADE

For me this is one of the

more moving stories, as it brings home not only the circumstances in which these men died, but the effect of the war on families. 78266 Gunner Edward Walter Cade of 150th Battery, 22 Brigade Royal Field Artillery, died of wounds age 19, on the 25th September 1916, and is buried in the Heilly

Station Cemetery, Mericourt L'Abbe in France. This was a big field hospital, and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission [CWGC] website records that burials in this cemetery were carried out under extreme pressure, and many of the graves are either too

close together to be marked individually, or they contain multiple burials. Edward is buried with two other soldiers who died at the same time. He was the son of Mrs Rhoda Cade of 1 Ash Road, Green Street Green; you may remember from the article in the July edition of the Village Voice that his father Walter was killed in action. Mrs Cade was left to bring up five young children having lost her husband and eldest son within two months.

LOUIS MARTIN

A/129397 Staff Sergeant Louis Percy Martin died aged 38 on 26th September 1916 of enteric fever at home here in Chelsfield. He had been serving in the Army Service Corps (Canteen). He was the son of Samuel & Mary Martin, and lived with his wife Mary and daughter Clarissa at 4 Edith Villas, Warren Road. He is buried in St Martin's Churchyard, in the section by the car park, with a Commonwealth War Grave headstone but his name isn't on the war memorial in the porch. Louis Martin signed up in September 1915;

unfortunately, his Service Record file shows that he was discharged from military service on 3rd September 1916 'owing the fact that his standard of intelligence was not high enough to carry out his canteen duties'. A later note says he was 'medically unfit'. In the file there is also a newspaper cutting recording the details of the inquest following his sudden death at home shortly after; there is also a photograph but sadly it is not clear enough to reproduce here. The report says that Martin had recently returned home ill from Salonika where he had been serving with the British Expeditionary Force. It is apparent that the coroner didn't know that he was no longer in the army. The report records that before joining up Martin had been a Ship's Steward with the Union-Castle Steamship Company. He had also served in the Boer War on ships conveying troops. It is difficult to understand how a man who had risen to the rank of Ship's Steward for a prestigious company could be though not intelligent enough to carry

out canteen duties. It's also a mystery why he's not on the war memorial—if they didn't include him because they discovered he had been discharged from the army, it's unlikely he would have received a CWCG headstone, as these were created after the war when his full history must have been known. His service record shows he was posthumously awarded the standard serving medals and the memorial scroll of honour that all combatants received, which again was processed long after the war ended. A small mystery.

Some of the information used in this article, and in the last two months' editions, came from an article Geoffrey Copus sent me from the Orpington & District Times from Friday 25 August 1916, entitled 'A Black Day for Chelsfield'. There are also pictures of the men, but the versions in the paper are not of great quality. They probably won't reproduce very well here either but I think it's worth showing them in any case, at it brings these men to life. The one of Thomas

Hopkins was included last month with the information about him, here are the others:

If you have any more

information on any of these servicemen, or any of the names on the memorial, I'd love to hear from you. Please contact

me using the information below.

Philippa Rooke

Email:

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Chelsfield Players – NSFW – A Review

The acronym of the title stands for not safe for work, an allusion to the sort of online material which you would not want your boss to catch you downloading. This exhilaratingly paced production was driven by the director Patrick Neylan's decision to dispense with a prompt. In effect we got two short plays for the price of one, with two characters appearing in each half. The parts were well cast with Jimmy White "spot on" as the overqualified,

nice junior, Sam. I particularly enjoyed the moral battle between the lads' mag's unlikable editor Aidan, played by Paul Matthews, and the indignant hypocritical father Mr Bradshaw (Andy Haggerty) culminating in a humdinger of an argument. The female employee Charlotte, played by Marie Hurding, put on a good face of finding nothing wrong with her employer's ethos, managing to distance herself

convincingly from the real purpose of the magazine. Philippa Rooke's Miranda, the sleek and chic editor of upmarket Electra wore down Sam's nicer side as his desperation for a job got the better of his moral stance. Rupert, played by David Pascoe, was the fall guy in both halves, jumping from the frying pan into the fire by having to take on increasingly demeaning tasks in the interests of popular journalism. The play presented the seedy

world of journalism where employees prostitute their talents and suffer indignities for the sake of earning a crust in a cutthroat world.

The evening we were there the audience appeared to enjoy itself

immensely with much laughter. We were warned that we may find the workplace language uncomfortable but it wouldn't have been the same without it.

As pointed out in the director's introduction in

the programme the back stage "cast" outnumbered the actors by more than two to one and were essential to the success of the show.

View from the stalls

Art Classes

On the day of the Village Fair the sun shone and people flocked to Chelsfield, making the day very busy and enjoyable... something for everyone was there.

This day also gave the

ladies who attend the painting classes including me a chance to show some of their work. The class is very small and we would welcome others to join us, male or female, you do not have to have any previous experience

in the art of drawing.

Just come along and try us, we are very easy to get on with and Leo Coleman is a very patient and helpful teacher.

Bridget O'Donnell

Defibrillator - Communication with Jo Johnson

Following on from the August issue of the Village Voice I have relieved a response from Jo Johnson MP dates 23rd August 2016.

Dear Mrs Gandolfi

Please find enclosed a copy of correspondence recently received from Jane Ellison MP, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, in response to representations made on your behalf.

While I appreciate that you will be disappointed by the Minister's

response, I trust she has helped to clearly set out that, although it is the Governments policy to strictly limit the goods and services that are subject to VAT exemptions, the British Heart Foundation's defibrillator grant scheme offers organisations the opportunity to apply for a defibrillator or an outside cabinet in which to house one. I was pleased to learn that this scheme has been extended as part of the Budget 2016. Thank you again for the time to write.

*Kind regards,
Jo Johnson*

The grants of up to £400 towards the cost of devices, cabinets and training would not go far. Via the London Ambulance Service's Shockingly Easy campaign we thought we got a better deal with the purchase of the device at a reduced price and free training for 2 dozen residents worth £720. A local church heard of our village defibrillator and have asked us for advice on how to

proceed. They are now keen to join the London Ambulance Service accreditation scheme.

I am preparing a letter in reply in which I will point out that, due to high demand, applications are now closed for the British Heart Foundation's defibrillator grants scheme. It was similarly oversubscribed when we were researching grants last year. It is a shame that the accuracy of this information was not verified before the

Financial Secretary to the Treasury sent her reply. I will cover the following points:

Zero VAT rating is available to medical charities for these devices under strictly applied circumstances. We are affiliated to the London Ambulance Service's public access defibrillator scheme which helps the service to reach their target response time and provide trained first responders in the local

community. We are a registered charity which has purchased a defibrillator solely for the purpose of saving lives. If this is not charitable, what is?

The £1 million provided by the Department of Health to the British Heart Foundation would cover VAT on 62500 defibrillators. How many defibrillators have been installed in the last year thanks to the scheme?

Catherine Gandolfi

Defibrillator Instruction

I and members of my family attended the Defibrillator instruction course and found it to be very informative and interesting.

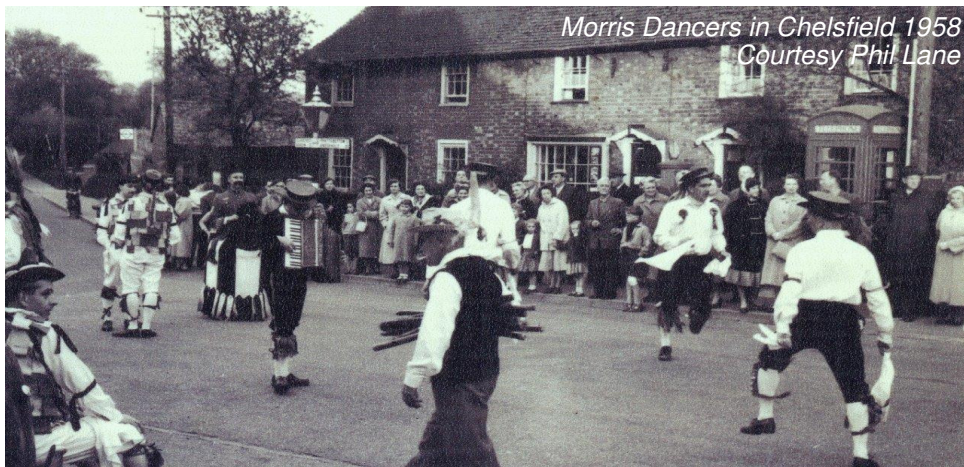
Hopefully, we will never need to use the machine but then who knows?

Last month's Chelsfield Village Voice was very

interesting.

I really enjoy the various articles

Bridget O'Donnell



An Apology

When thanking those who worked so hard making the Chelsfield Village Society bottle stall such a success in the August issue of Chelsfield Village Voice, I am sorry, I forgot to thank

all the residents, members and friends, including the anonymous donors who left 2 bottles in my Newspaper box, for all their generous contributions of bottles to our stall at the fair as

without these we would not have had a Bottle Stall.

So many thanks to you all

Pam Ames

The Lightning Mystery of 14th June

I thought readers might be interested in this bit of a local meteorological mystery.

On the 14th June 2016 at about 3:15 pm on a day which was overcast and warm but without any hint of rain a thunderbolt arrived, literally *out of the blue*. Apparently this is a proper technical term for a bolt that can travel many miles away from its parent storm system and then head down to the ground. There were no more strikes, just the one, but this managed to disrupt the power supply for around four hours while my telephone / internet was disrupted for about a week.

So, O.K, it's a little unusual to have a lone lightning strike but why the mystery. Well, my

neighbour Tony Betts was looking out into his garden when the strike occurred and like me can confirm that the strike and the associated thunder occurred instantaneously meaning that the strike was very local.

It turns out that the bolt struck the stable barn off Maypole Rd, behind Chalk Row Cottages and

apparently somebody within the barn can confirm it did indeed light up like a Christmas tree! However, Chris Parish believes that it struck near the entrance to the hospital and, as it turns out, the BT engineer also told me that that was where the fault on my telephone line had occurred. Again, Chris reported no delay between the lightning and

Stock Photo - This is not the actual Chelsfield Mystery Strike!



the thunder. If the bolt occurred at the stables then Chris would have reported at least a second between the two as sound travels at around 300 m per second and that is the approximate distance between the two locations.

What I believe is most likely is that there was a 'cloud-to ground – negative discharge' type of thunderbolt. This is characterised by multiple forks and that two of these struck the two

locations mentioned. Negative discharges are characterised by multiple forks going to ground while a positive discharge tends to be characterised by a lack of forking.

One other point of interest was that Karen, the owner of the stables struck by this bolt was at the time of the lightning strike horse riding near Longlands farm on Jubilee Rd when she heard an electrical 'noise' and saw what sounds (to me) like ball lightning at the apex of the barn.

Karen was unsure whether the lightning occurred before or after she saw the ball lightning. Although many people claim to have seen ball lightning there appears to be very little scientific evidence to explain this phenomenon and is currently given the same scientific credibility as UFOs. But I believe you Karen !

So, clearly a strange afternoon in terms of our local meteorology.

Steve Fuller

Orpington Station Parking

Do you use Orpington station occasionally, or on a more regular basis, but can't guarantee a place to park?

We are situated less than a 5 minute walk from the station and Orpington town centre. If you need somewhere to leave your

car this may be for you.

Please text (or call) 07593 169722 for more information. Thank you.

Heritage Open Days

From 8th -11th September 2016, thousands of volunteers across the country invite you to experience local history, architecture and culture.

All are free.

Thousands of events are already listed and the list is growing. Those in our

area can be looked on:

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

St Martin's is taking part in this national event, on Saturday 10th September 2pm till 5pm, with demonstrations of bell-ringing on the hour and half hour, church records and vestments on show

and refreshments available.

Find out about how church bells are rung and learn the historic past of this ancient church. We look forward to seeing you.

Event not suitable for children under the age of 4 years.

Browns School Community Day

On Friday 8th July the children from Browns School came to Stonehouse and carried out a few chores such as painting, washing cars, and cleaning silver.

All jobs done very well, the children were nicely behaved and a pleasure to have in my house. They were of course accompanied by two teachers who were also a

pleasure to have.

I look forward to seeing them again next year.

Bridget O'Donnell

Registering to Vote

Check who is listed on your Household Enquiry Form

Registering to vote is an individual responsibility, but the Council must still conduct an annual canvass of who is eligible to vote, so every property in the borough will receive a Household Enquiry Form.

All residents in a household should check whether they are on the form and if not let the Council know by responding to this form. Any new people added to the form can be invited to register individually. Also, are there people listed who no longer live at the property? There are several ways you can either confirm everything is correct or let us know

that changes are required:

If the details remain the same, confirm this:

online at:

www.householdresponse.com/bromley

or

- by calling 0800 197 9871 or

- by texting NOCHANGE to 80212.

To do this you will need the security code on the Household Enquiry Form.

If the details need to be updated, let the Council know at

www.householdresponse.com/Bromley

The information gathered during this annual canvass will be used to put together the annual electoral register. This lists the names and

addresses of everyone eligible to vote. It is used for electoral purposes, detecting crime, calling people for jury service and checking credit applications. It is a legal requirement and if you fail to give the necessary information you can face a fine.

Every household must respond to the Household Enquiry Form as soon as possible by checking the names of the people printed on the form who are currently registered to vote at the address. All the guidance is on the Household Enquiry Form so look out for it in your post.

More information is on the government website at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or by email electoral@bromley.gov.uk

A Load of Ball!



The Victorian pumping station that supplied Orpington with drinking water was mostly demolished in about 1978. Long before the wonderful steam driven beam engines had been scrapped and replaced with diesel pumps. I went into the building taking photographs whilst at Photography College in 1965. I was allowed to look down the two deep wells (165') where the water level was some 70' down. Somewhere I still have those negatives. When the empty boiler and steam engine hall, chimney and side buildings were then demolished, I went down and took a few photographs. Keen to have some piece of history I asked the chaps

if I could have a stone ball finial for our garden in Warren Road. He pushed it off the top and it fell at my feet with a thump (HSE please note). £5 changed hands and I took it back in my Morris Traveller where the ball rolled about going up Repton Road, causing the car to act most strangely. You can just see the ball in situ in the



photograph. I put it on the corner of our drive where it lasted about 3 days before some yobbos pushed it off.. Since then it has graced Holly Cottage and now Sea Holly House (see pic) and the ball, now fixed to its base, has become much heavier than when I found it.....! When the big deep flood relief drain was sunk in the

Sevenoaks Road Valley the well levels dropped but came right up high during the very wet year of 2001. This was the year that there was a huge deep lake at Addington Sports ground. I understand that the water now extracted from the chalk wells supplements the Thames Water supply rather than providing Orpington's sole supply.

Had they had had the foresight to keep the magnificent beam engine in place it would now be a great tourist attraction for the town, but sadly they were rarely thus saved. Even the great Severn Tunnel pumping engines were scrapped, in perfect working order.

Philip Lane

A New “MeetUp” Group

I am starting a new MeetUp group called "Orpington Natural Health & Fitness Meetup". It's free to join the group here :

<https://www.meetup.com/Orpington-Natural-Health-Fitness-Meetup/>

Anyone can join but it's intended for people who are looking to improve their vitality & wellbeing and / or reduce their medications. Meet like minded people, talk & learn about natural health and wellness and sometimes participate in

gentle health improvement activities.

This would be a monthly Meetup group, alternating between weekday and weekend meetings. I'm hoping we can get a few speakers to talk on different topics and then other months we can meetup for an easy country walk (45-60 minutes) and a refreshment stop.

The first meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 29th September at 10am for a

Healthy Cuppa & seeing some Alpacas in Skeet Hill Lane as a way to get the conversation going (between members!).

Exact location advised to members when they join the Group. You don't need to come every month.

There will sometimes be a small fee for people attending a Meetup to cover any out of pocket costs but there is no cost to join the Group.

Sally Campbell
07786 035640

Forgotten Ringway Scheme

How many people know this embankment is here? From Skeet Hill Road towards Chelsfield. I took this shot in 1965 but the trees have grown up a lot since to hide it.

From this line it was to have crossed behind Orchard Cottage to join the strip set aside along Warren Road where the green walk is. It then crossed over the railway to right of the bridge and over a viaduct on to the rubble embankment that

is also still there from Woodside.

When I took this photo they had diverted the



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footpath up over steps,
even with a signpost!
Because it had bisected
the path. Nobody could
ever use it as it was in
the middle of a field.
Chelsfield would be a
very busy and probably

built out small town today
had this had gone
through. The threat
blighted the sale of
houses until early 70s in
Warren Road as we knew
to our cost, as it came up
as such on searches.

When we lived in Warren
Road opposite the tip we
raided it from bricks and
Victorian stones to build a
terrace in our garden.
Then we moved!

Phil Lane

Situation Vacant - Editor Required

As many of you will be
aware my wife and I have
put our house on the
market and are planning
to leave Chelsfield at
sometime in the not too
distant future. As a
consequence I would like
to know if there are any
volunteers out there

among you all who would
be willing to take over the
compilation, editing and
publication of Chelsfield
Village Voice. At this
stage there is no
immediate urgency, but I
would imagine that we
will be requiring a new
editor in the early spring.

If the idea of taking on
this very enjoyable task
appeals to you please
contact me either by
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Dan Sloan

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WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Methodist Hall
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Iyengar Yoga Classes

9.30am-11.00am

Suitable for Beginners

Contact Denise 01689 853215

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Brass Crosby Room

Chelsfield Housemartins

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

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

6.30pm-7.30pm

Contact Francesca on

07791073445

EVERY MONDAY

Christ Church Hall
(Charterhouse Rd)

Beginners Pilates Class

6.55pm

Contact Sally 07786 035640

orpingtonpilates@gmail.com

EVERY TUESDAY

starting 13th September

Brass Crosby Room

St Martin's Toddler Group

10.30am-12.00 midday and

afternoon session 1.00-2.30pm

Contact Sarah Ford:

01689 853415

stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com

EVERY TUESDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

09.00am - 10.00am

10.00am - 11.00am and

11.00am to 12.00 midday

Contact Francesca on

07791073445

EVERY TUESDAY

The Chelsfield (Windsor Dr)

Quiz Night

From 7.30pm

Contact 01689 600656

EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells

Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

EVERY WED THURS & FRI

Pilates Classes & Pre & Post

Natal Pilates Classes

Chelsfield Methodist Church

Hall, Windsor Drive

Wed 6.50-7.50pm & 8.00-9.00pm

Thursday 8.20-9.20pm

Friday 9.35-10.35am

& 10.45-11.45am

Post Natal Pilates 12-1.00pm

(Babies Welcome)

Contact Bethany Lucas on

07415 638546

bethanylucaspilates@gmail.com

Further classes at:

www.bethanylucaspilates.co.uk

EVERY WEDNESDAY

(from 13th January 2016)

Christ Church Hall

(Charterhouse Rd)

Pilates Class

09:00am-10:15am

Private classes by appointment.

Contact Sally 07786 035640

orpingtonpilates@gmail.com

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am

Contact

Pam Keeper on 01732 458930

EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Art Class

10.00am -12.00 midday

Contact Leo 07583777065

leo77ok@hotmail.com

EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Class Street Dance

4.30pm-6.00pm

Boys & Girls All Ages

Info: Clare 07960 865518

www.class-streetdance.co.uk

EVERY THURSDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

6.30pm-7.30pm

Contact Francesca on

07791073445

EVERY FRIDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Pilates Class

3.00pm-4.00pm

Contact Francesca on

07791073445

EVERY SUNDAY

The Chelsfield, Windsor Drive

Live Singer

5.00pm-8.00pm

Contact 01689600656

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday 9th September

Five Bells

It's Charity Race Night

Do come and have a flutter on

the gee gees in the comfort of

the pub.

Starts at 9.00pm

Saturday 10th September

St Martin's Church

Heritage Open Day

From 2.00pm - 6.00pm

Wednesday 14th September

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

So all you budding musicians out

there, come along and have a go!

Starts at 8.30pm

Wednesday 14th September

(2nd Wednesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Afternoon W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

Contact Gwen on 01689 834879

or Sue on 01689 827407

Sunday 18th September

Tripes Farm, Chelsfield Lane

Classic Car Show

Tickets £5.00

In aid of St Christopher's Hospice

Tuesday 20th September

(3rd Tuesday of Month)

Chelsfield Village Hall

Evening W.I.

Newcomers Welcome

From 7.45pm

Contact Madeline 0168991533

Saturday 24th September

Five Bells

Bruce's Vinyl Night

The discs start spinning at

8.30pm

Wednesday 28th September

Five Bells

Open Mic Night

So all you budding musicians out

there, come along and have a go!

Starts at 8.30pm

Thursday 29th September

(Last Thursday each month)

Brass Crosby Room

Local History Group

Starts 10.30am

Thursday 29th September

Venue to be advised

MeetUp Group (see page 18)

Starts 10.00am

Contact Sally 07786 035640

Thursday 6th October

Five Bells

Jazz Night with Just Friends

Swinging Jazz standards from

1920's onwards

Music from 8.30pm

Wednesday 16th November

Brass Crosby Room

Chelsfield Village Society AGM

Starts at 7.30pm