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Produce Show

SATURDAY
17th September

HOW YOU CAN TAKE PART

Choose the classes you would like to enter from the schedule in this Village Voice

Bring your entries to Chelsfield Village Hall between 09.30am and 11.00am in the morning of Saturday 17th September

We will register your entries on arrival then you will display them on the allocated tables

All entrants then leave the hall while the judges do their rounds

You may return to the hall from 2pm and discover whether your entries have won any prizes!

Even if you didn't enter anything in the show come at 2pm to view show and see the results - and buy a few raffle tickets!

At 4pm the prize giving will take place where the winners will collect their prizes and the Raffle Prizes may be claimed

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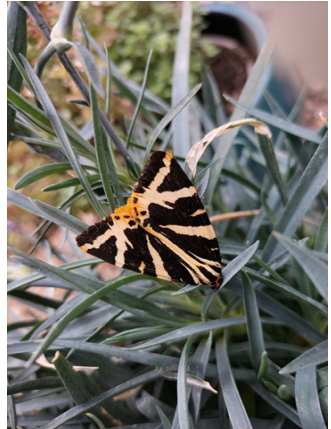
Thrips

A couple of things I want to touch upon before I get started this month. Firstly, during the very hot weather we recently had I was wondering about the wasp nest just under the slates on my roof. If it's 40°C in the shade and my tiles are fully facing the sun, they must be 60 to 70°C! Just inches below them is the wasp nest. Why aren't they fried? Answers on a postcard please. And while we are talking about flying stingy things, someone at the allotments managed to take this photo of a bird-table with a bee swarm on the pedestal. I'm told our local bee-keepers Peter & Catherine



managed to get them into a box but when a prospective hive keeper came to collect them they had flown. They literally send out scouts to look for good places to create their own hive and one must have had some luck.

Secondly, on the hottest day recorded in the UK (July 19th) I noticed that the robin that greets me on the allotment (well, more accurately, mugs me for food) was under the shade of my rhubarb plant with its wings spread out presumably trying to stay cool. I had just watered the rhubarb so that would have helped. I thought it was interesting behaviour which I have not seen before. The last thing I want to mention is the large number of Jersey tiger moths that I have seen recently. I guess the weather currently favours this day flying moth (see photo). They look like tortoiseshell butterflies when on the wing but have a very characteristic colouration and moth like wings when stationary.



This month I want to talk about thrips (*Thysanoptera*) after finding a host of them appear on my windowsill one hot afternoon. These thrips are of course the tiny bugs that appear whenever hot thundery weather is about and consequently thrips are also known as 'thunderflies' or 'thunderbugs'. They have narrow cigar shaped bodies and feather-like wings: if you can see them! There are about 150 species in Britain although only 6 do agricultural or horticultural damage. All are 2 mm or less in length and most are less than 1 mm. Worldwide there are about 6000

species and they initially evolved before the dinosaurs walked the Earth. The name thrips is one of those words that you only really mention in the plural presumably because they only ever appear in large numbers. It seems that they are so small and numerous that the term 'thrip' would seem strange. They are generally considered pests although some species are predators of other insects.

Agriculturally problems can include the physical damage they do when feeding on sap and their ability to pass various plant viruses to crops such as onions, tomatoes, potatoes, cotton and coffee plants. Gardeners can also suffer damage to plants and this takes the form of silver grey patches on leaves. They can also occasionally bite people although only those particularly susceptible to insect bites are likely to have a problem and even then it will be minor.

Being so small they also have the ability to get into every nook and cranny of plants making them resistant to pesticides and they can even get

between the LCDs and screens of computers. I have seen them myself wandering under the screen of an iPad! They have also been known to infest household furniture and can on occasion take over a greenhouse.

Thrips do not like high humidity so if you have a problem one non chemical means of keeping the numbers down is to keep the humidity high by placing plants on a saucer containing pebbles and water or simply spraying frequently during hot dry weather. Which does raise the question "why are thrips associated with thundery weather which itself is usually associated with high humidity"? Even netting is not efficient as thrips are so small they can usually pass through netting which is effective at preventing insects that feed on the thrips getting to them! Multi-coloured sticky tape seems to be effective as they mis-identify the tape for flowers while Japanese researchers have found that red light can mess with thrips' reproductive activity.

Thrips are unusual in that



they have asymmetrical mouth parts – apparently unique even in the insect world. Another oddity is that their flight is achieved by a process unlike that of larger insects and birds. For very small insects the usual process of aerodynamic flight that birds employ becomes very inefficient due to the viscous properties of air at such a small scale and instead they use a process known as 'clap & fling'. Thrips have what appear to be feathery wings and these are struck above the body of the insect then rotated down creating vortices which throw the insect forward and upwards although this is not what would usually be considered as creating lift in the conventional aerodynamic sense of the word. That's all for this month.

*Steve Fuller
September 2022*

Chelsfield Community Cafe



The Chelsfield Community Cafe continues to welcome everyone to come along to Chelsfield Village Hall on the first and third Wednesday of every month. Here you can enjoy a cup or two of tea or coffee with a lovely slice of home made cake. Our objective is to offer a place for all to enjoy a comfortable, social environment with interaction with a mixed group of local people

(although some come from much further afield at times!!).

The afternoons are free and made possible by volunteers (including our wonderful cake bakers). We are very pleased to receive small donations - most of which goes to local charities.

Last month we had a specific Afternoon Tea, with a few competitions, raising funds for Breast Cancer Now. An amazing £70 was raised for this wonderful charity by our patrons who had fun taking part in guessing how many strawberries were on a poster size piece of paper and the weight of a cake. The following meeting we had a short presentation by a

fundraising volunteer from Bromley Brighter Beginnings who shared some information about their objectives, successes and needs. At the end of this discussion patrons agreed to give previously donated funds (held on account) towards the Charities Christmas hamper project.

I think all will agree the Chelsfield Community Cafe is a great success on many levels. Please come and join us! All are very welcome! Be part of the success and fun. Coming up we hope to have a Harvest Festival Event and a Halloween Event.

*Mags, Pam
& all Volunteers*

Chelsfield Cricket Fixtures

DATE	OPPOSITION	HOME/AWAY	TIME
04/09/2022	Chelsfield Park	Home	13:00
11/09/2022	Stockbury and Hartlip	Home	13:00



St Martin's Toddler Group

September 2022



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

Here are our dates for the autumn term. We meet in The Brass Crosby Room on Tuesdays during school term time, 10.30am - 12noon, £2 per child/baby which includes refreshments and craft resources. We are a very friendly group so do not worry if you are coming on your own and don't know anyone else. There is no need to book a place, just turn up on the day.

We look forward to seeing you,

Toddler Volunteers:

Jenny, Peter, Mary, Val, Vicki, Nicola and Anne.

13th, 20th & 27th September

4th & 11th October

18th & 25th October - Half Term so no Toddler Group

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th November

6th & 13th December

Contact Details:

Toddler Group Leader - Jenny Wood

Email: stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com

Church website: www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk

Letter - Bison in Blean Woods

Dear Editor,

I write to help your readers gain a more informed perspective on the introduction of Bison to West Blean and Thornden Woods, as mentioned in Chris Parsons' August issue letter.

This meticulously researched project has been years in the planning and the implication the public are at risk is unhelpful.

Parson's article implies that the woods are free to roam: this is incorrect. Unless of course one wishes to trespass. There are however some Public Rights of Way, which are now protected to minimise interaction, as below:

The bison will roam freely within 210ha of woodland, which are divided into five compartments connected via corridors and, where these cross public rights of way, specially constructed bison tunnels. A nearly 2m-high metal 'people fence' will keep inquisitive humans at a comfortable distance.

Inside that, an electric bison fence just over 1m high is being installed. Between them, a track wide enough for an off-road buggy will allow rangers to patrol.

A viewing platform for the public will hopefully be both educational and inspiring to young conservationists, who hold the key to saving our planet from selfish / uneducated past generations.

Bison are a Keystone species: integral to the deciduous ancient woodland ecosystem and were here in what is now the UK for previous millennia: human management cannot replicate their daily

presence in woodland. They have been reintroduced to perform a valuable role. This is not in any way comparable to the introduction of the grey squirrel as a 'pretty thing' by people who had no idea of the potential impact.

By simply doing normal bison activities – grazing, foraging, trampling, wallowing, defecating – these mammals naturally maintain woodland in a way that humans with chainsaws and heavy machinery can't.

This is not untested; in the Netherlands' first project at Kraansvlak, a 330ha site near Haarlem is now a blueprint for new projects including Wilder



Blean. Within five years of bison being introduced at the Kraansvlak site, people were allowed to stroll through unaccompanied. To date, no dangerous incidents have been recorded.

At Blean, where visitor numbers might be expected to be greater, Rangers are taking a cautious approach to more close-up visitor experiences. The public will be able to enter the enclosure, but in limited numbers on guided walking safaris.

Anecdotally, as a daily walker and rider of our woods, I observe that a concerning proportion of British people at this

time seem either unable or unwilling to properly train or control their dogs (or children) so I do think incidents are more likely if free access to the Blean Bison habitat is allowed. However as it stood in recent history, there has been no right to roam those areas anyway, so no one is losing anything.

Readers interested in this subject might see the BBC article from which I have quoted heavily here. In an earlier Guardian article written at the beginning of the introduction two years ago, Kent Wildlife Trust note that the Bison project is not about

visiting the past, it is about 'finding the right natural solution for the modern world'. This is an attitude that is becoming part of everyday life for so many local people, whether through recycling, using more natural products and less chemicals in the home, shopping more mindfully, or supporting the improvement of clean energy solutions. I hope that the opportunity to see these amazing animals at work both rewards and encourages. How great to see Kent at the forefront.

*Kind regards,
Susie Hall de Silva*

KENT HEIGHTS FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 1st September 2022

At Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road, TN14 7EX

Everyone is very welcome to come along to our next demonstration with popular Graham Harmer. He creates beautiful arrangements, skilfully and quickly

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Members £3 Guests £7

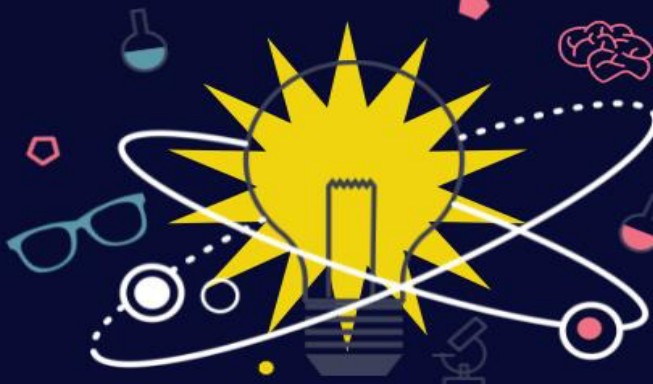
Come and join us, have a coffee beforehand, enjoy the entertainment, enter the raffle and you will have a chance to win one of Graham's creations

For further information contact

Sally Kemsley on 01959 534406

THE CHELSFIELD PLAYERS

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



QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY,
7 OCTOBER 2022**



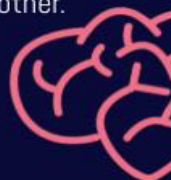
DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM - QUIZ STARTS AT 8:00 PM

£7 PER PERSON - TABLES OF UP TO 8 PLAYERS

Can't make a full team? That's OK, join us & form another.

Bar available • Bring your own snacks • Raffle

Reserve your table on 07549 012140 or
info@chelsfieldplayers.org



BRITISH FOOD

FORTNIGHT

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Monday 19th – Friday 30th September
2022

(Excluding Sundays)



CARROT & CORIANDER SOUP with crusty bread £5.95

CLASSIC PRAWN COCKTAIL with granary bread £8.50

STUFFED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM with stilton & Walnut £6.95



FISH PIE with cheesy mash £13.95

MATURE CHEDDAR & CAULIFLOWER TART with salad & new potatoes
£13.95

STEAK & KIDNEY SUET PUDDING
seasonal vegetables & new potatoes
£14.95



RHUBARB & GINGER CRUMBLE
STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING
LEMON CHEESECAKE

ALL DESSERTS £6.25

Fascinating Local Wartime Letter

Letter from Len Wright to his wife Ethel. They lived in Glentrammon Road. He was in the Fire Brigade during the war. They were both members of St. Martins and Len was secretary for many years to PCC under Canon Leslie King. Great friends of my parents David and Kathleen Lane and also

Duggie and Connie Woodmansee, who also lived in Glentrammon during the war. Connie was dad's eldest sister. They had one daughter, Jennifer, who was born in the same era as myself and we went to Prep School together at Downe House that was off The Approach, Orpington.

Jenny was an active member of St Martins choir and The Guild of Young People, a very busy and well attended "Youth Club" in 50's – 70's. She has just moved home and retired to live in Shetland, with her son Adrian.

Philip Lane

*Fire Station, Orpington
Mon. 3/7/44*

*My Dearest Girl,
I received your letter when I arrived at Cavalla yesterday morning, short leave having been cancelled again in view of annual leave starting and leaving us short-staffed. I'm very happy to hear that you are reaping the benefit of regular sleep and that Jennifer is improving. I expect I shall notice a great difference in her when I see her next.*

I waited at 7.30 and 8.30 on Thursday for your phone call but guessed I should not hear from you as there was a warning on at both times. These bombs are certainly not getting any less frequent in their arrival here, except perhaps yesterday when we had the longest "all clear" period since they

started sending them over; we had peace from just after dinner until 1.00 a.m. this morning when they started coming over in dozens, but I turned in down in the cellar at 1.30 a.m. and didn't know much more until waking up time this morning. We're getting used to wailing sirens and explosions of the most violent character and just sleep on; perhaps it's just as well. The warnings have been going very frequently this morning, one bomb "cut out" just overhead a few minutes ago, we ducked but nothing happened - it apparently glided and landed at New Eltham. Rose and Maud were due to come down yesterday but they didn't as they had a couple very near them which, I believe did some damage. This past week has been a very hectic one as far as we've been

concerned (another bomb just coming overhead, it's gone by so that's ok - for us anyway). On the evening of the day I wrote my last letter to you - Wednesday I believe - a flying bomb 'cut out' overhead, glided a short distance and dropped. We were on our appliances and out to the scene hardly before the debris had dropped. Greencourt Rd Petts Wood was the place it dropped and made a terrific mess of houses all the way round, over 200 were damaged, 14 seriously. Fortunately there were no fatal casualties but plenty of people were suffering from glass cuts, it was heartrending to see little children smothered in blood from head to foot caused by flying glass. (Daylight Inn was opened as rest centre) I hear that one woman is now completely blind due to

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Saturday 17th September 2022

in Chelsfield Village Hall

SCHEDULE AND RULES

Set up from 9.30am until 11am

Viewing from 2.00pm

Prize giving 4.00pm

Flower arrangements

1. ☺ An arrangement to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
2. A bridesmaid's posy.
3. ☹ A flower arrangement in a container from your recycling bin

Flowers

4. 3 Roses
5. A bunch of mixed flowers.
6. 3 homegrown sunflowers.
7. A vase of garden flowers.
8. A single hydrangea head in a vase.

Vegetables

9. Gardener's choice. Enough vegetables for a meal for two comprising potatoes and two other vegetables.
10. A mixed salad– any three of the following: 1 lettuce, 1 cucumber, 6 radishes, 6 spring onions, 1 capsicum, 3 tomatoes; staged in a seed tray.
11. 3 Onions- tied & trimmed.
12. 5 potatoes of one variety.
13. 5 medium to large tomatoes.
14. 7 Pods of French beans.
15. A pair of courgettes.
16. 3 Carrots, trimmed.
17. The longest stick of rhubarb.
18. A jam jar of garden herbs.
19. A bucket of home produced compost.

Fruit

20. 3 Dessert Apples- polished.
21. 3 Cooking Apples- unpolished.
22. 3 Pears.
23. 5 plums.
24. A dish of wild fruit and nuts.
25. 3 of any other home grown fruit

Wine

26. A bottle of dry white table wine.
27. A bottle of sweet white table wine.
28. A bottle of dry red table wine.
29. A bottle of sweet red table wine.
30. Any other home made alcoholic drink

Country Fare

- 31. A multigrain seeded loaf. Please state whether Machine or hand made
- 32. A cake suitable for vegans
- 33. Decorated Platinum Jubilee cake - decoration only to be judged.
- 34. Five Scones.
- 35. A Tarte Tatin
- 36. Three 2 inch Squares of millionaire's shortbread.
- 37. A jar of Fruit Jam.
- 38. A jar of Mayonnaise.
- 39. Three Flapjacks.
- 40. Six fresh eggs

Photographs - All to be unmounted max size 8½ " x 6"

- 41. ☺ A wild flower.
- 42. A reminder of Lockdown.
- 43. ☺ Seen in Chelsfield.
- 44. A characterful tree.

Handicrafts

- 45. A hand knitted or crocheted item.
- 46. An item or tapestry or embroidery (specify if using kit).
- 47. ☺ A soft toy.
- 48. ☺ A greetings card.
- 49. ☺ A item of jewellery, any medium.
- 50. ☺ Any craft or hobby (specify if using a kit).
- 51. ☺ A Christmas decoration
- 52. ☺ Any drawing or painting
- 53. Charity Class - an item made to be donated to a charity

Miscellany

- 54. ☺ A matchbox (standard size) filled with real listed items starting with the letter P for Platinum.
- 55. ☺ A miniature garden in a baking tray

Classes marked with ☺ may be entered by adults or children (up to and including 11 year olds).

Children's entries will be judged separately with age taken into consideration.

Additional schedules and enquiries contact Dan Sloan 07414 920920
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The Cups & Trophies

KNOX-CUNNINGHAM CUP - Household cup, adult classes only.

WELL HILL CUP – Household cup, 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 4.00 p.m.

RULES

Open to residents of Chelsfield, Well Hill and District.

30p per entry. Children's classes free.

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 30p per class.

Fruit, vegetables and flowers (except in classes 1-3 and 24 must be home-grown.

Handicrafts, cookery and wine must be homemade. No item may have been exhibited at this show in previous years.

Winning entries will be awarded points as follows:

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

2nd prize: 2 points (blue card) & prize (will vary according to class)

3rd prize: 1 point (yellow card) & prize (will vary according to class)

Handicraft classes and children's classes will be judged on individual merit.

Children's classes will be judged with age taken into consideration.

HOUSEHOLD CUPS

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. Only the best score in the household in each class will be counted.

Each entry must be accompanied by a 2" square of white paper (yellow for children, provided). On the back should be: Your name and 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 square of paper.

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

flying powdered glass. Incidentally this particular job has placed a feather in the cap of the Orpington N.F.S. We were the first on the scene and went through the houses chiefly concerned for casualties, but finding nobody buried we were instructed to return to our station. Even then the A.R.P. had not arrived, not even an ambulance. An officer turned up and was amazed at the speed at which we had attended the job and also that the fact our salvage crew had dealt with two thirds of a row of houses whilst the ARP had only attended to a pair. He said he couldn't understand it. These flying bomb incidents have certainly improved the prestige of the NFS. I, myself, heard flattering comments passed by some people on Friday last when we very nearly received our coup de grace.

About 3 p.m on this particular day another 'Doodle Bug' cut out overhead and glided towards Petts Wood. This was the signal for us to get ready to dash off at a moment's notice. We received our instructions and off we went. I was riding the "Pneumonia Express" with Ken Simms and four others. Locke, not

very experienced with this machine, was the driver. I had a kind of premonition or a feeling in my water, that something was going to happen on the way, so clung on like grim death with one hand while I tried to dress with the other. The 'something' I anticipated did happen; we reached Chislehurst Rd. where we had to turn left. Locke, instead of slowing down a little, making a wide sweep then cutting the corner off, kept up his speed and took the corner wide, miles too wide, and you may be able to imagine our horror when we saw, dead in front of us, a private car facing us but stationary at the traffic lights - we knew we couldn't miss it, all we could do was to grit our teeth and hang on for dear life. Locke wrenched the steering wheel over as hard as he could, there was a nasty jolt as we hit the car, but we careered on across the road, mounted the pavement and smashed our way into Mannings the corn chandlers by way of his plate glass window and finished up on the counter, dazed and bewildered. We managed to get off the machine and take stock of ourselves, each believing the other had "had his lot", but by a miracle we had no serious injuries, just badly

bruised and shock. An Army captain who happened to be on the spot made me show him my bruised leg (same old right leg again) and tried to persuade me to have it x-rayed, but it wasn't bad enough for that, so I didn't. must say I felt a bit groggy the following morning but that wore off during the evening, I suppose it must have been a kind of nervous reaction, anyway I'm feeling fine now. Ken had two bruised thumbs, Reynolds went to hospital for X-ray but only had a severely strained thumb. The owner of the shop suffered from a few bruises and shock and the driver of the smashed car miraculously escaped with only a bruised knee, a nice knee too, it belonged to an A.T.S. girl. All this might sound rather highly dramatic but I've given it to you just as events happened and I thank God we came out of it so lightly. The engine is now in the workshop awaiting the verdict as to whether she is repairable or not. The shop had to be shored up before they could extract the machine as the escape was jammed tight against the ceiling and they were afraid it might collapse when the hauled it out. Anyway from now on I'm believing in miracles even if I didn't before.

The logo for Heritage Open Days, featuring a stylized pink 'H' with a white archway inside.

heritage open days

St Martin of Tours Church, Chelsfield
will be open on

Saturday 10 September 2022

10.00am-4.00pm

**FREE TO
EXPLORE**

Church records,
vestments and
photographs on display

Music

Tours of the churchyard

Bellringing
demonstrations

Local history displays

Cream teas &
refreshments

Come and visit this historic 12th century parish church

St Martin of Tours
Church Road
Chelsfield
BR6 7SN



u3a Orpington

u3a
40th Anniversary

2022, the glorious year of our Queen's 70th Jubilee, BBC celebrating its Centenary, a hundred years of tennis at the hallowed ground of Wimbledon, lastly, and very special to us, our very own u3a celebrates it's 40th birthday!

Founded in Cambridge by three friends it is now world wide with over a 1000 u3a in the UK with 500,000 members, a very special year indeed for the 1000 member in Orpington

participating in everything from Backgammon, Bridge through the alphabet to Philosophy and Play Reading and beyond. Why not join us at our next monthly meeting a Crofton Main Hall on the third Monday of the month at 2.00pm?

Here you will assured of a warm welcome, tea and biscuits and a talk by one of our specially chosen topical speakers and a chance to meet new friends and see first hand the many activities we enjoy, yes all this for a one-off £12 a year.

We look forward to meeting up or answering

any questions you may have.

To celebrate our 40th birthday the Chairs of the local u3a's in Bromley and Beckenham will be coming to the Crofton Hall on the 21st September for a free 'Fun and Games morning'.

If you would like to join before that date you too could come!

www.u3aorpington.org.uk is our website.

Do look at the many Interest Groups that we have.

*Pauline Dawson
u3a Orpington Chair
07964 676951
and William Sear*

Chelsfield's Casualties of World War Two

This month we remember **John Desmond Needham**, listed on the War Memorial in the church porch, who died 80 years ago while serving in World War Two.

Lieutenant Needham was serving in the Royal Navy when he died on 26th September 1942 aged 28. He was killed when the ship he was serving on, HMS Veteran, was torpedoed and sunk by a German U-boat while acting as escort to Atlantic convoys. At the time she

was hit HMS Veteran was rescuing survivors from the SS New York which had been sunk the previous day, and sadly all hands and those rescued were lost. Lieut Needham therefore has no known grave and is remembered on the Chatham Naval Memorial.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records shows that John Needham was the son of John S B & Sarah Needham of Orpington,

and his probate record showed his address to be 161 Park Avenue. In other records this is listed as 'Aldersley' but I'm not sure if the names are still kept on the properties. The closest birth record I could find for John was a John Desmond Needham registered in Dublin in March 1914, and then I found our John's parents were living in Ireland at the time of the 1911 census, so it seems likely this is him. In 1911 father John Sharp Benjamin Needham

is a soldier in the Infantry and they are living in Knocknagoney, Ballyhackamore, which is now a suburb of Belfast. John's parents were married in 1908 in Upper Norwood and it looks like they then moved around with the regiment.

I don't know when the family came back to England but it seems John junior joined the Navy before World War II as I found a passenger record listing him as R.N.R., which I believe means Royal Navy Reserve, for February 1936. He was

arriving in London on the P&O ship RMS Carthage from Yokohama, and the record shows the ship called at many ports on the way including Singapore, Bombay (Mumbai), Malta and Gibraltar. Needham gives home address as Aldersley, Park Avenue, Orpington so they were living there by then. Perhaps he was coming home on leave, although his entry and the next passenger's, also a Royal Navy rating, are crossed through in pencil so perhaps they didn't disembark after all but were called back.

Needham can be found in the Navy Lists in 1937 and is listed as achieving his seniority on 25 January 1938. He was appointed Lieutenant on 1st March 1940 at Manning Port, Chatham while serving on HMS Veteran, and had previously served on the Mashona. One last record I found showed his father died in 1938, so Mrs Needham lost her husband and what appears to be her only child in a fairly short space of time, another poignant wartime story.

Philippa Rooke

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Huge thanks to those of you who have made donations to cover the cost of printing the Chelsfield Village Voice. I'm happy to say that we have covered the cost of printing this issue and probably halfway to paying for the October issue.

However, these costs are ongoing monthly, so I'm moving once again into begging mode!

Contact either:
The Village Voice
(chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com)

or The Village Hall
(cvhlettings@gmail.com)
if you need any printing.

Any donations (cheques) towards the cost of printing the Chelsfield Village Voice should be made payable to

"Chelsfield Village Hall"
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Peter Gandolfi
3 Orlestone Gardens
Chelsfield Village
Orpington
Kent
BR6 6HB

Online donations may be made to:
Chelsfield Village Hall
Sort Code: 40-35-30
Account No: 31172344
Reference: Village Voice

Any excess donations (we should be so lucky!) will go into the Village Hall general maintenance fund.

Dan Sloan

iCARE Open Day

A festive poster for the iCARE Open Day. The central text reads "iCARE Open Day Saturday 10th September 2022 11am – 3pm Old School House, Green Street Green". Surrounding this central text are various activities listed in different colors: Games (green), Tea & Cakes (blue), Tombola (pink), Raffle (blue), Bric a Brac (pink), Books (blue), and Gifts and Goodies (purple). At the bottom, it says "ALL WELCOME, FREE ENTRY". The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of colorful balloons and streamers.

What's On at The Chelsfield

Weekly Pub Quiz

Starts every Thursday from 7.30pm
(£2 entry, rolling Jackpot)

Live music

The Christian Baker Band is back!
Friday 23rd September from 9pm. Free entry.

Sunday Roast

Served from 12noon all day, Beef,
Roast Chicken
Breast & thigh, Pork Belly,
Butternut Squash Wellington.

Celebrations

For your special occasions, with your own
exclusive bar & balcony in our private function
room. We're just at the end of the phone,
so give us a call!

01689 637605

info@thechelsfield.pub



*The Function
Room*



The Benefice of
Chelsfield with Green Street Green
and Pratts Bottom



St Martin's Chelsfield & Well Hill - Services - September 2022

All welcome! Come and join us any time. At the moment things might change at short notice so please watch the church website for updates (see link at bottom of page).

Benefice

Sun 4 Sep **10.00am** ***Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's***
12th after Trinity ***to welcome Martin Hayward as Assistant Curate***

St Martin's

Sun 4 Sep a.m. *No morning service at St Martin's*
12th after Trinity 6.30pm Choral Evensong BCP : MG

Wed 7 Sep 9.30am Holy Communion BCP : SAJ

Sun 11 Sep **10.00am** Family Communion *with baptism* CW : MG
13th after Trinity 6.30pm Sung Eucharist BCP : SAJ

Wed 14 Sep 9.30am Holy Communion BCP : MG

Sun 18 Sep 10.00am Family Communion CW : SAJ
14th after Trinity 6.30pm Choral Evensong BCP : MG

Wed 21 Sep 9.30am Holy Communion BCP : SAJ

Sun 25 Sep 10.00am Family Worship CW : Reader Ken I'Anson
15th after Trinity 6.30pm Choral Evensong BCP : Reader Philip Southby

Wed 28 Sep 9.30am Holy Communion BCP : MG

Well Hill

Sun 11 Sep 10.00am Service of the Word CW : Reader Ken I'Anson
Sun 25 Sep 10.00am Harvest Communion CW : MG

Key: CW – Common Worship, BCP – Book of Common Prayer, SAJ : Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones,
MG : Rev Michael Gentry

As at 29 Aug 2022



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GUIDED AUTUMN WALK

Saturday 1st October

A Circular Walk around Chelsfield

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

Approx 3.5 miles - some stiles to cross



**Tea and coffee
available from
9.30am**

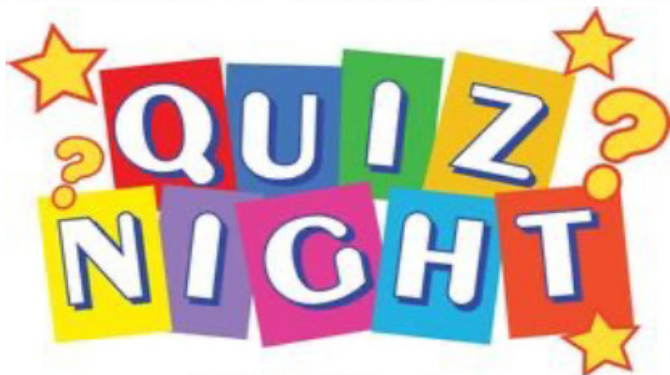


**Brunch served
at the church
from 11.30am**

£5



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, CHELSFIELD



**SATURDAY, 29TH OCTOBER AT
7.00PM**

CHELSFIELD VILLAGE HALL, BR6 7RL

**CORNISH PASTIES (MEAT OR VEGETARIAN)
AVAILABLE TO ORDER IN ADVANCE - £5
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS**

**MAXIMUM 6 PEOPLE PER TEAM
ENTRY £7.50 PER PERSON**

**Contact Jackie at
events@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk
to book your table and pasties.
NB Pasties must be pre-ordered by
Saturday 22nd October at the latest.**

**Fundraising event for St. Martin of Tours, Chelsfield
Registered Charity: 1131572**

An Early Picture of Chelsfield Village Hall

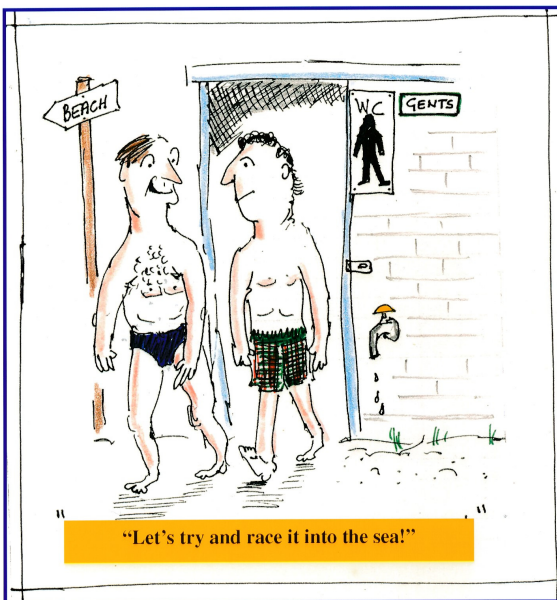


At a recent Chelsfield Village Hall Community Cafe, a regular knowing that I had an interest in the hall, wanted to show me the image.

Apparently she had been going through some family photo albums, and came across this picture of her brother in law, who joined the local building firm Sandersons as an apprentice at 16, and his first job in 1953 was to help erect our village hall.

Peter Gandolfi

Phil's Topical Cartoon



The attached cartoon may appeal. One of several I drew during the Blue Flag era some years back when coastal towns were told by Europe to clean up their beaches of sewage which was generally pumped into the sea offshore. Our own Turd Reich!!

The recent disgraceful episode has closed our beaches here. The sea had been so clean/warm and clear and there have been many thousands swimming this summer. Our own Turd Reich!!

Phil Lane

Dates For Your Diary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Tuesday
Five Bells
CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
8.30pm

Every Thursday
The Chelsfield Pub
QUIZ NIGHT
from 7.30pm

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Thursday 1st September
Halstead Village Hall
Kent Heights Flower Club
7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Saturday 3rd September
Halstead Village Hall
Halstead Autumn Show
from 9.30am

Wednesday 7th September
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.40pm

Friday 9th September
Five Bells
LIVE MUSIC 3's a Crowd
From 9.00pm

Saturday 10th September
St Martin of Tours Church
Heritage Open Day
10.00pm-4.00pm

Saturday 10th September
Old School House, Green Street
Green
iCARE Open Day
11.00am-3.00pm

Monday 12th September
Five Bells
KNIT & NATTER NIGHT
from 8.00pm

Wednesday 14th September
Five Bells
Open Mic Night
From 8.00pm

Friday 14th September
Five Bells
LIVE MUSIC The Mighty 45
From 9.00pm

Fri-Sun 16th-18th September
Coolings Garden Centre
Craft Show
10.00am to 4.00pm

Saturday 17th September
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Produce Show
from 9.00am to 5.00pm

Tuesday 20th September
Chelsfield Village Hall
Evening WI
7.30pm-9.30pm

Wednesday 21st September
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Volunteers
AFTERNOON TEA
2.30pm-4.40pm

Friday 23rd September
The Chelsfield Windsor Drive
LIVE MUSIC The Christian Baker Band
From 9.00pm

Saturday 24th September
Coolings Garden Centre
Farmers Market
10.00am to 3.00pm

Thurs 29th September
Chelsfield Village Hall
Local History Group
10.30am-12.00 noon

Saturday 1st October
Starting St Martin's Church
A Circular Walk around Chelsfield
From 10.00am

Thursday 6th October
Five Bells
Live Jazz with Just Friends
from 8.00pm

Friday 7th October
Chelsfield Village Hall
Chelsfield Players QUIZ NIGHT
from 7.30pm (see page 8)

Saturday 29th October
Chelsfield Village Hall
QUIZ NIGHT
from 7.00pm (see page 18)

Recycling Bin Collection September 2022

Monday 5th September
Monday 12th September
Monday 19th September
Monday 26th September
Monday 3rd October

Every week

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

.Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste
Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste.
Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste
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Batteries, Small Electrical Items, Textiles (please only present one small transparent bag each week, and re-present the following week if it is not collected)

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