## September 2023

# CHEISFIFIDO WILLAGE POPOVOICE

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Chelsfield, Well Hill and District Produce Show



Saturday 9th September 2023 in Chelsfield Village Hall

Set up from 9.30am until 11am Viewing from 2.00pm Prize giving 4.00pm

All classes are open to residents their families and friends, those associated with Chelsfield and Well Hill through other associated groups such as schools, Allotments, Church & etc.

Take a look through the Schedule and give it a go - IT'S FUN!

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27th September 2023



# **Purple Toadflax**



A couple of months ago friends of mine that live on the island of Eday in the Orkney islands sent some video and photos of orcas feeding on seals. The video was quite graphic with sea water being thrust high into the air tinged with pink from the blood of the orca's victims. As my friend said "you get used to a sanitised image of these things happening on TV but they take on a very different aspect when you see them happening live". I don't have a link to the video but the photo below was taken by a neighbour of my friends and shows these incredible creatures passing along the coast of the island with an air of power and grace. For some unknown reason

although these mammals live primarily on seals, attacks against swimmers or divers are unknown. This is somewhat similar to the behaviour of wolves – another renown and feared predator which does not have a well documented history of attacking humans: although it is not unknown.

On a completely different subject a few weeks ago I was working on a patio at the back of my cottage. During digging I found some fairly substantial foundations which I assume may have been part of a WWII Anderson shelter. These saved some work as I was able to leave them in place to form part of the patio

foundations and I thought to myself "in a small way, Adolf Hitler's playing his part in the building of my patio": but I digress. While crouching down working away, a wren alighted on my hat. My surprised movement caused it to fly away but we in the cottages, this summer, have noticed a very tame family of wrens who are very comfortable feeding just feet away from people.

This month I want to talk about purple toadflax (*Linaria purpurea* – see second photo). I'm sure a few years ago I asked readers to try and identify this plant found in my garden from a photo I included in the Village Voice but no convincing suggestions arrived. I





now believe this is because the purple version of this plant is an invasive plant introduce from Italy in the 1830s and the better known version is simply known as toadflax (Linaria vulgaris or sometimes vellow toadflax) which is a similar plant but with larger yellow/orange flowers. The yellow version is easy to find in reference books while the purple variety is less so. I. however do not believe I have ever seen the vellow version despite it always taking pole position within wild flower books. There is another introduced variety and this is the ivy-leaved toadflax which looks nothing like the other two.

The purple variety grows up to about a metre in height. It has very long narrow leaves which cling around the stem and the flowers last all summer long. The plant appears to have no uses but this may be due to its recent introduction to Britain and hence does not have long standing folklore associated with it. It's lack of uses is quoted as the reason it has the name 'toad' implying it is of little use in a similar fashion to plants sometimes being referred to as 'dog', again

implying that it's useless. However, the original vellow toadflax has many medicinal uses so I doubt this is the source of the name. The yellow variety does however appear to have a mouth similar to that of a toad when opened so I think this is a far more likely source of the original name. The vellow toadflax flowers (the Vulgaris variety) can be opened by squeezing the sides of the flowers which are shut tight unless powerful insects such as bees prize them open. The purple variety is too small for this to work but the flower is nevertheless very popular with bees and appears similar to those of a pintsized snapdragon and consequently this plant is sometimes known as the perennial snapdragon.

The purple toadflax may be considered to be of little use to humans but is however the primary food



of toadflax Brocade caterpillars. These creatures have spectacular neon yellow stripes and black spots. The moth itself though is somewhat less spectacular sporting more of a hairy tortoiseshell (somewhat punk) outfit. This moth



colonised the south east of Britain in the 1950s and now appears to be moving further north and have recently been found in both Wales and East Anglia. Further afield this caterpillar was purposely introduced into Canada as a means of controlling the *vulgaris* version and is now moving south into the US. These caterpillars / moths are however scarce so by all means check your purple toadflax but don't be disappointed if you don't have any luck although, with two breeding seasons per year - who knows!

> Steve Fuller September 2023



# **Mutterings from The Millers**

Starting with some bird news this time, you know what the weather has been like.

Thank you to Steve Fuller large lime trees. They who wrote an interesting article about the chough last month. If you haven't heard, 10 choughs were re introduced to Dover in July this year. The chicks were raised at Wildwood Trust near Canterbury, in partnership with Paradise Park, Cornwall, Kent Wildlife Trust and together with other agencies, they have restored large areas of chalk grassland habits across Dover and the wider south-east coast of Kent. The birds have been fitted with GPS trackers so will be closely monitored.

Always a delight to see the red kites and buzzards especially as some of them are flying quite low over the barns which enables us to get a really good look at them. Steve witnessed a large gull zooming down to the ground and catch a mouse, extraordinary, The swallows have baffled us a bit this year, a I previously mentioned, we only seemed to have two voungsters but during

August, we have seen large flocks of swallows and I think a few house martins with them, flying over the barns and the come and do their acrobatic displays for about 10 minutes and then disappear probably about 2 to 3 times a day.

The Chelsfield green has had some wonderful examples of oak apple galls this year as you can see from the pictures. The tiny wasp that causes these growths lays her eggs in the leaf bud where as the knopper gall wasp lays them on the acorn.



Apparently there are over 1,000 different types of galls in Britain of various trees and shrubs. My alder tree had some red tongue or languid galls this year.



Peter has now finished re roofing the old barn, a mammoth task but a great job done. He has been doing this job for sometime now, fitting it between other jobs and the weather, although when it was very hot, quite a slog. Good view though. As you can see, the new barn has been erected and as we were desperately short of space, Steve was loading in the hav as the men were still building it.

The boys recommenced cutting the grass for hay in the middle of August. but by this time it was a poor quality. A fair about of goodness had been washed out of it but it may suit some four legged animals. The





weather has definable been against us for hay making so the rest of the grass has been left uncut to die back on its own. I'm sure the voles, mice and shrews etc will enjoy the cover until the raptors and owls see them.

Around the country it has

been a stressful harvest with grain needing to be dried, lack of sunshine to fatten the ears, flatten crops to name a few problems. The winter wheat has practically finished (end of August) but still some spring barley left to cut.

September can be a settled month weather wise leading to a month of gentle change when:-

The squirrel gloats on his accomplished hoard,

The ants have brimmed their garners with ripe grain,

And honey bees have stored

The sweets of summer in their luscious cells.

The swallows all have winged across the main.

A small section of a poem by Thomas Hood

Chris Miller Court Lodge Farm September 2023

# **Kent Heights Flower Club**

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

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023
7.00pm for Refreshments

7.30pm for the demonstration with Sue Thompson

Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road, TN14 7EX Raffle of the displays created by Sue;
Sales Table

For further information contact Sally Kemsley on 01959 534406



# St Martin's Spire Appeal

The May 2023 edition included an article on the parakeet damage to our Spire and promised a follow-up at a later date. Here it is!

Why now? We now have a more robust estimate of the estimated costs and we have launched our appeal for the funds to help us pay for the work. As a reminder, the spire

prevent any damage to the bells. There are eight bells in the tower, five of which are worthy of special mention as they were installed in 1672 and are still rung today.

The work to replace the shingles will involve both erecting scaffolding around the tower and spire and employing a specialist builder. We



not only the inflation factor but also the possibility that a 900-year-old building can have defects that only appear when work is undertaken, our fundraising target based on the latest evaluation is £175.000.

We like to think of St Martin's as a community asset, a resource where we can work in partnership with local groups and organisations to meet the needs of the community both now and well into the future. Although most readers of this esteemed publication are not regulars at our weekly services, many of you will have been to baptisms, weddings, funerals or other special services – or may do in the future. Others may have no interest in the 'religious' part but be willing to help us to conserve an ancient listed building.



is covered in wood shingles which need to be renewed to keep the building weatherproof, to protect the structural integrity of the spire and to hope to undertake the work next summer but need to raise the funds first, of course. With a sensible amount of contingency built in to reflect





We ask that you gve a moment's consideration of whether you'd be prepared to support our fundraising effort, please? Full details are available on our website at stmartinchelsfied.org.uk/spire

To end on a high note, a wonderful piece of news

is that a local charity has agreed to match the money raised £ for £, up to £75,000. So any donation you feel able to make will be doubled. If you can gift aid your donation the government will chip in too!

Thank you. Steve McCann St Martin's Church

## **National Trust: Orpington & Chislehurst Centre**

The Centre has monthly **evening** lectures held at the Methodist Church, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, BR6 9JH starting at 8.00pm

and **afternoon** lectures held most months at the Methodist Church, Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst, BR7 5LX starting at 2.00pm There is also a regular programme of local walks, day trips, holidays and a variety of social events.

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

Membership is open to both members and

non-members of the National Trust.

# LECTURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Thursday 14th September at 2.00pm

This week in History

Thursday 28th September at 8.00pm Houdini

## **Cream Tea in The Rectory**



Cream Tea

The last Rectory Cream Tea of the year will be held on Sunday 3rd September at the slightly later time of 3pm to 5pm

## **Knit & Natter**



Whether you are a knitting expert or want to get started, everyone is welcome.

Feel free to join us just

for a chat too! Please speak to Sophie on 07983 656022 for the location details.

We'd love to see you!



# **Chelsfield Community Cafe**



We had some lovely afternoons in August with a quiz about famous landmarks on one. The second afternoon was packed with competitions, a quiz & a raffle (with prizes for all). This event specifically raised funds for Breast Cancer Now - over £82...!

Come and join us for more fun, tea / coffee & fab

homemade cakes in September.

It takes place on the first & third Wedneday afternoon in each month -2:30pm at Chelsfield Village Hall.

We look forward to seeing you there. All are welcome.

Mags, Pam & all of Chelsfield Volunteers

# A Reply to August Miller's Mutterings



It was good to see some bee related folklore in Chris Millers Mutterings last month.

As village beekeepers, we can vouch for some truth in her article.

Our honey crop in this locality tends to come around the end of June - beginning of July and is

linked to the flowering period of the horse chestnut and Lime trees and so an early swarm, such as in May, gives the bees some time to build up before this high nectar period.

I'm not sure what a load of hay is these days, but an early swarm is quite capable of collecting around 30lb or so of honey in its first year - if the weather stays good. Even a late swarm has value, collecting honey from a late crop of ivy, or building up for next year.

As a swarm consists of mainly flying bees (that collect the honey) plus the queen, it does mean that the bee keeper has probably lost his honey crop from the hive that it has come from. The hive tends to choose a period of fair weather to swarm, as they could be outside for some days before finding a new home.

Bees certainly do not like stormy weather and get very grumpy.

Beekeepers try and avoid opening hives for inspections around thunderstorms.

Inspections are normally carried out in fine/sunny weather so that most of the flying bees will be out collecting nectar / pollen.

Peter and Catherine Gandolfi



# **CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT**

For display outside on the green by the postbox on Oxenden Wood Road for the Christmas season 2023

Approx 2M tall

1.8 M diameter base

Just edge your 15cm square in green – any green!

Double Knit DK Yarn if possible

All abilities very welcome

If you can help please contact Liz Baker 07703 393479

We need 350–400 15cm crochet Granny Squares

Local teacher happy to show you how to crochet

We also need someone to sew





\* Bar \* Raffle \* Bring Your Own Nibbles \*

Doors open at 7.30 pm \* Quiz starts at 8.00 pm £7.00 per person - tables of up to 8 players

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

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

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



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# Monday 18<sup>th</sup>–Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

(Excluding Sundays)



BROCCOLI & STILTON SOUP with crusty bread £6.50

KING PRAWN COCKTAIL with granary bread £8.50

WARM SALAD OF BLACK PUDDING, APPLE & CUCUMBER Topped with herby croutons & a honey mustard dressing £7.50



SMOKED HADDOCK FISHCAKES with watercress, spinach & rocket with a creamy wholegrain mustard & dill sauce £13.50

SOMERSET BRIE & BEETROOT TART with salad & new potatoes £13.95

> STEAK & KIDNEY SHORTCRUST PASTRY PIE With mash & Gravy £15.95

RHUBARB & GINGER CRUMBLE STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING FRUIT TRIFLE

ALL DESSERTS £6.95

PLEASE ADVISE STAFF OF ANY ALLERGIES OR INTOLERENCES A 10% optional service charge will be added to all bills





# GUIDED AUTUMN WALK

# Saturday 23rd September

A Circular Walk around Chelsfield

Starting at St. Martin's Church at 10.00am

Approx 3.5 miles - some stiles to cross



Brunch buns served at the church from 11.30am











# **Bromley Buzz Report on the 5 Bells Dog Show**

The Five Bells pub in Chelsfield has an annual dog show that is one of Bromley Buzz copresenter Darren's favourite events of the year. Darren was joined there for the 2023 show by fellow presenter Zeenat Noorani, and both podcasters had a great, doggy time!

The following text is also to be found in our regular column in the County Chronicle magazine for September 2023. "September brings with it the Muddy Dog Challenge, supporting Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, on 9th September in Tunbridge Wells. Bromley Buzz podcast team member Sarah Marsh-Collings is taking part with Barney, her Brittany Spaniel.

See <a href="www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarahandbarneyboo">www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarahandbarneyboo</a>. Also, the delightful Paws In The Park takes place in Cator Park, Beckenham, on 10th September, including a 'Waggiest Tail' competition. The dogloving team behind the Bromley Buzz are, obviously, in canine mode. Sarah was even

talking on The Barking Hour, part of Jo Good's show, with Anna Webb, on BBC Radio London recently.

Dogs of Chelsfield

In August, co-presenters Darren Weale and Zeenat Noorani attended the annual dog show at the Five Bells pub in Chelsfield, After about 4000 people descended on Chelsfield for the annual Village Fair. complete with air displays, this was a much quieter affair. The weather was warm, and the coats of judge Jim's three golden retrievers. Cider, Tia, and Brandy, shone in the sun. Jim had



set up an obstacle course for the 'Chelsfield Crufts' including close-set poles which induced repeated commands of 'weave!', fences, and a lengthy tunnel. The entrants varied in size, age, obedience, and enthusiasm. Least enthusiastic, perhaps, was Merlot, a lovely



rescue Saluki, (above, with owner Dan) who attempted the course once, and then declined a second outing. Meanwhile, a young girl in a dalmatian onesie hopped and crawled happily around, showing Merlot how it should be done. A handsome grey dog named Can Can was more of a Cannot. starting brilliantly each time then disappearing at pace to the garden gates.

Of those contenders that lasted the course, the top three, as judged by Jim, were Siobhan, the oldest dog present, in third







Second was Buddy, a lively four-month old Cocker Spaniel.

The show Champion was Olive, a beautiful Staffie owned by Callum Redmond. Well done also to contestants



Molly, Marney, Rudy, and Wagon Wheel, and more, and to the owners who helped to raise money for the Foal Farm animal rescue charity in Biggin Hill."

You can find out more about goings-on in 23/08/16/b Chelsfield via the monthly chelsfield/



Chelsfield Village Voice magazine.

You can read this and other interesting local news and articles at Bromley Buzz

https://bromleybuzz.uk/20 23/08/16/barking-hours-inchelsfield/

# **Open Day at Bore Place**



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

#### **LILY MUNNS**

Environmental Educator and Community Events Intern Bore Place Road, Chiddingstone, Kent, TN8 7AR Direct number 01732 755287

Direct number 01/32 755287 Reception 01732 463255

#### www.boreplace.org

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



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



producers (Blackwoods cheese, Happy Belly fermented goods, our organic veg grower. Metske), open gardens, as well as the opening of our new Farm Gate. The Farm Gate will be selling produce from our producers and will be run by young people

attending projects at Bore Place, with all money made being fed back into our educational programmes. The open day is aimed at our local community and will be free to attend (donations welcome).

Pre-registration will be

available soon on our website What's On (boreplace.org).

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

# **Ghost Stories II - Follow Up**

The article in the August issue of Chelsfield Village Voice reminded me of the scene in Oliver Twist. when Harry Secombe said. "it's these ahosts The Horticliares" which are a type of ghost commonly seen at age 30 One of my relatives, from to 40 and also at other ages, which is what Harry Secombe was referring to.

He saw these ghosts in London, Sevenoaks,

Kent, and also Marseille France, when he was in trouble with the French Police. In a later version of Oliver Twist and an older Oliver and the Artful Dodger went to his rescue.

St Mary Cray, told her mum and dad that I see the ahosts, the horticalaires near trees. because ghosts are often seen near palm trees and orange trees, which is

what Clockwork Orange is about.

Graham Souness of Liverpool has seen ahosts in Kent and Sussex, as did Bill Shankly and Matt Busby. who were well known to be friends with ghosts.

Gareth Southgate of the England Team has also seen ghosts in Kent.

Jonathan Anderson

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## ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, CHELSFIELD



# SATURDAY, 28th OCTOBER AT 7.00PM

**CHELSFIELD VILLAGE HALL, BR6 7RL** 

# ENTRY £10 PER PERSON MAXIMUM 6 PEOPLE PER TABLE

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND DRINKS

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events@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk

or tel: 07547 794870

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



# **Passing the Time in Chelsfield - Part 6**

## **Dogs of Chelsfield**



You could have a good night out in Chelsfield with Merlot, Tia, Brandy and Cider, but NOT because they are drinks. Merlot, a Saluki, was an entrant in the annual Five Bells Dog Show, and Tia, Brandy, and Cider are the trio of Golden Retrievers owned by show Judge, Jim.

When I was in the Bo Peep pub recently (having a cider) with Darren from the Bromley Buzz podcast, he was telling me about the show, and the dogs with the names of drinks. Chelsfield should be proud of its dog-friendly pubs. At the Bo Peep, we met Wilma, a miniature Staffordshire Bull Terrier, who was very friendly, and stood on Darren's foot so he couldn't move.

Back to the Five Bells Dog Show. If you look at the bromleybuzz.uk website, you'll see an account of the show in a recent blog post. The winner of the show was Olive, a grey Staffie. As ever, it was a lovely way to spend an afternoon. The next near-ish doggie event is Paws In The Park, in Cator Park, Beckenham, on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

If you like cats, by contrast, I hear that the Romney House Cat Rescue charity, which has a shop in Petts Wood, would appreciate more customers and donations to help support their good work.

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

#### www.ianwoodproperty.com

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

> lan Wood, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023

# **Historic Vehicles and ULEZ Compliance**

If your vehicle is over 40 years old you can register it as a Historic Vehicle which makes it exempt

from any ULEZ charge and also car tax.

Some older vehicles have

already been given this status. Visit the DVLA website for details.

# **ULEZ Signs and Cameras**

You will have seen the ULEZ signs going up around the area. The two signs put up in Bucks Cross Road last week

were there one day, then a few days later one had disappeared completely whilst the second one, with the camera image.

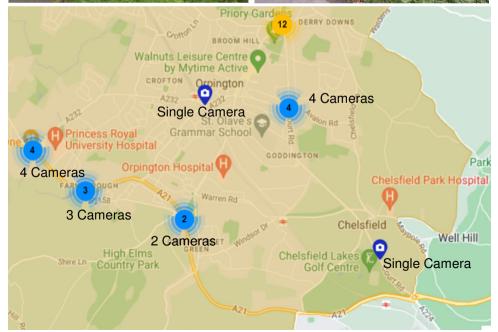
had been sprayed over!

Over the page you will also find a map of where cameras will be located.













## A Dance Date with Jane Austen



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

## Barbara Segal our visiting specialist tutor

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023
St John's United Reform Church, Lynwood Grove, Orpington, Kent BR6 0BG

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

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

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



#### OUR TEACHER - BARBARA SEGAL

Barbara Segal is a performer, teacher and historian of dance from the 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> centuries including the Regency period. She is director of *Chalemie*, a group specialising in early dance and music theatre, particularly the 18<sup>th</sup> century. She has also taught Hampshire Regency Dancers. Barbara has performed and taught throughout

Europe, the Baltic States, Russia, the USA and Australia. Barbara has toured for the Early Music Network and the British Council, and has taught early dance to degree students at The Royal Academy of Dance in London. Barbara gives lectures on early dance and allied topics for both academic institutions and other interested groups, and she has trained singers in baroque gesture. In 2018 the Early Dance Circle presented Barbara with the Peggy Dixon Award for Outstanding Services to Early Dance. She holds a PhD from London University (LSE).



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

#### HOW TO FIND US

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

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

#### SOME HELPFUL NOTES

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

#### PRICE FOR THE FULL DAY'S WORKSHOP

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

#### Advance bookings only

To reserve your place email Anita Francis (Pastime Secretary) at <a href="mailto:nitajfrancis@gmail.com">nitajfrancis@gmail.com</a> advising your name, contact number, email for confirmation, and number of places required. Please include the names of all those attending and their age if under 18.

Payment can be made by online bank transfer quoting reference JA and your surname
Account Name: Pastime; Sort code 60-15-28; Account number 10362126

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



# **Halstead & District Horticultural Society**

We are holding our Autumn show at Halstead Village Hall on 2nd September 2023. If you wish to exhibit at the show please contact us for class information and guidance. If you would just like to come

along and enjoy the day, then pop along at 2pm to see the exhibits and join in the fun of the auction afterwards.

There will be refreshments and stalls in the garden area

too.

See us on Facebook and Twitter @HalsteadHort or telephone Lisa on 07759 591312 for more information.

## **Chelsfield Cricket Club Fixtures September**

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	West Malling CC	Away	13.30 hrs
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Tatsfield CC	Home	13.30 hrs
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> September	Millwall Stars	Home	13.30 hrs
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> September	Chelsfield Park	Home	13.00 hrs
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> September	Locksbottom	Away	13.00 hrs
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> September	Snodland CC	Away	13.00 hrs
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> September			
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> September	Bells Yew Green	Home	13.00 hrs

## **Chelsfield Station - Then and Now**











Chelsfield, Well Hill and District Produce Show Saturday 9th September 2023



in Chelsfield Village Hall Recipe for Carrot Caké (Class 31)

## Ingredients

### For the cake

- 250 ml sunflower oil
- 4 large eggs, beaten
- 225 g light muscovado sugar
- 200 g carrots, peeled and coarsely grated
- 300 g self-raising flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp ground mixed spice
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 75 g walnuts, shelled and chopped, plus 8 halves to decorate

## For the icing

- 50 g butter (room temperature)
- 25 g icing (confectioners') sugar
- 250 g full-fat cream cheese (room temperature)
- 3 drops of vanilla extract

## Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/350°F/gas mark 4.

Grease two deep 20cm (8in) round sandwich tins and line the bases of the cake tins with baking parchment.

In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients for the cake mixture. Spoon the mixture evenly between the tins.

Put the cakes in the oven and bake for about 35 minutes, or until golden brown, risen, and shrinking away from the sides of the tins. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

Make the icing: measure the butter, icing sugar, cream cheese, and vanilla extract into a bowl and whisk using a hand or electric whisk until smooth and thoroughly blended.

Spread half the icing on one cake, sit the other cake on top, and spread the remaining icing on top to make a swirl pattern.

Decorate the top of the cake with the halved walnuts

Take a browse through the schedule and see what you can do! It's a fun event, and who knows, you may even win a few prizes! See you at the show!





### St Martin's Chelsfield & Well Hill - Services - September 2023

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

### St Martin's

Sun 3 Sep	10.00am	Holy Communion <u>cwo1</u> : SAJ
13 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	6.30pm	Choral <u>Evensong</u> <u>BCP</u> : SAJ
Wed 6 Sep	9.30am	Holy Communion cwo2 : MG
Sun 10 Sep	10.00am	Family Worship: MG
14 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	6.30pm	Sung Eucharist <u>cwo2</u> : MG
Wed 13 Sep	9.30am	Holy <u>Communion</u> <u>cwo2</u> : MG
Sun 17 Sep	10.00am	Holy Communion cwo1: MG
15 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	6.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP: KIA
Wed 20 Sep	9.30am	Holy Communion cwo2 : SAJ
Sun 24 Sep	10.00am	Morning Worship : KIA
16 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	6.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP : SAJ
Wed 27 Sep	9.30am	Holy Communion cwo2 : SAJ

### Well Hill

Sun 10 Sep	10.00am	Morning Worship Reader Gillian Garman
Sun 24 Sep	10.00am	Holy Communion MG

### Benefice Service at St Martin's

Sun 1 Oct 10.00am Holy Communion CW02: MH

Key: CWO1 – Common Worship Order 1; CWO2 – Common Worship Order 2; BCP – Book of Common Prayer; SAJ: Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones, MG: Rev Michael Gentry, MH: Rev Martin Hayward, KIA: Reader Ken l'Anson



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# **Dates For Your Diary**

#### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

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

Every Tuesday Five Bells CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT 8.30pm

Every Wednesday Chelsfield Village Hall CRAFIELD CLUB from 7.30pm

Every Thursday
The Chelsfield Pub
QUIZ NIGHT
from 7.30pm

Every Thursday Five Bells Bingo from 8.00pm

#### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Saturday 2nd September Halstead Village Hall Halstead Horticultural Show 2pm (page 21)

Sunday 3rd September The Rectory Gardens Cream Tea 3pm - 5pm (page 7) Wednesday 6th September Chelsfield Village Hall Chelsfield Volunteers AFTERNOON TEA 2.30pm-4.30pm (page 8)

Thursday 7th September Halstead Village Hall Kent Heights Flower Club 7pm (page 5)

Saturday 9th September Chelsfield Village Hall Chelsfield Produce Show from 09.30am - 5pm

Monday 11th September Call Sophie 07983 656022 for this months venue Knit and Natter 8pm (page 7)

Wednesday 13th September Five Bells Open Mike Night from 8.30pm

Thursday 14th September Methodist Church, Prince Imperial Road, Chislehurst This Week in History 2pm (page 7)

Friday 15th - Sunday 17th Sept Coolings Garden Centre Craft Show from 10am - 4pm

Tuesday 19th September Chelsfield Village Hall Evening WI 7.30pm-9.30pm

Wednesday 20th September Chelsfield Village Hall Chelsfield Volunteers AFTERNOON TEA 2.30pm-4.30pm (page 8)

Saturday 23rd September Starts St Martin's Church GUIDED AUTUMN WALK 10am (see page 12)

Saturday 23rd September Coolings Garden Centre Knockholt Farmers' Market from 10am - 3pm

Wednesday 27th September Five Bells Open Mike Night from 8.30pm (page 14)

Thursday 28th September Methodist Church, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington BR6 9JH Houdini 8pm (page 7)

Saturday 7th October Bore Place, Chiddingstone Open Day 12 noon - 4pm (see Page 14)

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

## **Recycling Bin Collection September 2023**

Monday 4th September Monday 11th September Monday 18th September Monday 25th September Monday 2nd October Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste.
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Every week

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

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

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