



The Newsletter and
“What’s On” Guide for
Residents & Friends
of Chelsfield Village

August 2010

Chelsfield, Well Hill and District
PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 4th September 2010
In Chelsfield Village Hall
A guide to growing and showing
Please join in and enjoy Show Day
(you will find a schedule on pages 6 & 7)



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Set up from 9.30am

Viewing from 2.00pm

Time of prize giving to be announced on the day

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Huge **THANKS** to the
5 Bells for their generous
donation It'll keep the
Village Voice going for the
next few months!

**CONTRIBUTIONS
PLEASE !**

Do you have any amusing
stories old photos or forth-
coming events? Let the
whole village know by
sending us the details or
article!

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Chelsfield Village Fair

*It's a wondrous sight to be seen
The Summer fete on the village green
Cake stalls, toy stalls, jewellery and clothes
Beautiful plants, well anything goes
Then there is the air display
Who could ask for anything more?
So come along folks, enjoy the fun,
It's a family day out for everyone.*

A villager

A new and welcome addition to the usual stalls and displays was a working bell tower.

This was borrowed for the occasion from the Trafford bell ringing family in Kent. It consists of 6

bells setup in an open 'tower' and is used for practice purposes and ideal for introducing beginners to bell ringing. Many bell ringers were on hand to help beginners (like me). It was certainly interesting (and

Sorry!

Some of you may have missed the June edition, don't worry, there wasn't one.

Please accept our apologies, but unfortunately work commitments made producing this issue impossible.

Ed.

novel) to try the action of bell ringing for the first time. I found it interesting enough to consider joining them for their Monday evening bell ringing practise sessions.



Chelsfield Evening WI AGM Report

The Chelsfield Evening WI held its Annual General Meeting in May. Fortunately for me, as Treasurer, the books balanced and I was able to present a healthy account to the members.

One aspect of the WI is for its members, nationally, to consider annual resolutions which are of particular interest. This year part of the AGM evening was taken up with discussion on the resolution of food labelling and it was generally felt that food should correctly indicate its country of origin. This resolution will be go on to national level and it is likely to be a resolution at the national WI AGM in Liverpool next year.

June's meeting was on a much lighter note. The speaker, Bridget Kelsey,

owns her own fashion, colour and styling business. She told us of seasonal colours and how we each fit into a season and which colours suit us best. Her clients go to her for all sorts of reasons and she can take them out shopping to buy their new clothes either for a special occasion or for a completely new wardrobe of clothes.

A lot of what Bridget told us obviously struck a chord with the ladies present: that we all have clothes in our wardrobe that we don't wear for whatever reason and that not only do they clutter up our cupboard space but also that they clutter up our lives. She also said that we all have our favourites which we wear time and time again and which always makes us

feel comfortable and appropriately dressed.

She also asked us to do a mental calculation of what we were wearing and how much our outfit had cost us. It made for some interesting mental arithmetic. She said that the average woman spends £800 per year on clothes. The lady sitting next to me said that she spends more than that on shoes alone!

That same week an outing to Greenwich had been arranged. The weather was good, the travelling easy via Lewisham and the DLR and lunch had been arranged at a rowing club on the Thames. Some 18 members enjoyed their day out and a good time was had by all.

Angela Wilkins

Village Fair– Open Letter From a Resident

It was good, again, to see the success of the recent Chelsfield Village Fair, and the large crowds that attended.

The fair committee has always keen to say that at least 50% of all takings go towards local charities, which is excellent.

I am not aware of the accounts being publicised and am only aware of relatively small sums being donated to village concerns.

Could the fair committee please let us know (through these pages) how much the fair raises and which chari-

ties benefit and by how much.

Great thanks are due to the committee for their hard work in keeping the fair going so successfully year after year.

A Resident & Stallholder

The Chelsfield BIG LUNCH Event

The idea behind the big lunch was originally thought up by the team at The Eden Project in Cornwall. The Big Lunch series of events are part of a nationwide campaign to get people talking and [eating](#) with their neighbours.

Whether it was a picnic on a patch of common ground or a full on street party, this was your chance to do something positive to counteract all the doom and gloom stories about a lack of community spirit and enjoy the company of friends, family and neighbours for an afternoon.

All Big Lunch events took place on the same day, Sunday 18th July. Ours was held in the Rectory Garden, Skibbs Lane, with all bringing their own picnic lunch. Puddings were

provided.

Fortunately it was a fine warm day, and around 65 people turned up including many families with children.

Anne Mead and her many helpers had organised a range of entertainment, including a number of games for adults and children, some tables of child friendly activities and a Punch and Judy show. Scattered around the gardens were a number of cards (called Dingbats!) with clues on which needed solving. For those residents that did not attend, some of these are reproduced here.

The range of pudding and fruit for the second course was excellent, followed later by cream teas!

A great event, lets hope more locals attend if a similar event is repeated next year.

Solve the cryptic clues of these Dingbats. More together with answers next month

1. HIJKLMNO
2. PePPermint
3. BLU E
4. Dr. do
5. ENTURY
6. ever ever ever ever + ever
7. ENCALG
8. Recoter
9. put
Weight
10. 13579
coming

Report From Local History Group

The last meeting before the summer break was on 17th June. Paul Rason introduced the talk with a John Wayne film clip. Typically of American Civil War films, there were several brawls. The successful pugilist was the 6'3" actor Victor McLaglen, who gave his birth place in 1886 as Tunbridge Wells in the autobiographical "Express to Hol-

lywood" published in 1934. Why this should be is a mystery. His real birth place, Commercial Road in the East End of London where his father did missionary work, would have appealed far more to the Americans' love of "rags to riches" stories.

In 1901, at the age of 15, presumably already a tall and muscular lad, he

joined the British Army to fight in the Boer war. Commercial Road was entered as his birth place on the application form. In fact he spent the next 3 years in the Life Guards based at Windsor, learning to ride and box, skills which would serve him well later. After 3 years his mother reclaimed him as being under age, no doubt grateful that the ar-

my had fed and clothed her teenage son.

Victor was one of 8 brothers and one sister. His brother Leo styled himself world jujitsu champion, teaching unarmed combat to several police forces and writing several books on the subject.

His father was of doubtful reputation and his claim to have 8 sons serving in the British army was disputed but proved to be true. He was obviously a colourful character, being appointed a bishop of the free protestant Episcopalian church in South Africa. A family photograph shows the sons in military uniform and the youngest son, Kenneth, dressed as the hero of the time, Lawrence of Arabia, expressing the family's love of theatricality.

Victor requested a commission in the army and became a captain. After the war he moved to Canada and served in the Winnipeg police force. He then got involved in the boxing circuit in Manitoba and Vancouver, taking on 7-8 contenders a night with a prize of \$25 to anyone who knocked him out in 3 rounds. He went 6 rounds with Jack Johnson, the first black world heavyweight champion for \$900. This was an exhibition match and good publicity for McLaglen.

His father, Andrew, presented a bible to the king of the Zulus in 1881. He and his father were born in South Africa but were of Scottish descent. The grandfather had at one time been held prisoner on Robin Island and ended up in a lunatic asylum, his madness possibly being caused by handling lead printing type.

Andrew McLaglen came to London and did missionary work at the London City Mission (still there today). From 1877-79 he worked at Bloomsbury with the City Mission but never complet-

ed his qualification.

After refreshments we found out why we had been hearing about the McLaglen clan. Victor's eldest brother, Frederick, was born in High Street, Bromley in 1881. He joined the army in 1897, again under age, and fought in the Boer war. He took part in several campaigns including the relief of Ladysmith. He bought himself out of the army in South Africa for £18 and joined the Pretoria police. After 4 months he returned to England and joined the City of London police force.



Chelsfield Produce Show Schedule

WHY NOT HAVE A GO THIS YEAR!

The Chelsfield, Well Hill & District Produce Show is one of the longest established annual events in the village calendar. The exhibits range from fun and amusing right through to truly creative, beautiful, skillful or simply delicious!

No matter what your area of expertise (or not!), it's fun to enter. Take a look through the following classes and have a go at a one - or more!

THE VERY BEST OF LUCK!

Flower arrangements

- 1) A hat decorated with fruit, vegetables or flowers.
- 2) To be judged by the public. "World Cup Frenzy" – an arrangement of flowers and foliage depicting the 2010 football World Cup. Accessories allowed.
- 3) A gent's buttonhole or

lady's corsage.

- 4) Men only: An arrangement in any footwear.

Flowers

- 5) A vase of flowers from the open border.
- 6) 6 Fuchsia blooms on a plain sheet of A4 paper.
- 7) 3 Gladioli spikes.
- 8) A single hydrangea head in own glass bottle.
- 9) A vase of 3 dahlia blooms.
- 10) A pot of outdoor patio plants – min 3 varieties – 45cm diameter max pot.

Vegetables

- 11) A salad collection – any 3 of the following: 1 lettuce, 1 cucumber, 6 radishes, 6 spring onions, 1 capsicum, 3 tomatoes – staged in a seed tray.
- 12) A trug of garden produce, up to a maximum of 5 different vegetables.
- 13) 5 Potatoes, white – one cultivar.
- 14) 3 Onions trimmed and tied.

- 15) 5 Medium to large tomatoes.

- 16) 3 Beetroot – one variety with tops.

- 17) 1 Cabbage – any variety, with root wrapped in foil or cling film.

- 18) 6 Pods of runner beans.

- 19) 3 Courgettes.

- 20) A vase of herbs, minimum 3 varieties (in own container).

- 21) The heaviest marrow.

- 22) A bucket of home produced compost.

Fruit

- 23) 3 Dessert Apples – polished.

- 24) 3 Cooking Apples – unpolished.

- 25) 3 Pears.

- 26) 10 Raspberries – arranged on a plate.

- 27) A bowl of blackberries.

- 28) A fruit not otherwise mentioned in this schedule.

Wine

- 29) A bottle of dry white table wine.
- 30) A bottle of sweet white table wine.
- 31) A bottle of dry red table wine.
- 32) A bottle of sweet red table wine.
- 33) A bottle of any vegetable wine.
- 34) A bottle of any other beverage.

Country Fare

- 35) A white cottage loaf.
- 36) Battenburg cake to given recipe. Ready made marzipan permitted.
- 37) 3 Fruit scones.
- 38) A theme cake depicting a nursery rhyme - decoration only to be judged.
- 39) A chocolate Swiss roll with butter/margarine cream filling.
- 40) An apple plate pie (with top pastry only). Bought pastry allowed.
- 41) A savoury flan.
- 42) A jar of blackberry jam.
- 43) 3 Butterfly cakes.
- 44) Men only: a

cheesecake.

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

- 45) A wooded scene.
- 46) A single flower.
- 47) A village pond.
- 48) Age and youth.

Handicrafts

- 49) A Knitted or Crocheted item
- 50) An item or tapestry or embroidery (specify if using kit.)
- 51) An item machine or hand sewn
- 52) A miniature watercolour.
- 53) A pin cushion.
- 54) Any craft or hobby (specify if using a kit).
- 55) A home-made individual napkin holder – with napkin. Any medium.

Children up to 5 yrs

- 56) Draw a snowman.

Children 5-7

- 57) An animal made of vegetables.
- 58) A decorated flower-pot.
- 59) 5 Chocolate breakfast cereal cakes.

Children 8-11

- 60) A decorated hard boiled egg.
- 61) A junk model made from recycled material.
- 62) 3 Decorated fairy cakes.

Teenagers

- 63) A mobile phone holder.
- 64) Design a football shirt for Chelsfield Village.
- 65) A ploughman's lunch.

For additional schedules, recipe for Battenburg cake or any enquiries contact

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01959 535022

Chelsfield Players - La Musica & Perfect Partners

This time we were treated to two single act productions, thus getting two plays for the price of one. Madeline McCubbin, who played one of the leading roles in the last production "The Wedding Story", showed her versatility directing these contrasting plays with a shared theme. In her words, La Musica is poignant and thought provoking; Perfect Partners is cynical and amusing.

Michael Wortley, who only joined the Players last year, is proving to be a valuable addition to the group. He took on two contrasting major roles as a newly divorced man who still showed strong feelings for his ex wife and a hack journalist trying to expose the dodgy practices of an introduction agency. Emily Ed-

munds played his ex wife in the first play with just the right degree of detachment. They both showed clearly how situations can deteriorate when couples do not communicate. The innocent fiancée, played by Jo Clent was, I fear heading for a similar fate. The receptionist, played by Judy Ives was heard but not seen. I feel that, although off stage at all times, she could have been a little louder and am not sure she would have been heard at the back of the hall.

Judy Ives and Jo Clent also took on roles in the second play. Judy Ives was well cast and costumed as Edwina, the proprietor of an introduction agency, switching her style of delivery depending on whether she was dealing with customers or her erring hus-

band, convincingly played by Andrew Haggerty, another invaluable recent recruit to the group. This about to be divorced couple certainly had no trouble communicating. The bravado of Edwina was challenged by Dave the journalist who then proved to be less self assured than he would have us believe. The balance of power changed nicely between these two. Jo Clent's Susan was looking for an introduction "for a friend" but changed her mind after seeing how the agency operated. The second play gave some welcome humour after the first and they offered a well balanced pair of plays. The backstage team was as slick as ever.

A view from the stalls

Neighbourhood Watch

A resident walking past Warren Road Cottages on the afternoon of 27th July noticed the alarm going and on inspection the front door had been

forced, but there was no one on the premises. On dialling 999 police arrived quickly, and secured the property.

The Safer Neighbour-

hood Team organised a street briefing on Tuesday 27th July at 8:00pm in the village, giving residents an opportunity to meet the SNT team and

raise any concerns, and for the SNT team to inform residents of any present local problems.

This street briefing was attended by around 10 residents.

The recent burglaries were discussed and SNT said that there had been a number recently. Car crime had increased with 26 thefts from cars in the Orpington area in the last week alone. A resident asked if there was a reason for this increase.

SNT said that they thought that it may be linked with us being 'squeezed' between a number of traveller sites. SNT strongly advised residents not to rely on 'yale type' rim locks as these were now no deterrent.

Among other points the SNT team were asked were:

- Is there an answer to persistent parking offenders who regularly park inconsiderately in the village? SNT said that if licence numbers were reported to them, a police letter could be

sent to the owner to discourage this habit before any further action.

- How could an incident be reported to the police that was not an immediate emergency enough to use the 999 service? SNT said that there was a central non emergency number that got directed to local stations. 0300 123 1212. (This is one of the numbers at the back of your VV).

Protect your Mobile Phone

Ensure you protect your mobile phone and other property by visiting www.immobilise.com. By registering property you stand a much better chance of getting it back if stolen. The IMEI number of a mobile phone is its unique identifier and is often printed on a label found behind the phone's battery. It is also stored electronically and can be displayed on screen by keying in to the handset: *#06#. This database is available to the police who search it when

handsets are recovered.

Also a message from Brian Davies, of the Bromley Trading Standards Rogue Trading Team. He advises residents of a rogue trading scam operating in the Borough, of which there have been four notifications this month.

Be wary of cold calling, concerning exterior wall coating. An inspection of the state of the paint coating and free repair will be offered. Workmen then attend the property and start to remove the rendering (and in two cases, bricks from the wall) thereby causing extensive damage. The resident is told damp has penetrated the walls and it will cost thousands of pounds to remedy the situation.

The people actually doing the work appear to be Eastern European and acting under the instructions of B Johnson and/or Jason.

It is requested that any information regarding this type of activity is forwarded to the team or Julie Langman. on 07949 839044.

Darrick & Newstead Woods Local Nature Reserve

This Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) was officially launched as a Local Nature Reserve by the Mayor of Bromley, Cllr George Taylor on 10th June. Designated by the London Borough of Bromley (LBB) following recommendation by Natural England, it recognises the importance of the site for both people and wildlife. It lies within the triangle bounded by Orpington station, Locksbottom and Farnborough.

The area is one of semi-natural ancient woodland and meadows. The core is the ancient Darrick Wood but the supporting cast of meadows (particularly Tubbenden, Broadwater and Newstead), other woodland, hedgerows and water features provides a wide variety of habitats and seasonal interest. There is a superb wildflower display in spring and early summer, with a particularly fine display of wood anemones and bluebells.

The area is crossed by several paths, including a section of the London Loop, giving plenty of walks for local people including many of the areas dog owners. The area is also bounded by the playing fields of the five local schools and also Tubbenden Recreation Ground, giving a feeling of greater size than it actually is.

The Darrick and Newstead Woods area includes Darrick Common and straddles the ridge between the Cray and the Ravensbourne river systems, the watershed running along the gentle crest on the meadow side of the area. This gives fine views from the benches at the top of Tubbenden meadow – a wide sweep south and east over the dry valleys which feed into the upper Cray valley including the ridge of the North Downs around Knockholt seen over Farnborough and Green Street Green and down along the valleys towards Orpington.

Improvements have been a real community effort. The Friends of Darrick and Newstead Woods have been working in partnership with Bromley's Countryside Service to look after and improve the area. They actively campaigned for the Local Nature Reserve designation and run some of the public events including butterfly, bird and history walks and have started Health Walks They have also obtained funding to put in a new self-guided nature trail.

Access points. Best if you need to park are in Broadwater Gardens (off Starts Hill Road); the entrance by Darrick Wood Swimming Pool, off Lovibonds Avenue; and where Rusland and Crofton Avenues meet. For more information about Darrick and Darrick & Newstead Woods Friends Group, please contact Bromley's Countryside Service on 01689 862815 or e-mail countrysideandparks@bromley.gov.uk

Report from Federation - snippets

The Biggin Hill Air Fair will no longer be run by the usual team. It will either be run by the Airport itself or a Spanish company.

The Biggin Hill Heritage Centre Trust has a pledge form available for donations. We hope to have these details in the next edition.

In preparation for the winter, railway point heaters are being installed.

If you need to know who to contact about local issues,

use the website: www.writetothem.com. If you put in your post code it will give advice help you find the right contact from local councillors to MEPs.

If graffiti on council property is reported it will be removed within 24 hours.

Warning from a senior police officer. If you stay in a hotel which uses key-cards you should be aware that the details these hold are your name, hotel room number, partial address

and credit card number with expiry date. When you check out the returned key is kept in a drawer until it is re-issued and re-programmed. Hotel employees have been taking the key-cards home between customers and extracting the information to use fraudulently. You are advised to use a small magnet to erase the information after you have settled your bill. Take care to keep the magnet away from any bank cards etc

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Bromley Council

Main switchboard:

020 8464 3333

E-mail:

csc@bromley.gov.uk

Opening hours Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm

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

Reporting Problems to the Council

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

Mobile Library

The mobile library stops outside Chelsfield Village

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

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

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08007838866

Thames Water Emergencies
0845 9200800

Transco Gas Emergency Service
0800 111999

Orpington Police Station
1000-1800 Monday-Saturday
0300 1231212

Samaritans 01689 833000

NHS Direct 0845 4647

Safer Neighbourhood Team
020 8721 2605



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

Chelsfield Methodist Hall
Windsor Drive

Iyengar Yoga Classes

9.30am-11.00am

Suitable for Beginners

Contact Denise on

01689 853215

EVERY TUESDAY

Parish Room Skibbs Lane

Mums & Tots Group

10.00am-12.00 midday

Details 01959 535110

EVERY TUESDAY

Chelsfield Village Hall

Art Workshop

“Art for the Fun of it”

4.00pm-5.00pm

5 years and upwards

£8.00 per child

Details 01959 532761

geraldinefranklin @bt.com

EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells

Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am

Contact Pam Keeper on

01732 458930

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Rugby for Girls

Any Age

Evening training from

September to May

Contact Kevin

0208 289 8566

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday 11th August

Parish Room

Internet Cafe

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 12th August

(2nd Thursday Each

Month)

Brass Crosby Room

Crafts For All

Come and Try Your Hand at

a Range of Crafts

11.00am

Thursday 12th August

Five Bells

Bargain Evening

Fish & Chips and a pint!

Sat/Sun 14 / 15th August

Village Cricket Ground

Cricket Match

Chelsfield vs Five Bells

Saturday 21st August

Five Bells

Tapas Evening

Enjoy the many tastes of

that wonderful country

Spain

Booking advisable

01689 821044

Wednesday 25th August

Parish Room

Internet Cafe

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday 27th August

Five Bells

Gastronom Taster Evening

An 8 course meal for all

foodies - win a day in our

kitchen with head chef

Chris!

Booking advisable

01689 821044

Sunday 29th August

Five Bells

5th Anniversary

Party

Live Music with the Ray

Rich Band

Thursday 2nd September

(1st Thursday Each

Month)

Five Bells

Live Jazz Thursday

“Just Friends” will be

playing their monthly set

Saturday 4th September

Chelsfield Village Hall

Produce Show

for a schedule phone

01689 831826

Monday 6th September

Five Bells

Salsa Dancing

Lessons Resume

suitable for absolute

beginners and improvers

£5.00

Saturday 11th September

Five Bells

Pie Mash & Liquor

in remembrance of 70th

anniversary of the Blitz

From 12.00 noon until sold

out

Monday 13th September

Novell's (Polhill Garden

Centre)

Tea Dance

with Les Johnson

3.00pm to 5.00pm

Thursday 16th September

Brass Crosby Room

Local History Group

10.15 - 12.00 noon