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The Stag Beetle

The Stag Beetle

This month I have chosen the Stag Beetle (*Lucanus cervus*) to write about. This beetle is generally known as 'The' stag beetle although the family consists of about 1200 species. It's the largest beetle (indeed the largest insect) in Europe and can grow to around two inches in length. The male in particular with its mandibles can look very aggressive. It gets its name from these jaws which resemble the antlers of a stag. Indeed it uses them in a similar way, by jousting with other males for the attention of females. Despite its looks, it is not usually aggressive to people although the female (with considerably smaller jaws) has been known to bite – apparently !

It can fly and looks quite scary as it seems to lack any sense of direction. It is also attracted to light and so has been known to cause panic as it flies into people homes on a summer's evening with a distinctive beating noise from its large wings.

This beetle is confined to southern parts of Britain and its larvae lives in rotting wood, usually oak while the adult is most often seen from May to July.

The reason I've chosen this rather fearsome looking insect is because I've seen so many of them this year compared to recent years. Prior to

two cases – bits of them ! Twice down in Shoreham I have found the heads of both a male and a female beetle. The male was found during the garden safari in the grounds of the school while I found the female on the hill about a quarter mile from the chalk cross. This head still had the antenna twitching so must



this year the last stag beetle I had seen was in Rochester around 2006 but since then: none. This year however, maybe because they like the wet weather (although I don't know that for a fact), I have seen a number of them, or at least in

have recently have been dispatched by one of its predators – often birds of prey or a weasel or stoat. I have seen one live beetle this year and that was on Maypole Rd near our esteemed editor's house (Dan). It was a female and was in the middle of

the road and not long for this world if I hadn't moved it into the hedge. It made the usual defensive posture which is to rear up on its hind legs trying to ward me off with its pincers. This beetle is becoming increasingly rare. I remember as a child in the sixties that they would be a

common sight. In fact at this very time there is a census being conducted by the 'Peoples trust for endangered species' to try to find out whether their numbers are continuing to decline and anybody who finds one should contact http://www.ptes.org/more_mammals/greatstaghunt/

[stag_beetle.php](#)
These days finding one of these beetles is a rare treat with their aggressive looks making them something of an exciting spectacle. So please treat them with respect as they mean you no harm despite their aggressive looks.

Steve Fuller

Chelsfield Housemartin's Mini Olympics

Not to be outdone, the Housemartin's held a Mini Olympics in the village hall. Three teams competed with Basket ball (rolled on the table & caught in a basket), Hockey (blowing a ping pong ball with a straw to a goal and many more events which would not be recognised by the olympic team but were great fun. We ended with Volley ball which was quite spectacular and hair raising!



Chelsfield Fair Washout 2012

Hello Everyone,
Most of you will be aware that the Fair sadly was cancelled due to a very water-logged field and that no amount of dry weather and sunshine would have been enough to dry the cricket field and car parks out in time. The vehicles and footfall on the day would have caused too much damage to the cricket field and it would have been too expensive for the Fair funds to repair. Cancelling the Fair was a first for the majority of the Committee and it has been a big, but good, learning curve for us. It has been just as much work to cancel it as it was to put it on (well almost) and yet again I have been overwhelmed by the support and understanding from the majority of people that we engage with to put on such a great day; from exhibitors and advertisers, to sponsors and all the volunteers. So, on behalf of the Committee, a really big thank you to you all. Many people have been

very kind and have donated their pitch and advertising fees. I would like to share with you the status of the Village Fair in terms of the raffle, the contributions to the local community and future plans.

Raffle

The raffle was a great success this year and we still managed to sell a lot on the day of the fair! Special mentions go to Clive Reynolds of Little Acorns Nursery, Townsend Butchers, The Bo – Peep, The Chelsfield, The Five Bells and Sharon Wright and James Hummerson. Not forgetting everyone who bought them.

We have managed to raise £1,970 from raffle ticket sales which isn't at all bad.

This money will go to our headline charity, The Maypole Project, and if you can't remember what it is, I have put some information about it below.

Local Community Support and Future plans

Cancelling a Fair isn't

cheap and our current position is that we do not have sufficient funds to put on a fair in 2013, let alone to make any donations to the local groups that we normally enjoy supporting.

We are still keen to put on a Fair in 2013 and we would like you to mark your diaries for **July 13th 2013**. This is subject to confirmation of the availability of the Chelsfield Cricket Club field.

In the meantime we are planning some fund raising events to help rebuild the fair funds and to support local good causes.

The first date is **Friday 26th October 2012 for an evening recital from Julius Bannister and string quartet, with Fizz and Canapes**. Our thanks go to Julius for supporting the Village Hall and Fair. Any surplus from this evening will be split between the Village Hall and Village Fair. Tickets will be on sale soon at £15 [to include a glass of fizz and canapés] and will be

available from any of the Committee members or from the Five Bells Pub. Be warned, tickets are limited.

On the 26th September Willie Austen will be performing in the **Five Bells** and this will launch a raffle to start raising money for the children of Chelsfield Primary School. In the past our donations have helped to send some of the children to the Christmas Pantomime and we would like to help them again this year.

A Christmas raffle is likely and if anyone would like to donate any Christmas related prizes please do not hesitate to contact me on 07738 292 995.

In **January 2013** we are planning for the outrageous, but fab, **Dupe Rock** to put on an even-

ing of entertainment in the Village Hall and then we are hoping to do a final event before the actual Village Fair on 13 July 2013.

For those of you who are wondering what happened to the painting of Chelsfield that Alan Johnson kindly donated, we still have it ready for another auction at one of these events. We will let you know.

If you are interested in putting in a bid please contact Dave Griffiths.

The Chelsfield Fair Headline Charity 2012



The Maypole Project has been providing free emo-

tional and practical support to local families of children with complex medical needs since 2003. Today, it's helping improve the lives of over 170 families of children living with conditions such as cancer, cystic fibrosis and cerebral palsy. A unique charity based in Green Street Green, The Maypole Project works in and around the borough of Bromley, South East London and parts of Kent. Its family support workers help children talk openly, yet in confidence, about their anxieties, thoughts and feelings to help them understand the personal challenges they face as a result of their illness or disability.

www.themaypoleproject.co.uk

**Mandy Lamond
Chelsfield Village Fair
Chairman**

Chelsfield Pop-in-Parlour

**September 4th at 10am,
in St Martins Brass
Crosby Room**

On the first Tuesday of each month we are holding a Pop-in – Parlour in

the Brass Crosby room at 10 A.M. Do come and, bring your friends and make new ones.

Plants, cards, eggs, marmalade books and lots of

other items will be on sale for charity. Anne Mead will try to answer any questions that you may have! Call her on 01689 826349

A Wedding With a Difference!

Did you see this tractor on Saturday 21st July driving around Chelsfield? Steve drove the tractor with our daughter Heather to St. Martins church and her new husband drove it back to the farm for a reception in the barn. Court Lodge Farm



Chris Miller

Chelsfield to Brighton Bike Ride MORE RIDERS PLEASE!

The wonderful Chelsfield to Brighton Cycle Ride which was such a success is in jeopardy if organiser Keith Lipscombe doesn't receive more entrants. We had a total of 40 riders last year and we would like something of around that number this year but at the moment we have fewer than 20 people who have popped into the Five Bells, handed across their £20 and registered.

The date for this year's event is Sunday 26th August and Keith is keen to point out that this is not a race; it's a nice day out – you go at your own pace, stop when you want to and you all end up in a pub just this side of Brighton where you and your bicycle will be transported in luxury back to Chelsfield. As reported in the last Village Voice, the charities do well out of this so please do sup-

port it. If Keith does not receive a sufficient number of entrants, the event will have to be cancelled and that would be an enormous shame.

To register, please pop into the Five Bells and pay £20 which covers your transport back and you will be given a pack containing all the details and the route. Many thanks

Dave Griffiths

Chelsfield Park Hospital Celebrates 25 Years

To celebrate BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital's 25th anniversary the hospital held a special Jubilee Tea Party and Chelsfield Park Olympics in the grounds of the Chelsfield Village Hospital. The day was attended by staff, patients and the local community who saw prizes awarded for the best homemade 'crown' and to winners of the Olympic 'Sports Day' races. The day also raised money for the Kent Air Ambulance. Guests were able to enjoy a BBQ from the hospital's catering team and the obligatory cucumber sandwiches, cream teas and drinks were on hand to round off the afternoon's events.



Best Crown Competition



Olympic Sports Day



Consultant Gynaecologist & Obstetrician Miss Leila Hanna with Chelsfield Park Hospital's Executive Director Ruth Hoadley



Guests Enjoy the Afternoon Tea

Local History Group

Paul brought several DVDs to entertain us. We started with film from the Bromley archives showing Orpington in the 1920s and 1930s. A wedding at All Saints Church showed the fashions of the time, particularly cloche hats, the commentator saying that the wearers had to tip their heads back to see, if they were worn properly. The associated WWI Canadian cemetery was shown with an Armistice Day parade. An Armistice Day Parade from Orpington to Saint Mary's at St Mary Cray where the local MP laid a wreath. The parade showed a very large and varied group. A clip of wreath laying at the memorial in Orpington High Street in 1921 followed. The next clip showed a match at Orpington Rugby Club. It was founded in 1926 but the ground was requisitioned during the war and the club not re-founded until 1968. There was much interest in identifying the motor vehicles leaving the ground afterwards. A film was made in 1930

of Goddington Park when the grounds were donated for public use. We all marveled at the number of children who could pile onto the roundabout and seesaw. Obviously there were no health and safety issues. It was notable that everyone wore hats in those days.

A football match between Bromley Postal Union and Orpington Palace at Cray Valley Wanderers football ground in 1935 resulted in a win for Orpington.

The Silver Jubilee of George V in 1935 was celebrated with a parade along Orpington High Street. A long procession of highly decorated floats and various bands was shown. It was a miracle that the drivers of some of the vehicles could see where they were going through all the ribbons and banners obscuring the windscreen. There was a competition for the best decorated shop which was hotly contested.

We then enjoyed watching sports day 1936 at St Joseph's Orphanage with

wheelbarrow and egg and spoon races. There was a huge Boy Scout bonfire and a donkey derby with rather reluctant mounts. The Armistice Day parade was attended by smart RAF trainees from Orpington Hospital which was being used as a training camp rather than a hospital.

A tree planting ceremony took place at Orpington Central School to commemorate the coronation of George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1937. The school later became Charterhouse School in 1965 but was closed in the 1980s for housing development. Some of the trees still remain.

Some local buildings were featured. Footage was shown of a "star" if the time, Lana Morris, who crowning the local beauty queen at the Orpington Commodore cinema. In 1980 the Commodore was closed to make way for a McDonald's, only the car park remaining. The Richard Klinger building at Sidcup is now abandoned and empty but then housed a

CHELSEFIELD, WELL HILL AND DISTRICT PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 1st September 2012

In Chelsfield Village Hall



SCHEDULE AND RULES

Set up from 9.30am

Viewing from 2.00pm

Prize giving time to be announced on the day

Additional schedules and enquiries available from:

Catherine Gandolfi 01689 831826

Chris Courtney 01959 535022

Also available on the events page of the Chelsfield Events web site:

www.chelsfieldevents.co.uk/eventspage.htm

Flower arrangements

1. An arrangement representing the Olympics, not to exceed 14". accessories allowed.
2. An arrangement of wild flowers, fruit and foliage, not to exceed 14".
3. ☉ An arrangement in a basket, not to exceed 9".
4. Men only: An arrangement in a tankard, foliage only.

Flowers

5. 3 Dahlia blooms.
6. A cactus or succulent pot plant.
7. In a single vase the three stages of a rose bloom – the bud, the perfect bloom and a blown bloom.
8. 6 Fuchsia blooms on a sheet of A4 paper
9. ☉ A floating pansy head.
10. A vase of flowers from the open border.

Vegetables

11. A tray of 3 kinds of vegetables – no more than 3 of each kind.
12. X2 A salad collection – any 3 of the following: 1 lettuce, 1 cucumber, 6 radishes, 6 Spring onions, 1 capsicum, 3 tomatoes – in a seed tray.
13. 5 Potatoes – one cultivar.
14. 3 Onions- tied & trimmed.
15. 5 medium to large tomatoes.
16. 5 carrots, untrimmed.
17. 7 Pods of runner beans.
18. 3 Courgettes.
19. 3 Beetroot, one variety, untrimmed.
20. 9 Pods of peas.
21. ☉ The ugliest vegetable.
22. A bucket of home produced compost.

Fruit

23. 3 Dessert Apples- polished.
24. 3 Cooking Apples- unpolished.
25. 3 Pears.
26. A bowl of 3 types of fruit.
27. The longest stick of rhubarb.
28. A dish of wild fruit and nuts.

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.

Country Fare

- 35. 3 Chelsea buns.
- 36. 6 Meringue shells.
- 37. 5 Cheese scones.
- 38. Themed cake- The Diamond Jubilee – decoration only to be judged.
- 39. X2 Canterbury Tart - to given recipe.
- 40. 3 Individual custard tarts.
- 41. 5 Sausage rolls using homemade puff or flaky pastry.
- 42. 1 Jar of homemade mincemeat.
- 43. 1 Jar of sweet pickled onions.
- 44. ☺ Men only and children: 5 Crunch biscuits – recipe supplied.

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

- 45. Clouds.
- 46. Moonlight.
- 47. Windows.
- 48. ☺ Family fun.

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 watercolor of a country garden.
- 53. ☺ A bookmark – any medium.
- 54. ☺ Any craft or hobby (specify if using a kit).
- 55. ☺ A decorated plat pot – any medium - maximum pot diameter 4".
- 56. ☺ A still life –any medium.
- 57. ☺ Knit a jumper for a rescued battery hen – pattern provided.

Miscellany

- 58. ☺ A matchbox (standard size) filled with real listed items starting with the letter O for Olympics.

Classes marked X2 earn double points.

Classes marked with ☺ can be entered by adults or children. The children's entries will be judged separately in 4 age groups: under 5, 5-7, 8-11 and 12-18.

Additional schedules and enquiries

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The Cups & Trophies

The KNOX-CUNNINGHAM Cup – Awarded to the household with the highest number of points gained in adult sections.

THE WELL HILL CUP –Awarded to the household with the highest number of points in 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 3.00 p.m.

RULES

1. Open to residents of Chelsfield, Well Hill and District.
2. 30p per entry. Children's classes free.
3. 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.
4. Fruit, vegetables and flowers (except in classes 1-4 and 28 must be home-grown. Handicrafts, cookery and wine must be homemade. No item may have been exhibited at this show in previous years.
5. 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)

Class 12 and 39 will merit double points for each prize. Handicraft classes and children's classes will be judged on individual merit.

6. Children and teenager classes will be judged in four age groups - up to 5, 5-7, 8-11 and 12-18.

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.

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

- a) Your name
- b) 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.

successful engineering company. A visit by Bernard Miles in 1950 was shown. He then went on to visit the Electrodynam-ic Construction works and Farnborough Engineering works. Jean Burgess recalled the Silver Jubilee celebration at her primary school. There were not enough boys to go round so the taller girls, of which she was one, had to dress as boys – much to her indignation. Paul then showed a couple of DVDs made by the GPO film unit in the 30s and 40s. The first one was entitled “The City”. It showed the different components that make up the city of London. Accommodation was in the suburbs with its new houses for commuters, the slums in the centre, overcrowded amidst smoke and grime and the West End typified by nannies for the wealthy. Work was in offices and industrial areas (factories,

railways and dockyards). After the Great Fire of London in 1667 Sir Christopher Wren drew up plans for a city with spacious boulevards but this was not to be and the city continued to develop with cramped narrow lanes causing traffic congestion. The GPO had its own underground railway linking main line stations with trains as frequently as 40 an hour. The driverless trains ran automatically and avoided all traffic problems. Ambitious plans for flyovers, tunnels, large roundabouts and aerial roads did not all come to fruition. One such plan would have led to a road through Chelsfield. Fortunately for us this was superseded by the M25. The third DVD was about the Islands of Britain, showing the Outer Hebrides, Guernsey and Lindsifarne. The theme running through the film was

communication – by underground cable, telegraph and telephone, short wave radio and daily or weekly steamers. The Outer Hebrides were largely self sufficient but during bad weather in the winter they may be without ferry visits for 3 weeks at a time. They exported eggs to Glasgow. Guernsey had a large granite quarry, exporting the product and also exported the famous Guernsey cows. Every calf had an identity sketch after birth which followed it with its individual records. Acres of greenhouses were dedicated to tomatoes. Lindsifarne was and still is sanctuary to thousands of birds. Its lighthouse has a red filter along with the white lights. All lighthouses have a unique signal so they can be identified. ***There are no meetings in July and August. The next meeting will be on September 20th.***

Piano Needs New Home

The parish room has a piano within it for disposal. It is old and heavy but serviceable, in

need of a tune. Has brackets for candles. Free to anyone but you must take it away. Maybe

old but capable of many a new tune!
Ring me first for access.
Philip Lane 01689 858634

Oak Processionary Moth

A serious infestation has been found in (part of) the woods surrounding Bethlem Royal, a smaller outbreak in Harvington, with High Broom being checked as a logical extension given its adjacent location.

No-one is to panic please, but these caterpillars are extremely unpleasant little critters, and I'm afraid that it is in everyone's best interests that they are destroyed wherever they are found.

The caterpillars can pose a risk to human and animal health. The tiny hairs from the caterpillar can be blown on the wind and can lead to itching skin lesions and, less commonly, sore throats and eye problems. You are advised not to touch the caterpillars or nests, even empty nests.

Please

DO NOT ATTEMPT

to do so yourselves under any circumstances, but



instead contact Mr Fowgies immediately on the telephone number

provided, or in his absence, Mr Patrick Phillips on 0208 313 4322

Craft Group

From beginning of September the Craft Group

will meet in the Brass Crosby room every

Thursday at 2 – 4pm All welcome!

Chelsfield Primary School Fun Run Event

On Sunday 16th September between 10.00am and 3.00pm we will be staging a Fun Run on The Chelsfield Cricket Green, Bucks Cross Road.

There will be a 10k Cross Country Run for Adults and a 2k Fun Run for

Children. Other attractions will include a Bouncy Castle, Barbecue, Refreshments, Pony Rides, Pocket Money Toys, Traditional Stalls, Sports and Games plus much more!

All are welcome, so please come and support

your local school - if you'd like to take a stall contact us now as they are selling fast!

Email; chelsfieldfriends@hotmail.co.uk
or Telephone :
01689 825827
for more information

Dupe and The Bells - 6th October 2012

The rock band I and some friends began nearly 30 years ago, DUPE are playing a number of gigs locally in the next few months but I would like to promote a very special concert in St Martin-of-Tours church. We played a concert to raise money for the new bells which were installed a couple of years ago and as part of the evening, the bell-ringers played with the band – a quite amazing experience for us and the audience, we are led to understand!

We have been invited back and this time we are pulling out all the stops. I have written a special piece for rock group, electric cello and all eight bells

which we will be performing and we will be joined by a number of guests. We will have Melanie Mehta, a local operatic soprano joining the band for one number and we will be performing several well known tunes arranged for string quartet/quintet and various members of the band. I might even get the chance to play viola on the night, rather than just making a racket on keyboards!

We will be raising money for South East London Breast Cancer Trust and tickets will be on sale next month from our website and other sales outlets to be announced. If you would like to put the date in your diary, and check

our website for further announcements, we would love to see you there. The music will be an eclectic mix of stuff from the 60s and 70s, erring towards the more flamboyant end of the repertoire (Queen, Beatles, Deep Purple, Pink Floyd, ELO etc.) and it really was quite something last time. The acoustics in the church are quite magical and the sound of church bells with the band is like nothing you will have heard before.

Please check out our website: www.duperock.com

*Dave Griffiths
Keyboards – DUPE
Viola – Lullingstone
Quartet*

Orchids in Chelsfield

Over the past number of years, the council have been mowing and removing the cut vegetation on the bank to the right of Warren Road leading down to the station and going past the view point, with the aim to lower the fertility of the soil. After being farmed for many years, this should bring it back to its original low



fertility chalk grassland. This is the first year I have seen Pyramid orchids in this field, with hopefully more varieties to come. A similar exercise at High Elms some years ago brought back a wide variety of Orchids, that is now a regular attraction for enthusiasts.

Chelsfield Housemartins on The River

The day chosen for our outing was almost the best of the year. A coach collected us from Goddington carpark and took us to Allington Lock where we caught a boat to Maidstone and back. The weather was glorious and the river looking it's best although there was a distinct lack of ducks to feed! The coach then

took us on a lovely run through Kent to Lambhurst where we had a delicious meal at the Brown Trout.

This trip was paid for by donations in memory of one our founder members, Vera Morley who was 103 when she died. She would have loved it! We are very sad to hear

that another of our long standing members, Joan Stevens has also died. She was very involved with many aspects of life in Orpington including the Methodist Church and Liberal party. On a more cheerful note CONGRATULATIONS to BESSIE SHRUB who has just held her 99th birthday.

Hospital Achieves 99.7% for Patient Satisfaction

BMI Chelsfield Park Hospital has been awarded an overall satisfaction score of 99.7 per cent by its patients.

The score was based on

an independent survey of the hospital's patients conducted market research firm Howard Warwick Associates Ltd during June 2012. The survey measured patient

satisfaction across a broad range of criteria including patients' overall impression of admission, nursing, consultant care, imaging (X-ray) anaesthetists, theatre staff and



Director at Chelsfield Park Hospital, comments: "All our staff are dedicated to providing the best possible care to our patients. These results highlight the hard work and dedication put in by our staff across all departments. We are all very proud of our hospital and are completely focused on making each patient's

accommodation. Importantly the survey also looked at whether, as patients, the respondents

were treated with respect and dignity.

Ruth Hoadley, Executive

experience as pleasant as possible and our patient satisfaction results are testament to this.

Annual Canvass is Changing

The Council have changed how you provide information for the electoral register as part of the annual electoral canvass. If there are no changes to the details on the form delivered in

August simply confirm this by freephone, internet or text – details will be on the form. If you need to make any changes you must return the form to the Civic Centre as this year canvassers will not

be collecting door to door. It is important to remember it's your responsibility to register and provide correct information for the Electoral Register.

Could You Share your Life, Your Home?

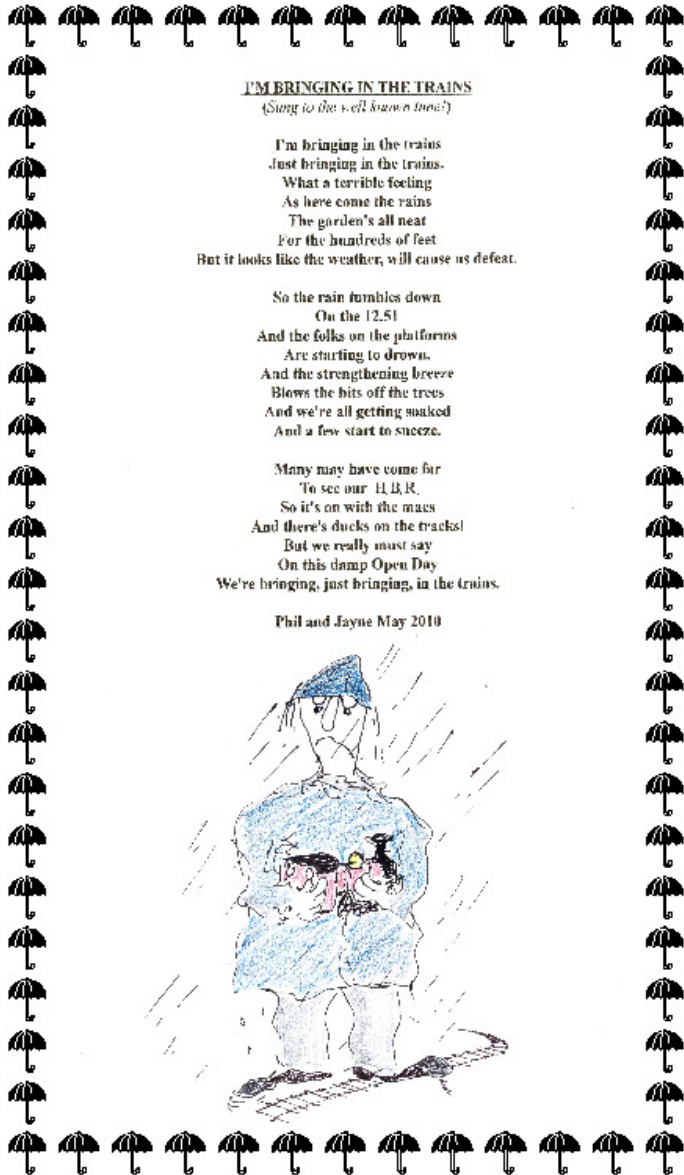
Shared Lives is a highly successful scheme where families share their home life with an adult with a disability. It is one of a number of Council initiatives designed to help adults who need support

to gain greater independence and choice about how they live their lives. We are looking for people from all walks of life who would consider sharing their home and getting involved in this very re-

warding and flexible scheme. Find out more by contacting sharedlives@bromley.gov.uk or call the team on 01689 880 853 or visit www.bromley.gov.uk/sharedlives

Last Train Day

July 29th saw the last public Open Day for the Hollybeech Railway. After 21 years the effort of getting the garden and railway ready for finaly beaten us. The railway will remain in situ, apart from one line that will be lifted, but trains will only run for our own use and for small gatherings by invitation. And of course it absolutely poured nearly all afternoon! The wettest one we have ever done in 20 years. I persevered with running trains through the monsoon of wind,rain, hail and thunder whilst many people sheltered in one of our 8 sheds or under trees. The children hardly noticed the rain! Despite all the odds, we raised £130 for MND research and it was very jolly. A few bits of rolling stock suffered from the rain but I am recovering them slowly. The attached poem may sum up the day.



I'M BRINGING IN THE TRAINS

(Sung to the well known tune)

I'm bringing in the trains
 Just bringing in the trains.
 What a terrible feeling
 As here come the rains
 The garden's all neat
 For the hundreds of feet
 But it looks like the weather, will cause us defeat.

So the rain tumbles down
 On the 12.51
 And the folks on the platforms
 Are starting to drown.
 And the strengthening breeze
 Blows the bits off the trees
 And we're all getting soaked
 And a few start to sneeze.

Many may have come far
 To see our L.L.R.R.
 So it's on with the mags
 And there's ducks on the tracks!
 But we really must say
 On this damp Open Day
 We're bringing, just bringing, in the trains.

Phil and Jayne May 2010



Philip and Jayne Lane

We would like to thank

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News From The Tryhorn Field

A condition of our change of use approval from LBB is to have an archaeological survey carried out. This was duly done as a "desktop" based on past historical research. Despite the conclusion that little would be found, we had to get a series of trenches dug to satisfy English Heritage. Out of 7 trenches dug, at a not inconsiderable expense to the church, all that was found was a 1937 sixpence, a fossil and some old plough-

shares. In the top pits adjacent to Cope's Field they have found a shingle lined surface like a metalled road or base. Probably Neolithic but hardly any human artifacts save the odd bit of pottery and some burnt flints. It might be a pond or animal enclosure. Quite interesting but not expected to prevent us using the field for burials, but we are obliged to follow the process through before we can start to clear the site. We are hoping to get this

clearance within the next two weeks. Please visit the site with care, and have a look, they will be backfilled by August 10th.

The existing churchyard is now closed to new burials so there is a real urgency to bring this valuable field into use. As a church, we are very fortunate to have such a piece of land so close to St Martins for this use. It should see us through for 120 years.

Philip Lane

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Bromley Council

Main switchboard:

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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.

BMI

Chelsfield Park Hospital

Main Reception

01689 877855

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BT Line Faults 0800 800151

Electrical Power Failure (EDF)
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

Chelsfield Village Hall (bookings)

01689 855617

Village Neighbourhood Watch

Contact

John Leach 07711304965



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

Brass Crosby Room

St Martin's Toddler Group

10.30am-12.00 midday

Contact Sarah Ford:
01689 853415

EVERY TUESDAY

Outside the Village School

Mobile Library

11.15am-11.45am

EVERY TUESDAY

Five Bells

Charity Quiz Night

from 9.00pm

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Hatha Yoga Classes

10.30am-12.00am

Contact Pam Keeper on
01732 458930

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday 4th July
(1st Wednesday each Month)
Orpington Village Hall

Country Market

For more information call
07771 502739

Wednesday 1st August
(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
Parish Room-Skibbs Lane
Internet Cafe & Local History Transcription
2.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 8th August
Five Bells
Open Mic Night
Starts 8.30pm

Saturday 11th August
Five Bells
Dog Show
Starts 3.00 for 3.30pm
come and show your dog
off—cost £5.00 (donated to
Foal Farm animal shelter)

Wednesday 15th August
(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
Parish Room-Skibbs Lane
Internet Cafe & Local History Transcription
2.30-4.30pm

Friday 17th August
Five Bells
Talking Heads Live Music
Classic Pop and Rock

Wednesday 22nd August
Five Bells
Open Mic Night
Starts 8.30pm

Sunday 26th August
Start outside Village Hall
Chelsfield-Brighton Bike Ride
See entry details in Five Bells

Saturday 1st September
Chelsfield Village Hall
Produce Show
09.30am – 6.00pm
See schedule
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Saturday 11th August
Five Bells
Live Opera with Dinner
Starts 7.30pm
£38.00 per person

Tuesday 4th September
(1st Tuesday each month)
Brass Crosby Room
Pop-In Parlour
from 10.00am
Produce and items for Sale
plus meet your friends

Wednesday 5th September
(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
Parish Room-Skibbs Lane
Internet Cafe & Local History Transcription
2.30-4.30pm

Sunday 16th September
Cricket Green
Chelsfield Primary School Fun Run
See Page 5 for details
10.00am-3.00pm

Wednesday 26th September
Five Bells
Willie Austen Live Music

Friday 26th October
Chelsfield Village Hall
Evening Recital Julius Bannister & String Quartet
Tickets £15 includes Fizz & Canapes