



August 2021

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With life beginning to return to normal once again here are a few events to enjoy through August. Please see inside, and the "Dates For Your Diary" on the back cover for a more complete list.

Join Chelsfield Volunteers for

Afternoon Tea

at Chelsfield Village Hall
on Wednesday 4th and 18th August

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SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST 2021



OPEN DAY

Chelsfield Equestrian Centre

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The Five Bells

Annual

CHARITY DOG SHOW

Saturday 21 August 2021

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(or phone 07414 920920)
to arrive on or before
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The Starling

Last winter, as in every winter I can remember, I feed the birds from a simple table in my garden. For some unknown reason, this year some of the spilled bird seed took root and I now find a dense forest of oats growing close to the base of the bird table. I left them out of curiosity and have just harvested them for the birds for this coming winter – see photo. I now need to cure and thresh them.



Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) are one of those birds like sparrows that everybody takes for granted. Like sparrows, they are associated with man-kind and seem to

follow us around making use of our houses, farms and cities. They are sometimes known amongst ornithologists as the 'second hand car-salesmen' of the bird world. They appear rather dull in flight but close up their plumage has many iridescence violet and emerald speckles set on a black background. These specks of colour are lost over winter while the young are a plain sandy olive colour and were sometimes historically considered a separate species being so different to the adults. In previous centuries the starling was not as widely seen as it is now and in parts of Wales, the south-west and northern Scotland the starling was often only seen during winter. In Wales it was consequently known as the 'snow bird' as it was associated with poor weather.

This bird has many names including Shepster, sheppy, shep and stirling. Many names are associated with the fact that starlings do not appear to mind the smell of sewage: names too

coarse for the tender pages of the Chelsfield Village Voice!

Starlings have an underrated song which becomes more complex with age. Their ability to produce sounds of varying quality is extraordinary and sometimes this ability has led to local names reflecting this ability. For instance in Norfolk they are sometimes known as Wheezer, a name suggesting an asthmatic quality to their song but their real calling is as mimics. They can impersonate cats, goats and frogs as well as other birds such as owls, buzzards and chickens. They will even intrude into human life and make wolf whistles or imitate the ringing of old style telephone bells – often to the consternation of the phone owner! This ability to impersonate led in Victorian times to starlings being taught to 'speak' and were treated as the poor man's parrot. Even Mozart kept one as a pet and taught it, or it was self taught, to recited parts of the Piano Concerto in G major!



a big starling flock: far less peaceful than is suggested by the word 'murmuration'.

For an internet link to a BBC report on a murmuration follow the link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-norfolk-55870828>

One of the greatest sights to be seen in the British countryside is the vast collections of starlings known as 'murmurations'. These start as small collections of birds in the summer and as autumn arrives these groups are joined by others from further afield. As winter arrives some birds will appear from as far as Russia. Eventually such numbers accumulate that just prior to nightfall birds congregate in huge flocks of airborne clouds until they eventually roost for the night. Although spectacular to watch in the countryside, in town they can create problems. At the turn of the 20th century starlings began to roost in the city of London having flown in from the suburbs. After WW2 the numbers became so great that measures were taken

to reduce their numbers. These were mostly ineffective but in recent decades the numbers have fallen substantially. Even in rural settings the birds could create problems. One such location is Wenderton Wood, not far from Stodmarch in Kent. For a few decades in the middle of the 20th century estimates of the size of these Wenderton murmurations ranged up to 2 million birds. One observer wrote: Flocks tended to alight in stubble, winter cereal fields or pastures before going into the wood, and moved across them, apparently feeding, like a rolling carpet with birds at the back leap-frogging those at the front. Periodically the whole lot would rise in noisy panic – giving the distinctive crackling hiss of

The density of birds in flight has been quoted with figures as high as 500 per cubic yard which seems to me to be somewhat unrealistic but if one uses this figure you find that a cubic yard of murmuration can weight 35 kg! Such numbers can wreck a roosting location such as Wenderton Wood leaving it looking like a scene from the WW1 trenches. Even land rovers have become stranded axial deep in the starling's droppings!

In the 1890s a thespian enthusiast called Eugene Schieffelin decide to introduce all the bird's mentioned in Shakespeare's plays into North America. A small number of starlings were released in Central Park and

consequently starlings have become a first class invasive nuisance for American farmers with a population of something like half a billion birds. Bizarrely, in Russia the starling is cherished and

welcomed and school children even put up bird boxes for them the way we do for blue tits. The French however have been known to eat them and up until at least a few decades ago one could

buy starling pate in southern France although I understand it is not considered very palatable by non-Francophiles!

*Steve Fuller
August 2021*

Mutterings From The Millers

We are thrilled to report that we have passed our annual farm inspection enabling us to sell our crops. As many of you already know, this inspection looks at our crop records, dates of when fertiliser and chemicals were applied, times, weather, when the machines were serviced and inspected, well you get the general idea. It is a bit like a mini Ofsted for farming. This year the inspector visited the farm so we didn't have to video all of the equipment and the yard etc as we did last year. He looked at all the paperwork checking it was all in date and correct but didn't actually touch anything.

The crops are in the senescence stage, ie dying. We hope to combining the barley first around the beginning of August but of course this depends on the weather. Fingers crossed for a

decent dry spell.

The weather, our favourite subject, has been ok recently for the crops but we don't want very heavy slanting rain that would knock the crops down or too strong winds.

The slugs and the snails have been busy in the garden as you probably are aware, but in the fields, where we do not use slug pellets, all is well. The direct drilling method has the effect of not disturbing the soil so soil predators, carab beetles, blackbirds, crows etc are undisturbed and eat the slugs. The soil is a lot firmer when not ploughed which enables slugs to hide.

We have been busy, mainly Peter, repointing the walls of the old stables. We raked out all the lime mortar from the red rubbers, (soft red

bricks) to a depth of about 3/4" and then mixed up some new lime mortar with added cement and used this repoint 75 square metres of brickwork. Dusty work and the wall the underside has now got to be done.

On the wildlife front, we have been delighted to watch a great spotted woodpecker on our suet balls right next to the kitchen window. We see and hear the green woodpecker but it was lovely to watch this one so close to the house. Plenty of young great and blue tits around and the occasional coal tit. Young swallows too. We have had a family of crows in the garden and it does seem quite funny to watch these big birds being fed by the parents.

We mentioned before about the increased number of rabbits on the

farm but they are now in our garden, cheeky. There is plenty of food in the fields and although lovely to watch, we rather they stayed away. A mammal we haven't seen in the garden before is a weasel. It was unbelievable to watch this mammal jumping up to have a go at magpies. It started off with one bird and ended up with four trying to attack him/her. After about 5 minutes of hectic activity until the weasel ran into the hedge.

The weather quotes this

month are about clouds. They are fascinating and you can tell so much about the weather by them, be it the height, colour or shape. Apparently the classification of clouds into types was first proposed by Luke Howard in 1802 and the Met Office still use the same system more or less.

If the clouds appear to build up in large blocks, showery weather is promised

*When clouds appear like
rocks and towers
The earth will be refreshed
by frequent showers*

or

*A rain topped cloud with
flattened base,
Carries rain drops on its
face.*

When the clouds build up to form a towering black anvil, a thunder storm is almost certain.

*Steve and Chris Miller
Court Lodge Farm
August 2021*

Guerrilla Knitting - continued

Further to the previous article, I see that our local example along Court Road, near the junction with Park Avenue, has changed to a very topical Bee design. I rather like walking past this post box, wondering what I might find.

Unfortunately when I last walked passed it, someone had poured what looked like red paint over it. Shame!

If anyone knows who the knitter is, please pass on my approval and that they are giving pleasure to many.



The central text is surrounded by a decorative border of various tea and coffee-related illustrations. These include a brown teapot with white hearts, a pink cupcake, a green leafy branch, a yellow lemon slice, a pink cup of coffee, a green swirl, a pink cupcake, a stack of cookies, a yellow gift tag, a green teapot, a pink cup of coffee, a brown cupcake, a yellow lemon slice, a green cup of coffee, and a yellow cup of coffee. The background is white with small green and yellow dots.

Ready to meet up again?

Chelsfield Volunteers

Will be offering

Afternoon Tea

at Chelsfield Village Hall

This summer

Wednesday 4th and 18th August

Drop in for tea, cake and conversation

from 2.30 to 4.30pm

**All welcome – old friends, new faces
and everybody in-between!**

no charge but donations are welcome

If you need transport, or if you can offer help with transport,
please call Peter on 01689 831826 or cvhlettings@gmail.com

If you can volunteer to help out on any of these days, with
serving tea/coffee, providing cakes, setting up etc please email
chelsfieldvolunteers@gmail.com

St Martin's - Farewell and Welcome

Just a reminder that the Farewell Service for Rev John & Janet Tranter is at St Martin's on Sunday 8th August at 10.30am, followed by a light lunch. If you would like to contribute to their leaving present please contact the Church Treasurer Barry Foale on

treasurer@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk as soon as possible.

On Wednesday 25th August at 7.30pm we will hold the Licensing Service for our new Associate Rector, Rev Michael Gentry, followed by refreshments. Rev

Michael will work with Rev Susan across the new Benefice of Chelsfield with Green Street Green and Pratts Bottom, and he and his family will live in the Rectory in Skibbs Lane.

Come and join us at these services if you can!

Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall

I hope you have all seen the leaflets (see opposite page) advertising Afternoon Tea which the Chelsfield Volunteers are offering in the Village Hall. I went along to the one on the 7th July and although I was at first a little apprehensive, being on my own and thinking maybe I wouldn't know anyone, I was very pleasantly surprised when after being welcomed in and offered tea and cakes I felt very much at home and surrounded by friendly people.

I have since also been along to the 2nd one on the 21st July... why not make the most of a chance to get out and have fun after the last 18 months?!

I really enjoyed both afternoons. The tea was very nice, the cakes (and there was plenty of them) were delicious and the servers, who are of course the Chelsfield Volunteers, were very accommodating. They have driver volunteers, too, so if you need a lift just let Peter know in advance on 01689 831826.

I recommend, ladies and gentlemen, that you go along to one or both of the afternoons in August. The dates are the 4th and the 18th (both Wednesdays). You will, I know, as they say in the leaflet enjoy tea, cake and conversation. It is all free, just make a donation if you wish.

I look forward to seeing you on one or both days

Bridget O'Donnell



The Volunteers Afternoon Teas



More Afternoon Teas 4th & 18th August

During July Chelsfield Volunteers held two "Afternoon teas" in Chelsfield Village Hall. The aim was to offer, to those in Chelsfield and

surrounding areas, an opportunity to return to social interaction after a long period of lockdowns and restrictions.

Volunteers, friends and villagers assisted in many ways. We had catering helpers/servers, hall decorators (bunting, etc.), rota organisers, cake

bakers, cake donors, drivers.....All helped make these afternoons a lovely community event! All did so with care & humour

The Sun shone as did many smiles! Friends and neighbours re-engaged, new friendships emerged. Attendee numbers grew as word spread after the first event. On the second afternoon we had

returnees, newbies, walkers and even a visitor from Newcastle! Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie, service, tea and fabulous homemade cakes & meringues. The atmosphere was lovely and we received many generous donations. There will be two further Afternoon teas on 4th & 18th August. Chelsfield Volunteers invite you to

join us from 2.30 to 4.30pm. 18th August will be a Fundraiser for the charity: Breast Cancer Now. Please tell friends, relatives and neighbours who might like to come along and would enjoy the chance to get out. The Village Hall has parking, the village is accessible by the R7 bus and we have drivers if required (call 01689 831826).

How Are You Finding the New Roundabout?

A letter was seen in a local paper from a driver using Court Road, wanting the council to go back to the old junction.

He was considering the need for local residents to get out of the village.

We have now used the new system over a wide variety of times and directions, and much prefer it, as long as drivers along Court Road realise that they may not have right of way. Even

Photo Courtesy of Philip Lane



crossing Court Road during rush hours is now much easier, something I have tried to avoid for a

long time.
How do you all feel about it?

Peter Gandolfi

Searching For a NHS Dentist

Re: **NHS Dentist** request in the July Chelsfield Village Voice.

DENTIST for a couple of years now and I find them very good.

and Chislehurst Road Tel. 01689 890205

I hope that helps.

I've used the BEACONSFIELD

They are at the junction of Orpington High Street

Jim Ellard

Chelsfield Cricket Club Fixtures 2021

DATE	OPPOSITION	HOME/AWAY	TIME	NOTES
August 1st	Wrotham	Away	14:00	
August 7th	Chelsfield Park	Home	14:00	Saturday
August 15th	Kent Royals	Home	13:00	
August 22nd				
August 29th	Kent Royals	Away	13:00	
September 5th	Chelsfield Park	Away	13:00	
September 12th	Stockbury & Hartlip	Away	13:00	
September 19th	Kent Royals	Home	12:30	
September 26th	Locksbottom	Home	12:30	

This is the current list which may vary through the season, any updates will be circulated in due course.

Yoga in The Chelsfield Village Hall?

We have been approached by a fully qualified Yoga instructor who is interested in starting Yoga classes in

the village hall. I said that I would try and gauge interest.

If you are interested

please contact me, and I will pass on to the instructor.

Peter Gandolfi
cvhlettings@gmail.com

Knit and Natter Night!

**Monday 9th August,
8pm at The Five Bells**

We are pleased to be launching our informal monthly knitting group on the above date. Knitters of all ability levels welcome. Please along your own knitting / sewing / crocheting – or feel free to join us for a nice chat!

(Please contact Sophie with any questions – 07983656022)



St Martin's - Calendar of Services - August 2021



All welcome! Please be aware that in the current situation this schedule is still subject to change, potentially at short notice. Please watch the church website for updates (see link on right).



St Martin's

Sun	1 Aug	10.00am	Family Communion
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Wed	4 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun	8 Aug	10.30am	Farewell Service for Rev John & Janet Tranter
			No evening service
Wed	11 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun	15 Aug	10.00am	Family Communion
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Wed	18 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
Sun	22 Aug		No morning service at St Martin's
			– see website for other services in the Benefice
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Wed	25 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion – BCP
		7.30pm	Service of Licensing of Rev Michael Gentry as Associate Rector of the Benefice
Sun	29 Aug	10.00am	Family Communion
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer

Well Hill*

Sun	22 Aug	10.00am	Holy Communion
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**NB these services are outdoors unless it is wet & have limited capacity if held indoors – for more information please contact Anne Ireland on 07767 783189 / anneireland@icloud.com*



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Council Subsidised Compost Bins

If you are looking for a recycled plastic garden compost bin or rainwater

butt try this link. They have teamed up with councils to provide

recycled products:
<https://getcomposting.com/en-gb/composters/>

Chelsfield Equestrian Centre

SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST 2021



OPEN DAY

Chelsfield Equestrian Centre

Pony
Rides

Marco's
Kitchen

Cupcakes
by The Cake
Hive

Tea &
Coffee

10:30 AM

Riding Displays at 11:00am & 3:00pm



**£2
Entry**

**Under 12's
FREE**

Church Road. Chelsfield. Orpington, Kent BR6 7SN
T: 01689 855603

Facebook: Chelsfield equestrian centre
www.chelsfieldequestriancentre.co.uk

The Toddlers Group to Reopen



St Martin's Toddler Group



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

I am happy to say that all the volunteers who help to run Toddler Group are ready and willing to open again in September when the new school year begins if we are not in another lockdown situation.

Stay Safe Everyone,

Toddler Volunteers:
Jenny, Peter, Mary, Mo, Val and Anne.

Contact Details:

Toddler Group Leader - Jenny Wood 07752 678345

Email: smartinstoddlers@gmail.com

Have your say

Changes to Route R7 in Chelsfield Village

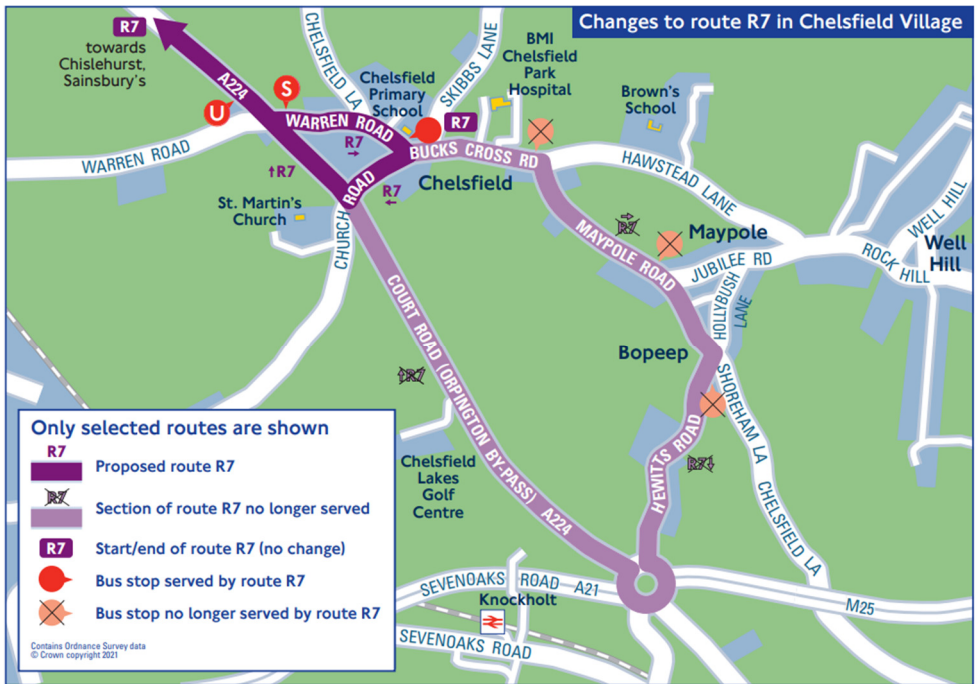
We are asking for your views on changing the route of the R7 bus in Chelsfield Village from 6 November 2021 so it misses out some stops to improve reliability.

The route would miss out the stops Bucks Cross Road, Maypole Road/Jubilee Road and Hewitts Road/Maypole Bo-Peep Public House (see map below). No changes are proposed to the frequency of the R7.

The R7 operates between Chelsfield Village, Five Bells and Chislehurst High Street at 2 buses per hour (bph) Monday to Saturday and 1 bph Sundays and all evenings.

New schedules were introduced in April 2019 to help with reliability but these haven't worked as much as we had expected. If the current route is maintained we would have to reduce frequency.

Please let us have your views by **27th August 2021** at: yoursay@tfl.gov.uk or Freepost TFL HAVE YOUR SAY or on the website at: haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/bus-route-R7



R7 Bus Re-routing Proposal

TfL are proposing, on 6th November 2021, to change the route of the R7 bus to miss out Bucks Cross Road, Maypole Road and Hewitts Road.

By doing this they will be cutting out passengers who use it to access Chelsfield Park Hospital, Brown's School, Brinds Well Day Nursery and The Bo Peep pub as well as further isolating the

residents in the eastern side of the village and the whole of Well Hill.

Whilst it is appreciated that the bus is never at its busiest in this part of the route to those that do use it it is definitely a lifeline. The reason giving for trimming the route in this way is to cut delays and improve reliability of the service, however, other than occasional awkward

passing of oncoming vehicles in the Maypole / Hewitts Road area this part of the total route is relatively free flowing.

If you are unhappy with this latest proposal please be sure to contact TfL to register your objection in one of the ways shown on the page opposite before 27th August 2021.

The Chelsfield Pub

As you may be aware The Chelsfield Pub reverted from a leased pub to a Punch Pubs managed house on 20th July. Punch immediately closed the pub and have begun ripping out the current furnishings and fittings. The complete announcement on Facebook from Punch is as follows.

New Beginnings!
Just wanted to send out a message to update everyone. The Chelsfield is currently closed for a £450k refurbishment and we are looking to relaunch late August / early September. To

give you a feel of what to expect, please take a look through some pics of our recent work.

On behalf of Punch Pubs & Co, I want to very clear, the pub is beautiful and I am really excited to invest and give you all a pub you can be proud to call 'your local' for many years to come!

At the same time I would like to thank Tom, James and the team who have served The Chelsfield so well over the years and wish them luck with their new ventures. We would like to update the community with our exciting plans in early August via a virtual presentation. If you

would like to join this presentation please can you email info@thechelsfield.pub requesting an invite.

Given our past history with Punch there is a leap of faith involved here but I believe from the conversations I have had that they do have a vision for the long term future of the Pub, and money talks!!

I believe that the presentation is worth attending, not just to gain information but also to demonstrate the strength and breadth of interest our community has in one of its major assets.

Bryan Gannon

HALSTEAD VILLAGE

HALSTEAD AUTUMN SHOW

4th September 1PM

~ Horticultural show ~

~ Auction of produce ~

~ Craft stalls ~

~ Ice cream van ~

~ Band ~

~ Refreshments ~

Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road, TN14 7EX

£1 entry

Update From Chelsfield Village Society

Members of the CVS met for our bi-monthly meeting on 6th July, we were joined by Councillor Angela Page.

Roundabout / Pull In Area Court Road

We were informed that the Roundabout on Court Road would be completed by the end of the week, this would be followed by removal of equipment and rubbish, and the road area concerned would be closed from 14th - 16th July at night for the final road surface to be applied. Issues that arise with the new roundabout will be monitored over the following six months and any changes that need to be made will be considered by Bromley

Council.

It has been agreed that the car pull in area on Court road that meets with the end of the public footpath will be closed, and a Crossing Island and dropped kerbs will be installed at a later date. This is a welcome change as the pull in has been used to dump rubbish in the footpath area, and has been an ongoing problem.

A new road surface will be laid at the entrance to Warren Road to remind drivers that they are entering the Village and a lower speed limit applies. The white gates at the entrance to Church Road and Warren Road will be repaired and re-erected.

Village Parking

To try to deal with the congestion issue in and around Orlestone Gardens of parked cars, a consultation document from Bromley Council will be sent to those residents most affected, indicating where potential yellow lines could be put.

Childrens Playground

The childrens playground is undergoing a makeover by the Parks Department of Bromley Council, they will be repainting the swings, slide etc, oiling the teak animals, karchering the area and replacing swings and new netting on the slide. This will be completed over the following weeks.

Halstead Fun Day - A Family Day Out

Wednesday 11th August from 10am to 4pm on Halstead Recreation Ground

Lots of activities will be provided by a Sevenoaks District Council team both indoors and out and

Halstead Parish Council have also booked RICO the CLOWN to come along with all sorts of circus skills for kids to enjoy.

Come along, bring a picnic - we'll be providing tea, coffee and squash and we'd love to hear

your ideas on the refurbishment of our play area.

If you'd like a stall, or to advertise at this event for a small fee then please get in touch.

halsteadparishclerk@gmail.com

CELEBRATE Prosecco Day
at The Bo Peep
Friday 13th August 2021
With Fish & Fizz !



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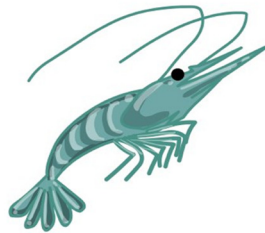


Warm smoked mackerel with chive potato salad
£6.25

Pan Fried king prawns with chilli, garlic & parsley
£7.95

Smoked Haddock & Spring Onion Fishcakes
With a creamy dill & grain mustard sauce
£6.25/£11.95

Salt & Pepper Squid with lemon mayonnaise
£6.50



Sticky five Spice & Soy Salmon
with stir fry vegetables & Noodles
£14.95

Loin of Hake wrapped in bacon
with pesto mash & Tenderstem Broccoli
£15.95

Skate Wing with crushed new potatoes
& a Capser & Lemon Butter
£16.95

News From Orpington Lip Reading Groups

Two years ago I wrote in Chelsfield Village Voice remembering 100 years of lipreading classes in London. Lipreading classes were established in 1919 to support soldiers returning from war with hearing loss caused by noise damage on the front. Since then lipreading classes have never ceased. During World War Two they were even carried out in the London Underground tunnels!

When we were forced to lockdown during 2020, I realised that for the first time in 100 years, lipreading classes would close. So, I set about finding a new way to deliver classes!

At a first glance, it seemed that it would be impossible to deliver online classes. Anyone with hearing loss will know that video calls and hearing loss are not a match made in heaven. Aside from my class (and me!) learning the new technology, hearing loss can make it very tricky to follow a video call. I set about finding ways to

make video calls accessible for people with hearing loss.

My lipreading groups are now back to meeting face-to-face every week. Thanks to our huge, airy classroom in Poverest Road and Covid-secure measures overseen by Bromley Council, we were able to meet up again as soon as schools re-opened. We have enjoyed meeting up each week during a time when social interaction has been limited.

I don't think any of us would choose online learning over face-to-face classes, but our online lessons provided some unexpected benefits. First of all, it provided us with some much needed fun once a week. We had some real laughs during our online lessons. It was lovely to see some familiar faces, even if they were in square boxes! Secondly, it gave a new dimension to our lipreading practice. Lipreading from a screen turned out to be useful real-life practice. But it gave us all a most

unexpected third benefit. It taught us how to access video calls with hearing loss. As a result, we could use our new skills to chat more easily with friends and family online.

Here are my top tips for video calls when you have hearing loss:

- Most hearing aids have the technology to be linked to the audio on your phone/ computer – sound can be streamed directly to your hearing aids;
- The bigger the speaker the better the sound quality;
- Use a video platform with autocaptions – Google Meet is free;
- Zoom captions can be turned on by the host on the pro version;
- Zoom captions are available on the free version for people with hearing loss;
- The government 'Access to Work Scheme' will help financially with

captioning for work calls or streaming equipment for hearing aids;

- Ensure other people on your call speak one at a time and mute when they are not talking;
- Use the chat function to clarify.

This year has been a reminder to me; that there is always

something new to learn about living with hearing loss and that is why lipreading groups can be so helpful.

My lipreading groups meet weekly on a Monday afternoon (mixed ability) and Tuesday morning (confident lipreaders). Lipreading classes are about so much more than lipreading – they are a

support group, a fun place to socialise without worrying about not hearing and a chance to learn all sorts of useful things about products and services that can help. I have just a few places left on a Monday afternoon to start in September. If you would like to find out more; please email me on lisa.cox@baec.ac.uk

Lisa Cox

Halstead & District Horticultural Society Events

September 4th Autumn Show Halstead Village Hall
Staging 9.30 -11.30am 1.45pm Prizes 3.15pm

September 9th RHS Wisley Flower Show
Outing by coach 9am depart

September 23rd 8pm Talk Halstead Village Hall
Carol Halfpenny "Working in Monet's Garden"

October 7th Quiz Halstead Village Hall
7.30pm for 8pm start

October 28th 8pm Talk Halstead Village Hall
Philip Oosterbrink "Walmer Castle Gardens"

November 25th 8pm Halstead Village Hall
Annual General Meeting

December 4th 2pm
Christmas Fair (Halstead Village Hall)

Due to Covid please ring Barrie on 01959 533074 to check events are going ahead.
Membership is free this year so if anyone would like to join please ring Barrie.

The Five Bells Chelsfield Annual
CHARITY DOG SHOW
Saturday 21 August 2021

at 3.00pm



**We're getting 'life' back to normal as much as we can
and are running our annual dog show in the garden**

**This is a fun event held here in our large garden
and is for domestic pets only**

Registration fee is £5 per dog

The show consists of four categories:
Temperament, Presentation, Character,
Golden Oldie (Reserve Best in Show)
with one Best in Show

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The Five Bells Update

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AS LIFE COMES BACK TO SOME SORT OF 'NORMALITY' WE ARE SETTING ABOUT GETTING SOME OF OUR USUAL EVENTS UP & RUNNING, SO:



MONDAYS AT 7.00PM - MONDAY CLUB WITH 'OPEN THE BOX' WHERE YOU COULD WIN THE CONTENTS OF THE BOX



TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 8.30 – CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS



WEDNESDAY 4TH AUGUST THE RETURN OF OPEN MIC NIGHT AT 7.30PM (NEW TIME)



THE START OF A NEW GROUP ACTIVITY ON MONDAY 9TH AUGUST AT 8.00PM, WHICH IS A KNITTING GROUP – (SEE PAGE 10)



SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST AT 3.00PM THE RETURN OF OUR ANNUAL DOG SHOW



EVERYONE WELCOME

Chelsfield Holiday Fete - 1943

CHELSFIELD HOLIDAY FETE.

SPORTS, FLOWER AND BABY SHOWS.

About 1,500 holiday-makers were present at Chelsfield fete on Monday afternoon, the object being to raise money for the proposed memorial hall in the village and for the Recreation Ground Fund.

The attractions included a flower show, organised by the Women's Institute, sports, a baby show and various sideshows, all of which were well patronised.

Mrs. Moore (Green-Street-Green), Mrs. Street (Orpington) and Mr. Buckwell (Cockmanings) were the judges at the flower show, a feature of which was a collection of grasses by school children.

BABY SHOW.

The baby show adjudicators were Dr. John Grant, of Orpington, and Miss Webster, matron of the Cray Valley Hospital.

of the Cray Valley Hospital. Fifty-two babies were entered and the prize-winners were:—

One to nine months. — 1 Mavis Cooper, 2 Christopher Hogg, 3 Michael Wakefield, hc Jenner Clark and Derek Leeks.

Aged nine months to two years.—1 Sally Chappell, 2 Gillian Roseveare, 3 Jasper Kirk. Special prizes were awarded to Derek Sanderson and Derek Inwood.

Twins up to five years of age.—1 Rosemary and Susan Motton, 2 Phyllis and Patricia Wenlock, 3 Jennifer and Johnstone Brown.

FLOWERS AND FRUIT SHOW.

Cut Flowers of six kinds.—1 Pannell, 2 Mrs. Lambert.

Gladioli.—2 Miss Tanner.

Lady's Spray.—1 Mrs. Foreman, 2 Mrs. Ridman.

Presentation Bouquet. — 2 Mrs. Gregory.

Bowl of Roses arranged for effect.—1 Mrs. J. Foreman, 2 Mrs. Pannell.

Sweet Pea.—2 Mrs. Tanner.

Corian Posy.—1 Mrs. Foreman, 2 S. Fowler.

Three varieties of Mixed Flowers.—1 Mrs. Pannell, 2 Mrs. Lambert.

Cooking Apples.—1 Mrs. Clark, 2 Mrs. E. Foreman.

Dessert Apples. — 1 Woodcock, 2 Mathews.

Mixed Flowers arranged by children.—1 Nancy Watson, 2 Bertha Tanner.

Boxed grasses collected by children.—1 Nancy Watson, 2 E. Watson.

Just found in an album this shred of Orpington Times for Aug 1943. I was due in 17 days time to be born at Cray Valley Cottage Hospital. Curious because it mentions one of the adjudicators for the baby show for Chelsfield was

Miss Webster, who was the matron. She almost certainly would have been with my Mum when I was born. One of the other winners was a certain Derek Leeks - an unfortunate name for a small baby! Pots of familiar names in all three features for

Chelsfield, Farnborough and Green Street Green.

How things changed postwar from 1960 I realized. I must search my box of bits to see if the rest of the page exists.

Phil Lane

Chelsfield Primary School Facilities for Hire

Are you in need of classrooms, hall, playground or kitchen

facilities to hire? Then Chelsfield Primary School may be able to help.

Contact Stephanie at: stephanie.lavelle@solamat.co.uk to discuss your needs.

Dates For Your Diary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Monday

Five Bells

**MONDAY CLUB with
'OPEN THE BOX'**

7.00pm

Every Tuesday

Five Bells

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

8.30pm

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Wednesday 4th August

Chelsfield Village Hall

AFTERNOON TEA

2.30pm-4.40pm

Wednesday 4th August

Five Bells

OPEN MIKE NIGHT

7.30pm

Saturday 7th August

Chelsfield Equestrian
Centre, Church Road

OPEN DAY

10.30am, Riding

Displays 11am & 3pm

£2 entry Under 12's

Free

Sunday 8th August

St Martins Church

FAREWELL SERVICE

10.00am

Monday 9th August

Five Bells

KNIT & NATTER NIGHT

8pm

Wednesday 11th August

Halstead Recreation

Ground

FAMILY FUN DAY

10.00am - 4pm

Friday 13th August

BoPeep Pub

PROSECCO DAY

Wednesday 18th August

Chelsfield Village Hall

AFTERNOON TEA

2.30pm-4.40pm

Saturday 21st August

Five Bells

ANNUAL DOG SHOW

3.00pm

Wednesday 25th August

St Martins Church

WELCOME SERVICE

7.30pm

Saturday 28th August

Coolings Nurseries,

Rushmore Hill

FARMERS MARKET

9.00am-2.30pm

Recycling & Bin Collection Dates August 2021

Monday 2nd August

Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste,

Monday 9th August

Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste.

Monday 16th August

Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste,

Monday 23rd August

Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste.

Tuesday 31st August

Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste,

Monday 6 September

Non-recyclable refuse, Paper & Cardboard, Food Waste.

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 only from households that subscribe (£60 per annum) to Bromley scheme (Phone: 0300 303 8658)