



October 2021

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The Newsletter and "What's On" Guide for Residents & Friends of Chelsfield Village



# SPOOKTACULAR

# HALLOWEEN

## NIGHTTIME Fun

### FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

*Join us for one overnight stay & meet the ghosts*

*of Chelsfield Riding School past...*

**4:30pm Arrival**

**11:00am Pick up Following day**

# SPOOKY RIDE

# Halloween

Breakfast & Dinner included

Fun & Games  
~~£100~~ Age 10+

# GHOST TOURS

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Submissions for inclusion in the November 2021 issue to:

[chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com](mailto:chelsfieldvillagevoice@gmail.com)

(or phone 07414 920920)

to arrive on or before

Wednesday 27th October 2021

## Aaron's Rod

I recently spent some time with friends taking hikes around Mid-Sussex looking at villages and churches that my ancestors frequented, some back to the 1600s. One such hike led to a pub called 'The Royal Oak' in a village called Wineham. Although not definitive, there is some evidence suggesting my 3<sup>rd</sup> Gt Grandfather Thomas Knapp ran this pub in the 1820s. It is one of those pubs that make you feel like you've just gone though a time-slip back 200 years and I imaging that Thomas would instantly have recognised the place – see photo.



their bodies – they are only holding onto their lunch with those front legs. The rear legs are

known as 'prolegs' and cannot clasp. The question arises, how did so many larvae arrive on

However, the point of this intro is that during one of these walks across Mid-Sussex we found a leaf with 18 sawfly larvae munching away on it. These are not true caterpillars, the name belonging to butterflies and moths but in modern parlance the name appears to be acceptable for use with sawflies too. Like most caterpillars, these larvae only have 3 true legs which is why these bugs have a characteristic 'S' shape to



a single leaf at the same time. They would strip this leaf in an hour so they must have just arrived. I wonder if they had a caterpillar conga line? Each larvae following the one in front? In some species these lines have consisted of hundreds of larvae. A Victorian naturalist once tried creating a circle of larvae to see how long it would take for the leader to realise its error. They continued to march for over a week!

Anyway, onto Aaron's rod (*Verbascum thapsus* or Common Mullein). This year, in early spring I noticed a weed which did not look like the usual run-of-the-mill thing you'd find in your garden and decided to leave it so see what it would develop into. As time drew on it became large and taller until in early summer it reached the impressive height of about 2 m (7 foot) with large spreading leaves on the lower reaches and small yellow flowers growing close to a tall central spine with smaller off-shoots (see photo). Such is the rather imposing sight of this plant that it bears the name Aaron's rod through Old Testament biblical references. Aaron was the

brother of Moses and both had sticks endowed with miraculous powers. Also, almost as miraculously, my ancestor Thomas, the pub owner mentioned above, had two grandchildren, one named Moses and the other Aaron, the latter being my Gt Grandfather. I guess my family lost its ecclesiastical inclination over the subsequent generations! One Old

Testament story tells of how on one occasion Aaron addressed the Pharaoh of Egypt and wanting to impress him threw his rod to the floor where it turned into a serpent. The Pharaoh's sorcerers then did the same with their rods to show they were not impressed but Aaron's serpent swallowed them all. The more relevant



miracle to this story is that this rod had the ability to produce buds, blossoms and bare fruit overnight. The plant has a staff like appearance allowing it to be associated with the biblical rod when in flower.

Back in Britain this plant had historical uses and prior to the introduction of cotton a white downy coating on the leaves was collected and used as candlewick or the whole plant could even be used as a flare. This is reflected by the old folk-name 'candlewick plant'. While walking in Sussex we frequently saw this plant, particularly in cemeteries while looking for long-lost ancestors. The plant is biennial although I did not

notice it the previous year despite growing vegetable in the very same patch. The tall spike like structure of the plant is not present in the first year as only a low rosette is grown – in a similar manner to parsnips. The plant is mildly poisonous but is a favourite of a moth that shares its more common name: the Mullein Moth. This moth, when not flying looks like a piece of splintered wood so I would have thought it looks fairly obvious while feeding on its name-sake. So much for adaptive evolution.

While researching this piece I found that D H Lawrence had written a lesser known book by the title "Aaron's rod" in 1922

which follows the exploits of an Englishman travelling in Europe after WW1 with his flute – hence Aaron's rod. Many reviews were not complimentary so unless you're a huge Lawrence fan, probably best to miss this one out but I did wonder if the book name was mere coincidence or whether he was thinking of the plant. He was bought up in Nottingham close to the countryside, had friends that lived on a farm and an appreciation of the natural world for his entire life so it's not unreasonable to think that he knew of this wild plant that was so conspicuous due to its size alone.

*Steve Fuller  
October 2021*

## **Mutterings From The Millers**

All the straw has now been baled but unfortunately the results for the oats were appalling. Thin grains with very little weight to them resulted in the worst the harvest we have known. This year we have had too much rain at the wrong time and not enough sunshine. Farmers are renown for moaning about the weather but we have

noticed over the last ten years, weather patterns have changed completely. We write about this often as you know. Each harvest income has steadily got worse. So it is with much regret, that we are not going to grow cereals in the future.

A combination of factors has brought about this decision. Steve's health is not too good and is

unable to get about easily, cost of fertiliser has gone up 70%, chemicals, to try and keep the crop clean, have risen about 20%, diesel doubled in price, and the weather has made the cost of production out weigh the income. As you can imagine, this has been a very, very difficult decision and we have tried all ways to avoid this but we cannot continue losing



news. Will finish as usual with a weather quote but just to say that a couple of swallows are still flying around and thrilled to see a lesser white throat in the garden recently. Tawny owls have been calling too. No sign of the weasel though.

October usually is a month of falling leaves and falling temperatures, when the first black ice of winter can appear. A large number of foggy days in October indicates a hard winter. If the leaves wither on the branches in late autumn, instead of beginning to fall in October as normal, an extra cold winter is due.

money.

The whole farm has now been planted with grass for hay and haylage which will be sold through a merchant but at least we are still farming, just. Does anyone want a combine? Needless to say we have the combine, trailers and

drill for sate, it will be heartbreaking when they go.

We will not be writing to you all regularly now but obviously will send in the odd report. Thank you to all the readers who often tell us how much they enjoy reading the farm

*When rooks and gulls twirl  
high in the sky*

*It's a certain sign that a  
gale is nigh.*

*Steve and Chris Miller  
Court Lodge Farm*



## View From The Rectory

### Panic Buying – Why do we do it?

As I write this month, Petrol Stations in the local area are empty, queues of over an hour form when there is a tanker delivery and the situation seems serious.

The government are insisting that there is plenty of fuel and that it is only the distribution that is a problem but this has not stopped a rush of panic buying and chaos on the roads and around the petrol stations. If the government are telling the truth then there is absolutely no need for all this chaos.

Supply chains are based on predicted behaviour and if we had not decided to go and panic buy then there would be enough fuel for everyone but we

just can't seem to stop ourselves from doing it. Think about toilet rolls last year! Why actually makes us panic buy?

Psychotherapist Nick Blackburn said people are trying to "solve" their anxiety by buying supplies, but when they get to the pumps, they're likely to experience more anxiety because items are running low. Then there's the added stress of being criticised or hearing snarky comments by others for doing it – in the forecourt or all over social media. "That's not the way to make fearful people feel better," Blackburn told HuffPost UK.

Hansa Pankhaniaa therapist of 25 years and member of the British Association for Counselling and

Psychotherapy (BACP), believes panic buying is also driven by helplessness, fear and loss of control. When people panic-buy it's a "gesture", she said – they're doing something to help themselves in an otherwise helpless situation. When we have no control over the bigger picture, we crave control in our "micro world" – our home and daily routines. And in this case, people are doing it by buying up supplies.

So, the message: avoid panic buying but try not to scroll or share scaremongering posts on social media either. In the next few weeks only buy fuel if you are really going to need it and hopefully supplies will return to normal.

*Rev Michael*

## Save the R7 Bus Route Petition Signatures Wanted

If you haven't signed the petition to save the R7 bus route yet, please do so now by visiting:

<https://chng.it/TcDzLgZNhN>

or point your smartphone camera at the QR code on

the right and it will give you a quick link to the petition site.

At the time of writing we have 312 signatures, it would be good to boost these numbers before it is finally submitted.

The petition is to Transport for London, Sadiq Khan and our MP Gareth Bacon.



## The Well Hill Black Fox



away when we appeared.

A couple of weeks ago one Saturday morning, we at Well Hill neighbourhood had a black fox come to visit. He was very tame and seemed used to being around people. I guessed he was hungry so I gave him Tuna pasta which he ate! Then for the next 6 hours he curled up on our sun lounger and slept. The Fox did the rounds visiting other neighbours



nearby, resting in the shade of gardens.

After a while on WhatsApp I heard that foxy had escaped from 2nd chance rescue home at Crockenhill. John, who runs the home came to capture the fox without success on more than one occasion however on the Tuesday the fox was caught in a cage in our neighbour Trevor's garden and taken back to the rescue home.

Apparently his name is Ember and has a brother called Ash who was missing him.

*Sue Robinson  
Well Hill*

We've had an interesting time with wildlife this summer, we fed two Robins from our hands, and saw a total of 5 various sized grass snakes, one of which was dragged from a bush by a magpie, much to our surprise. The magpie flew

*Andy & Barbara Roberts also found Ember exploring their garden*



## Chelsfield & Well Hill Produce Show 2022

Up until 2015 the Chelsfield & Well Hill Produce Show was always a successful and enjoyable local village

event, then, due to lack of organisational support and reduction in exhibit numbers, it was decided to take a break for a year or two.

Well, 6 years later we have a new core group of residents who have



shown an enthusiastic interest in bringing the Produce Show back to life, with the first show in September 2022.

If anyone is interested in joining the team we will need to plan, set up and run the show please contact either the Village Voice:  
[chelsfieldvillagevoice@mail.com](mailto:chelsfieldvillagevoice@mail.com)

or me, Dan Sloan on:  
07414 920920 or:

[dansloan@chelsfield.org](mailto:dansloan@chelsfield.org)

For those who are not familiar with the way the Produce Show works

here is a brief rundown.

A show schedule of classes will be sent out around February or March (this gives everyone plenty of time to plan the produce that they need to grow or the art/craft they wish to complete in time for the show). The schedule used in 2015 offered 58 classes listed under the following groups:

*Flower Arrangements*  
*Flowers*  
*Vegetables*  
*Fruit*  
*Wine & Beer*  
*Country Fare*  
*Photography*

*Handicrafts*  
*Miscellany*  
*Childrens Classes*

However, it will be up to the new organising group to decide on the 2022 schedule.

The exhibitors set up in the morning, judging takes place around midday, the show is opens to the public in the afternoon with Prize Giving late afternoon.

We look forward to hearing from you if you are as keen as we are to revive this traditional and creative village event.  
*Dan Sloan*

## **Kent Heights Flower Club**

We meet the first Thursday of the month except January, February and August

Everyone welcome, sit back and watch our talented demonstrators, pick up some useful tips, learn new skills and discover new interests.

**Our next meeting is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The demonstrator is Graham Harmer,  
a popular and very talented floral arranger.

7.30pm for an 8.00pm start

At Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road, TN14 7EX

If you would like further information,  
please contact Sally Kemsley on 01959 534406 Or email: [sekemsley@aol.com](mailto:sekemsley@aol.com)





**THE  
CHELSEFIELD  
PLAYERS**

# THE LAST QUIZ NIGHT ON EARTH

WRITTEN BY ALISON CARR      DIRECTED BY JO EAST

AS THE WORLD IS THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION FROM AN ASTEROID HURLING TOWARDS EARTH, THE LOCALS OF THE FOUR HORSEMEN PUB MEET FOR A QUIZ.

**PERFORMANCES AT 8PM  
THURSDAY 25TH - SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**

Priority booking from 15th October  
Online: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/chelsfieldplayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chelsfieldplayers)  
Tickets - £8.50 (no booking fee)  
A refund is available if isolating

Chelsfield Village Hall  
Bucks Cross Road  
Chelsfield, BR6 7RL  
(opposite the Five Bells)

**It's your last night on Earth, would you...**

**A** Carry on as normal

**B** Catch up with family

**C** Track down an old flame

**D** All of the above

A genuine play, with a genuine free quiz..

Participation in the quiz is optional, participation in the world's annihilation is not!

Seats will be socially distanced, and in cabaret style around tables.  
Seats will be allocated on arrival. Drinks and bar snacks available.

Visit our website at [www.chelsfieldplayers.org](http://www.chelsfieldplayers.org)

## The Players Return!

Well, it's been a while but we are currently in rehearsal to bring you our Winter performance. Part quiz/Part play you are invited to come and join us for a very special event.

As an asteroid heads ever onwards for the last night on Earth (*3 nights in a row*) As the locals gather for their regular general knowledge fix there are reunions, revelations and a suitable soundtrack.

### Special Offer!

We are putting out tables of 6 so why not get a team together? 6 tickets for the price of 5. Details when booking opens.

We're very chuffed to present for you the first amateur production. The play only premiered in February 2020 before being hit by another world-shattering event...

Talking of which we will of

course be implementing any Covid precautions that are in force on **November 25th** and we are offering a full refund should you need to self-isolate.

We hope to see you there - After all Armageddon waits for no-one.

See flyer on page 9 for more details.

*Jo East  
Director and Chairman of  
the Chelsfield Players*

## Chelsfield Community Cafe

The Community Cafe continues to take place on the first and third Weds of each month at 2:30pm in Chelsfield Village Hall. Tea/coffee, cake, conversation included! Donations gratefully accepted. Come and join Chelsfield Volunteers and friends for a few hours of relaxing interaction. Please call 01689 831826

if you would like a lift to/from the venue.

A huge thank you to The 5 Bells public house Landlord & Landlady (Ade & Kay), staff & patrons for their wonderful donation. This will go towards a Christmas Special afternoon tea with decorations, cake, carols & a good old sing along -

watch this space for the date.

Upcoming Café Dates are:

6th October 2021  
20th October 2021  
3rd November 2021  
17th November 2021

*Mags Potter  
Chelsfield Volunteers*

## Apologies For Occasional Poor Print Quality

You may have experienced some rather poor quality printing of your Village Voice some months. We really

apologise for this, but the printing for the Village Voice is kindly done for us free of charge by Chelsfield Park Hospital,

so when things go wrong with the quality we are hardly in a position to complain or request a reprint!

**St Martin's Chelsfield & Well Hill - Calendar of Services - October 2021**



The Benefice of  
Chelsfield with Green Street Green  
and Pratts Bottom



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 3 Oct	10.00am	Family Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 6 Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion - BCP
Sun 10 Oct	10.00am	Family Worship
	6.30pm	Sung Eucharist
Wed 13 Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion - BCP
Sun 17 Oct	10.00am	Family Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 20 Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion - BCP
Sun 24 Oct	10.00am	Family Worship
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 27 Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion - BCP
Sun 31 Oct	10.00am	<b>Benefice Communion</b>
		At St Mary's Green Street Green
	6.30pm	Evensong

**Well Hill\***

Sun 10 Oct	10.00am	Service of the Word
Sun 24 Oct	10.00am	Holy Communion

*\*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*



**Chelsfield Community Café**

**Chelsfield Village Hall**

**First and Third Wednesday of each month**

**All welcome for tea/coffee, cake and conversation**

**From 2.30 to 4.30 pm**

**Bring your Mum, Dad, friends or a neighbour!**



**If you need transport, please ring Peter on 01689 831826**  
**Please contact the Chelsfield Volunteers if you would like to help with the cafe**

**No charge, but donations are welcome**  
**[chelsfieldvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:chelsfieldvolunteers@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook**



## St Martin's Toddler Group

October 2021



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,  
Here are our dates for the autumn term. We meet in The Brass Crosby Room on Tuesdays during school term time, 10.30am - 12noon, £2 per child/baby which includes refreshments and craft resources.

We look forward to seeing you,

Toddler Volunteers:

Jenny, Peter, Mary, Mo, Val and Anne.

**5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October**

19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term so no Toddler Group

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December**

21<sup>st</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Holidays so no Toddler Group

### Contact Details:

Toddler Group Leader - Jenny Wood

Email: [stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinstoddlers@gmail.com)

Church website: [www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk](http://www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk)

## Community Day - Brown's School

On a beautiful day with blue sky and just a whisper of white cloud the Brown's School Community Day began on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

September with the school minibus rolling out at 9.15 to drop off the first group of students to their destination that will see them help others in the Community. By 10.15 approximately all 90 students were in their place doing their small bit to help others in various jobs around people's houses, bus stops, pubs and community hall. As I went around checking to see that everything was okay and that they all had the necessary equipment for the jobs they were doing I saw staff and students



washing cars, cleaning patios, moving logs, cutting branches, painting bus stops, clearing gardens, helping out in the "Five Bells" and "Bo Peep" and even cleaning some silver !!. All seemed to be happy at work and hopefully learning new skills and developing their communication skills at the same time.

After the round-up of students it was back at school to enjoy an afternoon of fun with a bouncy castle, Sumo suits and challenge tunnel as well as enjoying a tasty Bar B Q, staffed by the Bromley Rotarian Society. The students and staff sat down to a tasty meat feast with salad, relishes and sauces at the ready, - also with vegetarian options. I was glad to see some of the adults that we had helped in the morning come and join us in the afternoon as well as many parents and friends of the students themselves. In fact I think it was the largest crowd we have ever had in the school



grounds in this our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Community Day event.

Can I once again thank all of those in the Chelsfield Community who allow us to enter their homes, Community Centre, Pubs and fields so that our students can do their bit. Can I also thank the Rotarians who come every year to stage the Bar B Q so well and deliver an excellent service. Lastly may I thanks all the parents who came in the afternoon, your support is always welcome and fully appreciated.

Community Day will be back at the end of the academic year July 2022 when once again we will be helping others in Chelsfield in a charitable way. If you would like us to help out at your place of



residence at that time please do not hesitate to contact Brown's School for a brief chat.

Many Thanks Again to One and All.

*Chris Ponulak  
Deputy Headteacher*





# Bonfire and Fireworks Sunday 31 October

5pm - Bonfire lit

5.30pm - Fireworks

6pm - Children's Disco

+ Fancy Dress Competition

**& BBQ!**





## The Chelsfield Unveils £400K Transformation

**The Chelsfield, an iconic community pub located at the heart of the Chelsfield has reopened following a £400K investment by independent pub operators Punch Pubs & Co. Experienced Management Partner Nick Ranhem has taken the helm with the help of Manager Mike Tsirogiannis.**

This significant investment has breathed new life into the well-loved community pub, with a refreshed look inside and out. The impressive building's original charm and character have been enhanced, with it now boasting an eclectic mix

of comfortable furniture, warm oak finishes and unique pub accents.

Whether it be the cosy lounge, a chair by a roaring fire or the relaxed dining room, the Chelsfield offers the perfect backdrop for an authentic pub experience. The art deco style perfectly complements the double-height ceilings, original coving and cornices, as well as reinstating many of its original and unique features.

The investment has also maximised the pub's large outdoor space, with a variety of areas for guests to enjoy. The new south-facing sun terrace,

decked with plenty of seating, is an idyllic spot for dining late into the evening. As well as this, the patio and heated pergola provide a perfect outdoor space to be enjoyed all year round.

When speaking about the investment, Management Partner Nick says, "We are so proud to be reopening the Chelsfield that looks better than ever. It has been amazing to welcome the community back to the pub once again, and the feedback we have had has been overwhelming. It has been great to hear so many of their stories about the Chelsfield, and Mike, the team, and I are excited to get to know them and make many more memories here."

Operations Director Robin Belither says, "We are thrilled with what our investment has created here at the Chelsfield. This is a true community pub that means so much to locals. We've enjoyed getting to know the community throughout the project, and it has been fantastic to speak to and see so many of them



enjoying their new-look pub.

"This is a unique and characterful building, and we are proud to have reinstated its iconic identity whilst bringing something new for guests to enjoy. We are confident that alongside Nick, Mike and the team, this well-loved pub will remain at the very heart of its community for many years to come."



The Chelsfield has reopened with a delicious food menu, with an array of quintessentially British dishes and specials. Good, honest home-cooked food, coupled with an extensive drinks menu, including quality cask ales, cracking local beers and carefully curated cocktails, as well as an expertly selected wine list that has been created to match a classic pub dining experience.



## Chelsfield Village Society AGM

Chelsfield Village Society Annual General Meeting this year will be held on Wednesday, November 17th, at 7.30pm in the Brass Crosby room of St Martin's Church.

Please make a note of the date and join us for a very interesting meeting and evening. It provides a wonderful opportunity to meet other residents who share a concerned

interest in all matters in and around the village

All members and residents are welcome to come and participate.

*Pam Ames*

# The Five Bells

Chelsfield Village : 01689 821044

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday every month  
the next performance is on

7 October 2021

4 November 2021

# Live Jazz Just Friends

this swing sextet, play swinging jazz standards from the 1920s on, by artists like Duke Ellington, Gershwin, Fats Waller & Rogers & Hart

Commencing: 8.00pm : Entrance free

The restaurant is also open from 6.00 - 8.30pm why not enjoy an evening with good food and good entertainment

To book your table please call the number above or do feel free to just come and enjoy the music

## Halstead & District Society Events

**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.

## Broke Hill Enquiry

Preparations for this Inquiry are continuing. The Inquiry will begin on 26th October led by the Government Inspector and will primarily be conducted online.

On Tuesday 2nd November there will be the opportunity for "Interested

Parties" to speak face to face (or online) with the Inspector on aspects of the Inquiry about which they feel strongly.

We are coordinating a group of people who have indicated their interest and we are advised by our legal team the comments

from local people are very valuable.

If you would like to be involved, please get in touch with our chairman, Cllr. Jean Peel

[cllr.peel@halsteadparish.org.uk](mailto:cllr.peel@halsteadparish.org.uk)

## 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](mailto:stephanie.lavelle@solamat.co.uk) to discuss your needs.



PUMPKIN  
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PUMPKIN WEEK  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021



SPICED PUMPKIN SOUP £5.95

PUMPKIN, TOMATO & PESTO BRUSCHETTA  
£6.25

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PUMPKIN, SAGE & FETA CHEESE RISSOTTO  
£12.95

CHICKEN, CHICKPEA & PUMPKIN TAGINE  
Served with rice  
£13.95

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PUMPKIN & GINGER SPONGE

PUMPKIN PIE

£6.25

# TRADING STANDARDS ALERT!

Call 159 to  
Check with your bank

Alert 2.13  
29 September 2021

**Bromley Trading Standards** is promoting the new phone number which connects consumers directly to their bank to check calls are genuine. **159** is a pilot scheme set up by banks and telephone companies who want to fight fraud.

If you think someone is trying to trick you into handing over money or your personal details ...

**Stop!** | **Hang up** | **Call 159** to speak directly to your bank

- use a different phone if you can or wait a good while or call a friend,  
to ensure the phone line is clear

When calling 159, you'll be taken through an option menu in which each bank that has signed up to the service is read aloud. Customers are then able to use their telephone keypad to be put through to their bank.

For those who bank with firms not yet involved in the 159 pilot - you should continue to contact your bank by using the number on the back of your bank card.

#### **When to call 159:**

- ✓ Someone calls you saying they are from your bank – *even if they are not suspicious.*
- ✓ You receive a call asking you to transfer money or make a payment – *even if it seems genuine*
- ✓ You receive a call about a financial matter and it seems suspicious.

**159** will **never** call you. Only a fraudster will object to you calling 159

## Bromley Buzz Podcast

## Lomond

'There is a new Bromley podcast named 'Bromley Buzz' on Spotify, Audible, Tune In and here:

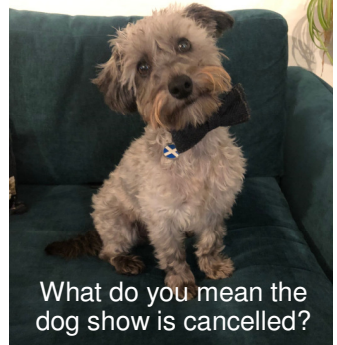
<https://bromleybuzz.podbuzz.com>.

Co-presenters Darren Weale and wellbeing coach Zeenat Noorani

are sharing content from across Bromley and will be covering Chelsfield.

Listen in and if you have a story get in touch with Darren via LinkedIn or message on Twitter - @BromleyBuzz.'

*Darren Weale*



What do you mean the dog show is cancelled?

## Bucks Cross Harvest - Adam Tait



## Dates For Your Diary

### WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Monday

Five Bells

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

**7.00pm**

Every Tuesday

Brass Crosby Room

**St Martins Toddler Group**  
**10.30pm to 12.00noon**

Every Tuesday

Five Bells

**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**

**8.30pm**

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Monday 11th October

Five Bells

**KNIT & NATTER NIGHT**  
**8pm**

Wed 6th October

Chelsfield Village Hall

**COMMUNITY CAFE**

**From 2.30pm to 4.30pm**

Thursday 7th October

Halstead Village Hall

**Kent Heights Flower Club**

**7.30pm for 8pm**

**(See page 8)**

Thursday 7th October

Five Bells

**Jazz Night Just Friends**  
**8pm**

Thursday 7th October

Halstead Village Hall

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**7.30pm for 8.00pm start**

**Call 01959 533074**

Wed 20th October

Chelsfield Village Hall

**COMMUNITY CAFE**

**From 2.30pm to 4.30pm**

Sat-Sun 16th-17th Oct

Coolings Nurseries,

Rushmore Hill

**ANTIQUES &**

**COLLECTABLES FAIR**

**10.00am-4.00pm**

Mon 25th - Fri 30th October

BoPeep

**PUMPKIN WEEK**

**See Page 21 for details**

Thursday 28th October

Chelsfield Village Hall

**Local History Group**

**From 10.00pm**

Friday 29th October

Chelsfield Riding School

**Spooktacular Halloween**  
**From 4.30pm**

Thursday 4th November

Halstead Village Hall

**Kent Heights Flower Club**

**7.30pm for 8pm**

**(See page 8)**

Sunday 31st October

Five Bells

**Halloween & Fireworks**

**From 5pm (see page 16)**

Friday 5th November

Five Bells

**MacMillan's BIGGEST**  
**Coffee Morning**

**From 9am Raising money for this Fabulous Charity!**

Thursday 17th November

Brass Crosby Room

**Village Society AGM**

**7.30pm**

Thurs 25th to 27th Nov

Chelsfield Village Hall

**The Last Quiz Night on Earth**

**A Chelsfield Players Production 8.00pm**

## Recycling & Bin Collection Dates October 2021

Monday 4 October

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

Monday 11 October

Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste,

Monday 18 October

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

Monday 25 October

Plastic, Glass and Tins, Food Waste,

Monday 1 November

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)