

# Bromley Pub Walk No. 24

## Chelsfield Village to Pratts Bottom

A walk linking two of Bromley's villages

Please read the Bromley Pub Walks [introductory notes](#) for explanation about information provided in these walking guides



### Approx. Distance:

- 1.75 miles

### Approx. Time:

- 50 minutes

### Gradients:

- The walk has sections with steep gradients, including steps

### Type(s) of path(s):

- Gravel paths and tracks, grass across the golf course, some tarmac

### Stiles / Gates:

- This route has no kissing gates or stiles but has steps

### Road Walking: (ie. roads without footway)

- This route includes a section of road without footway (Church Rd approx. 500 yds.), also Stonehouse Rd in Pratts Bottom (but this is only access to a few houses)

### Livestock or crops:

- No livestock or crops

### OS Grid References:

- Chelsfield Village: TQ 482642
- Pratts Bottom: TQ 472623

### Maps

- OS 1:25 000, No. 147
- The route is within the area covered in Bromley Council's 'Chelsfield' and 'Green St Green' walk leaflets (includes maps)

### Connection to other Bromley Pub Walks:

- From Chelsfield Village:
  - 27 to Chelsfield (Bo Peep)
  - 28 to Chelsfield Stn.

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## Connection to other Bromley Pub Walks (continued):

- From Pratts Bottom:
  - 10 to Farnborough
  - 12 to Downe
  - 19 to Cudham
  - 20 to Green St Green
  - 25 to Knockholt Stn. (*choice of 2 routes*)
  - 33 to Berry's Green
  - 51 to Halstead
  - 53 to Knockholt Pound
- This route follows parts of the same path as:
  - 25 to Knockholt Stn.
  - 51 to Halstead

## Pubs:

- Pratts Bottom:
  - [Bull's Head](#), Rushmore Hill, Pratts Bottom. BR6 7NQ
- Chelsfield Village
  - [Five Bells](#), Church Road, Chelsfield. BR6 7RE

## Public Transport:

- Chelsfield Village:
  - R7, Chislehurst via Orpington (note this bus runs on a one-way circular route through Chelsfield Village: Five Bells > Bo Peep > Court Rd)
- Pratts Bottom
  - R5 / R10, Orpington circulars, via Knockholt, Halstead, Green St Green, Cudham
  - Note that Knockholt Station is not too far from Pratts Bottom, see Route 25

## Notes:

- On Church Rd, just beyond the church is a 'blue plaque' to commemorate Brass Crosby, 1725 – 1793) who is buried in the churchyard. He may (or may not) be the inspiration for the phrase '*as bold as brass*'.

## The Route:

### Starting at Chelsfield Village

- Turn right from the front door of the [Five Bells](#) pub and walk along Church Rd until the junction with the Orpington Bypass (A224)
- Cross the A224 with care via the nearby traffic island and then continue on down Church Rd (without a footway after the first 100yds). Note that this road can be busy. 
- Continue along the road for approx. 500 yds. until just past the first house on the left hand side
- The public footpath starts on the grass verge just beyond the house, then the path takes a sharp left, following the garden fence

### Golf Course

- The path now enters the golf course and goes to the right, diagonally across the course. The path follows an almost straight route through the course, marked with yellow arrows on posts or trees

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- Once within the course, head to the left of the bunkers, pass through the remains of an orchard, until reaching the lake
- The path runs close to the left side of the lake, then bears left, heading towards the middle of 3 large power pylons on the course
- The path passes adjacent to the left hand side of the pylon, then goes right onto a gravel track for a short distance, before returning onto grass
- At the far side of the course the path starts to drop steeply downhill, eventually joining the A21 via 12 steps

## Cross the A21

- Turn right and cross the (normally very busy) A21 at the traffic island.
- *Here is the junction with the shorter 'alternative' Route 25 to Knockholt Stn. To take the route directly to the station, turn left and follow the footway alongside the A21*
- To continue to Pratts Bottom village, go into Stonehouse Lane, which almost immediately joins with Broke Farm Drive, and take the tarmac footpath (bridleway) between the houses at this junction. This footpath links through to Turnpike Drive where you turn right, then after a few houses take another footpath (bridleway) on the left, between houses (opposite No 30)
- This path continues, heading slightly uphill, between large rear gardens until the path joins a lane called Stonehouse Road. Continue straight ahead uphill along the lane, and then continue straight ahead where the tarmac road ends and becomes a track
- After a short distance, at a junction of paths, turn right towards the steps
- *Routes 51 and 53 go left over a stile at this point*
- Go down the steps (approx. 50 steps) to where the path joins the road, adjacent to the car park of the [Bull's Head](#) pub



## Starting at Pratts Bottom

- The route starts on the footpath adjacent to the Bull's Head pub car park and goes up the steps

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