



Services for October

1st		S Therese The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
2nd	11.00am	Guardian Angels The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 3rd		Trinity 17 Morning Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	7.30am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	8.00am	The Parish Harvest Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	Harvest Songs of Praise	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm		
4th		S Francis The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
8th	9.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
9th	11.00am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	9.30am		
Sunday 10th		Trinity 18 The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	8.00am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	Evening Prayer & Sermon	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm		
13th	7..00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
14th	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
15th		S Teresa Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
16th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	9.30am		
Sunday 17th		Trinity 19 The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	8.00am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm		
20th	7.30pm	Deanery Visit of the new Archdeacon	
21st	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
22nd	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
23rd	9.30am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
24th		Last Sunday after Trinity The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	8.00am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	One World Week Celebration	<i>St. Mary's, Lawford</i>
	6.30pm		
27th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
28th		SS Simon & Jude The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
29th	11.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
30th	9.00am		
Sunday 31st		All Saints Day Morning Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	7.30am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	8.00am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
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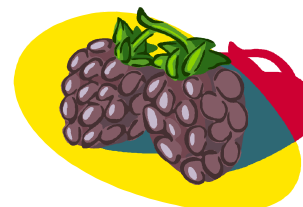
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BRAMBLING

I returned to the house scratched, stung, bitten, with stained clothes, weary but triumphant. I had been blackberrying.

At the bottom of my garden I have a stretch of hedge which is given over to brambles and annually this prickly section yields, to a greater or lesser extent, a bounteous crop. The fruits are large, juicy, tasty and of the highest quality. They glisten in the sun tempting me to pick, eat and savour. I am always drawn to, and watch, them for weeks monitoring their size and ripeness. The crop this year has been exceptional and I can only assume the less than exceptional summer, with sufficient water combined with high temperatures, has a lot to do with it.

Blackberrying is hazardous. Ideally one should be substantially clothed from head to foot in thorn/nettle repellent material (except that I usually blackberry in fine weather with bare arms!) and armed with a stick to pull the branches of fruit down or to beat back the nettles. The fruit that is higher up or well into the bush just out of reach always seems bigger, blacker and juicier than that which is easily picked. The thorns, which grow from every part of a bramble bush except the berry, do their best - with success - to embed themselves in any bare flesh on display.



As a child my mother and siblings (rarely my father) would go up the Downs to the Best Patch and pick. In my memory it was always sunny and it never seemed to take long. Afterwards my mother bottled and preserved turning the rest into pies.

I have failed with the family pick. My children have never enjoyed picking blackberries and indeed have even suggested it a waste of time.

This I cannot understand as there is something intensely satisfying about gathering blackberries (as indeed any crop). It is also free, plentiful and no work has been needed to grow it except to

nurture a bit of waste area.

However, this lack of interest must be a feeling shared by others as the number of blackberry pickers seen out scouring the hedgerows these days are few. Does this reflect the age of plenty in which we presently live or

does my approach show the influence of the post-war era that I was brought up in when food was something that was never taken for granted? Imponderables to dwell upon whilst avoiding the thorns.

I picked over 10lb the other day and I am waiting with impatience for the next wave to ripen when on a sunny day the dog, who always accompanies me and who eats the blackberries at the lowest level with utmost care, and I will go once again to gather the beautiful berries.

Leonie Henderson

WHY I BECAME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Not long after we came to live in Great Bromley, over 26 years ago, I was invited to edit the parish magazine. At that time it was concerned mainly with church activities and not a secular publication covering the wide spectrum of village news as the *Bromley Messenger*. Soon, I was invited to serve on the Parochial Church Council, or PCC as it is more widely known. Some people confuse the PCC with the parish council, a secular body and the first tier of local government. Indeed, parish boundaries are so called after their original church boundaries.

It was while I was serving on the PCC that I was asked by the chairman of the parish council to lead an anti-gypsy site campaign on the council's behalf, as Tendring District Council was planning to establish a 20 pitch gypsy site in the area of the radar mast on Hillyards Road. Urgent action was required and at a packed public meeting in the village hall, a small committee to assist me was appointed. The upshot, of course, of our campaign was that we won, but only after months and months of campaigning, demonstrations and the help of the media (radio and newspapers). It was, frankly, an exhausting task. During our campaign I attended occasional meetings of the parish council and at Tendring District Council and I soon came to realise the importance of local government and how local authorities affect our daily lives. I was unimpressed with the

quality of management at TDC and indeed with the calibre of some district councillors. I also thought that Great Bromley Parish Council needed new blood as the council's composition did not reflect the diversity of interests of those living in our village. My colleagues and I decided, therefore, to stand for election as councillors at the next parish council election.

TDC has improved, though it admits there is room for more improvements. Unfortunately, we have to live with some appalling decisions of the past. Tendring District's Councillors' decision to allow two houses with garages to be built on the area of the former Spread Eagle's tiny car park, at a bend in the road, beggars belief; and this was contrary to the recommendation of Tendring District's Planning Officers in 1990. The development has yet to start.

We are fortunate in Great Bromley in that we can fill our quota of parish councillors; other villages are not so lucky. It seems that nowadays fewer people will volunteer for unpaid work. Our next council election will take place in about two years' time. Whilst it is good to have one or two oldies on board, as the corporate memory, it is always good to have some new blood, albeit Great Bromley is currently very well served by its councillors.

James Heaney



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A new Christian is born into the world, and begins a new life in Christ. A great cause for celebration, though as I usually say to the parents it comes with no guarantee about their future behaviour! This is because as Christians we believe God created each of us and gave us "free will". That means I have the power to choose for myself how I behave, sometimes to choose between, right and wrong, good and evil. Anything less than this would make us puppets or robots; free will makes us fully human.

Recently I heard an Orthodox priest on the radio say it's as if the world is a big lake we are all swimming in. On the lake there are boats, some good some evil, and we have a choice as we float and swim about, which boats we get in and out of on our voyage.

As Christians we believe that our earthly life is only a small part of our existence, and the things that happen here, pale into insignificance when seen in the light of being back with God after death. That gives some people hope in the face of evil, strength in the experience of suffering; helps some to shine as a light in the world, dispelling darkness.

May God bless us all, regardless of faith and practice, to live life fully and honour our humanity, as shining lights.

Fr Nicolas.

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING

3rd October

8am Eucharist in S Mary's Ardleigh

10.30am Harvest Eucharist at S George's Great Bromley

12.30pm for 1pm harvest lunch in Great Bromley Village hall.

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6.30pm Harvest Songs Of Praise in S Mary's Ardleigh
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NEWS FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERY

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It's influenza vaccination time again !
The Department of Health recommends patients should have vaccination against influenza if they are aged over 65 or at particular risk if they have one of the following medical conditions; heart disease, diabetes, respiratory disease including asthma, renal disease or are immunocompromised.



Patients are reminded to contact their doctor's surgery to book into a flu clinic held during October.

We will also be offering vaccination against pneumococcal infection for patients aged over 75 in accordance with advice from the Chief Medical Officer.

Ardleigh Surgery will be holding

vaccination clinics for patients on Thursday 7, 14, 21 October and 4 November at 2pm and Saturday morning 16 October. Please make an appointment with the receptionist to attend a clinic or to see a practice nurse at some other time

Dr Vernon Bettle update
Dr Bettle has improved to the point where he is now working nearly full time. However, he is still unable to drive as he on medication and will have to rely on a taxi to convey him to home visits when he is on call.

We are planning for Dr Lisa Parker to join the practice on a longer term contract to provide an additional two morning surgeries each week.

Valerie Salmon retirement
One of our long serving receptionists, Valerie Salmon will be retiring in October. Valerie joined the practice in March 1990 and has become well known to patients during that time.

Fred Merrin, Practice Manager


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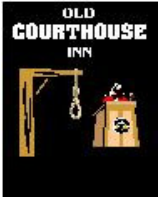
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Mrs. J. Frostick
Mr. D. Hardy

The August draw is the last one in the current year. I am sorry if you did not win anything but thank you for taking part and helping to raise £552 profit. I look forward to your continued support.

The **QUIZ NIGHT** is on 9th October in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m. Please contact me (Phil Allam) on 01206 230375 to reserve your table.

We were very lucky with the weather for the Fun Day, Bar-b-que, Disco and presentation evening on Saturday 28th August. Trophies were awarded to the following :-

UNDER 12

BATTING Harry Hitchcock
BOWLING Bradley Rabitt
FIELDING Jake Foley

UNDER 13

BATTING Jimmy Pirie
BOWLING Tom Gooday
FIELDING Nick Philips

UNDER 15

BATTING Lewis Perrin
BOWLING Tom Reed
FIELDING Dan Booth

The Kwik Cricketers were all presented with certificates.

Next season we will be running the Kwik Cricket again for the Primary school children, we also intend to run an Under 11 Terriers side, a form of cricket in-between Kwik Cricket and proper cricket. We will then run an Under 13 side and an Under 15 side. Under 16's will maybe play some friendlies but will be encouraged to play for the 2 X1 cricket team. Thank-you to everybody who helps and supports Gt. Bromley Cricket Club.

CARPET BOWLS



Our team of nine plus half a dozen supporters were in Braintree on 15th August for the league winners play off.

This was a singles competition, 36 bowlers taking part, each playing 27 ends. With the temperature soaring and a hall with a low ceiling, conditions were not ideal for the contestants but just added to the tension. (A large fountain just outside in the courtyard looked very inviting, but everyone managed to resist the temptation for a dip) Great Bromley finished joint third. The scores were very close. Feering Wednesday won the trophy but it wasn't presented to them as last year's winners failed to return it. No doubt it was still on someone's sideboard. A.G.M.

This was held on 8th September. The officers for the year are:- Chairman - Pat Petchey, Secretary - Jayne Bates, Treasurer - Derek Frostick, Captain - Andrew Childs, Vice-Captain - Ron Copp. Pam Frostick is willing to carry on overseeing the catering so we can look forward to her excellent cooking. Dick Wilsher was warmly thanked for his nine years of balancing the books and his unfailing support. He said that we are now in a position to replace one of the carpets which is "fraying at the edges" - talking of which we are all getting that way and could do with a few more members. With no youth club now - how about the youngsters giving it a go? It is not arduous or expensive, our age range is from 14 to 114 so come and see us. You will be made very welcome.

Nancy Kempster

- Phil Allam.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Great Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 9 September 2004

Planning

The Council considered and agreed no objections to the following planning applications:

Fieldview, Mary Lane South – extension
Pussy Willow, Mary Lane South - conservatory.

Motorcycles

The racetrack owner's planning application will be considered by the District Council's Development Committee in October or November. The parish council will make representations against approval at this meeting and residents



can attend and make their own views known. The date and place of the meeting will be posted on the village notice

boards and website.

In the mean time the council will make further representations to the county highways department asking that it ensures that walkers can safely use the footpath when the race track is operational.

The district council's assessment of the noise levels has found that they do not constitute a statutory nuisance.

Sewage

Anglia Water is planning to install main drains in the Burnt Heath area. However, following representations by some residents, the company is being asked to undertake a further survey of customer interest to see if such a scheme is viable or justified.

Village Pond

Following suggestions by residents the council will try to ensure that the village pond is maintained to a higher standard. The county highways department has been asked to cut the roadside verge and straighten and paint the railings.

Any rubbish will also be removed. An Anglian Water ecological survey reports that the pond and its immediate environment is a likely home to Great Crested Newts, smooth newts and common lizards.



Grants for voluntary bodies

Tending Council for Voluntary Service and the Rural Community Council are organising another meeting 'to meet the funders' on Friday 22 October. This will be held at the Columbine Centre, Princess Esplanade, Walton on the Naze CO14 8PZ. There will be presentations at 11.30 am and 2.30 pm or drop in any time between 11 am and 1 pm or 2 pm and 4 pm. Further information from Karen or Tracey on 01255 425770 or Clare on 01255 686369.

Future meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14 October 2004 at the Village Hall, Great Bromley.

KB 9/9/04

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on **28th October, 2004.**

For the time and venue please contact the Parish Clerk on 01206 391015.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

I make no apology for having to cancel the outing to the Pottery Shop, on to Bury St Edmunds followed by a Salad tea with tea and cakes - all for the price of £10 through LACK OF SUPPORT. If we do not get at least 25 people booked it is impossible for us to subsidise and I felt sure you would not be prepared to pay the full cost of £15.75 each. If you asked around you would find we are the only Club which do subsidise so it is your loss - members - when we have taken the trouble to arrange outings as it is not a five minute job.



The next meeting will be on 21st October - the competition is 'A Duck Ornament'. Please make every effort to attend to hear about other things.

Vicky Griffiths

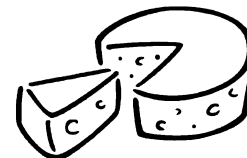
KITCHEN CORNER

Cooler days of autumn, so a warming soup is always welcome. Stilton is coming into its prime at this time of year.

STILTON SOUP

4 - 6 servings

50g / 2 oz butter or marg
1 onion peeled and chopped fine
3 celery sticks, chopped small
40g / 1½ oz flour
900ml / 1½ pts chicken stock
300ml / ½ pt milk
175g / 6 oz Blue Stilton crumbled (or if a less strong flavour is preferred use 4 oz + 2 oz grated cheddar)
salt & pepper
1 - 2 tbsp wine vinegar
4 tbsp double cream
fresh chopped chives & parsley to garnish



Melt butter in pan and fry onion and celery gently till soft but not coloured. Add flour and cook 1 minute, add stock gradually and bring to the boil. ~Cover and simmer 20 minutes or until tender. Add cheese and milk and seasoning, simmer 5 minutes, cool a little then blend or sieve. Return to cleaned pan, add vinegar and cream and bring back to boil. Serve hot, sprinkled with herbs.

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Jill Frostick



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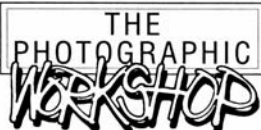
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FROM THE PAST ...

FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA

The Revd. Arthur Pertwee, Vicar of Brightlingsea, 1872-1917, died in 1919. It was thanks to him that the names of seamen lost at sea were recorded on 212 memorial tiles affixed to the wall of All Saints' Church there. It is noted, however, that some are buried in All Saints' churchyard.

34 - William Mortimer, aged 22, (a native of Great Bromley) drowned from a Grimsby trawler in the North Sea, January 18th 1881.

49 - Edward Neale, aged 24, lost in the Smack CONQUEST in the North Sea, 6th March, 1883. (A native of Great Bromley).



86 - Thomas Clements, aged 17, (a native of Arleigh), drowned in Havre Docks, 5th October, 1888. He was buried at Havre.

John Appleby



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EVENTS

- **Thursday, 21st October CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT 8.30 pm start**
In aid of Parkinson's Disease Association £2.50 per head
- **Wednesday, 27th October MUSIC NIGHT 8.00 pm start**
Sing, play or just listen and enjoy traditional unplugged music and verse.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE menus now available and booking being taken. We regret Christmas Day fully booked.

ADVANCE WARNING

Friday 5th November - GUY FAWKES NIGHT - 7-8.30pm.

Bring your kids, yourselves and a few fireworks. Burgers and hot dogs available. Please note, all children will have to be clear of the Cross by 8.45pm.

NOTE: The Cross Inn "Inn-Mates" Calendar is now available. £5 with all profits to Essex Air Ambulance.

Non-Smoking Restaurant

Open for lunches Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as well as Sundays. Last orders 1.45pm. Evening meals Wednesday - Sunday inclusive.

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HALLOWEEN WORDSEARCH PUZZLE

Look forward, up and down to find the words.

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ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL, GT. BROMLEY

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald
Telephone: 01206 230305

The AGM for the PTA will be held on 6th October at 7.30pm in the school hall. All parents are warmly invited.

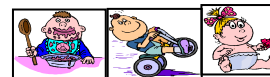


The Christmas Fayre is to be held from 6.00pm on 26th November in the school hall.

The Fitzjohn family are taking part in a sponsored three week trek across Morocco and Sahara desert raising money for St George's School.



Anyone or any businesses who would like to sponsor them please contact Debbie Wright on 01206 250962.



SCALLY WAGS

0 - 5 years

Friday mornings 9.30am - 11.30am
Great Bromley Village Hall

Contact Tracy on 01206 230625 or Kelly on 07837121695.



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GARDENER'S CORNER FOR OCTOBER

In the last issue of 'The Messenger' I said that I would devote this month entirely to growing Sweet Peas.

To grow sweet peas successfully you need three things.

1. Soil preparation
2. Good quality seed
3. Patience (optional)

- To prepare the site for your sweet peas, take out a trench 10' long x 1' wide x 1' deep.
- In the bottom of the trench place well-rotted manure, (note: this MUST be well rotted) new manure will kill the plants. Cover manure with the top soil you have taken out of the trench and sprinkle with Growmore or bonemeal. Then place your canes (8') at 9" intervals. For the time being that is all you need do.
- NEXT we come to the seed.
- It is always best to buy top quality seed. Growers advertise in most garden magazines.
- Fill a seed tray with seed compost. Soak the seeds overnight. Plant in the tray 1/2" deep. Place in a cold frame or

cold greenhouse.

- In March or April plant out your sweet peas one to each cane. Tease out roots before planting. Tie plants loosely to the canes. When the plants are about 9" tall, select the strongest shoot on each and carefully remove the others making sure you do not damage the main stem.
- At this stage remove all tendrils from each pair of leaflets. As the plants lack their natural method of clinging to a support they must be tied to the cane but very loosely so as to allow the main stem to swell as it grows.
- Also all side shoots that grow out of the leaf axils must all be pinched out. As soon as the flowers have formed they must be picked. On no account must you allow the flowers to go to seed.



If you are going to have a go at growing sweet peas by this method, and I hope you are, Good Luck.

Frank Griffiths

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND STOUR VALLEY BRANCH

which covers the villages of Great and Little Bromley, would like to thank the local people who supported our 'Dog Walk', starting from the Royal Square, Dedham in June. We were pleased to add a further £600 to our funds.



The Stour Valley annual service to commemorate the work of Guide Dogs for the Blind takes place on Sunday, 10th October at 3.00pm at St Mary's Church, Lawford; a warm welcome is extended to all to join this celebration service followed by refreshments in the adjoining church hall. This is an opportunity to make new friends and meet those wonderful dogs and puppies, who transform the lives of visually impaired people.

If you usually discard your used postage stamps, old mobile phones, or old printer ink cartridges, (except Epsom) please don't! Contact Marjorie Culham on 01206 393504 because these can all be recycled, raising funds for Guide Dogs.

If you would like to support our charity by purchasing Christmas cards, or would like more information, or your group would like a speaker to visit please phone Marjorie (393504).

Forthcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 2 Organ recital, St Mary's Church, Ardleigh, 7.30pm
- Countryside Day, Gt Bentley village hall, 2.00pm
- 3 Harvest Lunch, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 1.00pm
- 4-10 Stroke Awareness Week
- 5 Autumn Sale, Village Hall, 10.30am
- 6 St George's School PTA A.G.M., School Hall, 7.30pm
- WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7, 14, 16, 21 Ardleigh Surgery vaccination clinics
- 9 Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall
- 14 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 23 Rotary Sale of the Century, YMCA Hall, Brightlingsea, 11.00am
- 28 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7.3-pm

NOVEMBER

- 4 Ardleigh Surgery vaccination clinics
- 5 Guy Fawkes Night, Cross Inn, 7.00pm
- 11 Coffee Morning, Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, 10.30am
- 20 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall
- Royal Hospital School Band concert, Ardleigh Church, 7.30pm
- 26 St George's School P.T.A. Christmas Fayre, School hall, 6.00pm

STROKE AWARENESS WEEK

5th - 10th October
10.00am - 2.00 pm
eat a rainbow

The Clacton & District Stroke Association
Holland on Sea 01255 815905

We are holding an Open Day on Tuesday, 5th October as part of The Stroke Association's Stroke Awareness Week 'eat a rainbow'. The aim is to encourage people to look at the huge array of fruit and vegetables they can eat to help prevent a stroke.

Come and see our fruit and vegetable display and try our selection of ready made dishes. There will be a wide range of literature about stroke prevention and an opportunity to have your blood pressure checked. Information and guidance on healthy eating and living will be available too.

We would also like to invite along those people who are post stroke to see the wide range of activities we offer at our weekly group meetings.

PLEASE COME AND SEE US AND HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT PREVENTING A STROKE. THERE ARE 400 A YEAR IN TENDRING - WE NEED TO CHANGE THAT - CHANGING TO HEALTHY EATING CAN HELP TO DO JUST THAT



CRICKET CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 9th October
in
Great Bromley Village Hall

For more details contact Phil Allam tel. 01206 230375



SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

Autumn Sale
Great Bromley Village Hall
on Tuesday, 5th October
10.30am to 3.00pm

Fabulous range of stalls,
candles, Brora Cashmere,
children's clothes, greetings
cards, handbags, jewellery,
rugs, shoes, silk flowers, silk scarves,
stationery, stocking fillers & toys

Entry £2.00
Refreshments including coffee, cakes,
sandwiches will also be available.

Seven Rivers Coffee Morning
11th November
10.30am - 12 noon

For more details contact the Home on 01206 230345




BRIGHTLINGSEA FARMERS' MARKET

28th October 9am - 1pm
Brightlingsea Community Centre,
Lower Park Road

For further details contact Bob Shotton
(01206 302669)



SALE OF THE CENTURY

All welcome to attend, entrance is free.
YMCA Hall
High Street- Brightlingsea
Saturday 23rd October 2004 -11.00 a.m.
(Preview at 09.30 a.m.)

Small furniture, electrical items,
bric a brac, china, tools, garden items.
Light refreshments available.

If you have any items you would like to donate ring 01206 303135 for collection.
Funds raised will go to Rotary Charities e.g. Make - a -Wish




Saturday 2nd October 2004
at 7.30pm
at S Mary's church, Ardleigh.

A CONCERT

TO CELEBRATE THE
REFURBISHMENT OF THE ORGAN

Mr Peter Crompton,
Musical Director of the Royal Hospital School.

Tickets £5, 60s+ £2.50, U16s free.
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COUNTRYSIDE DAY

Saturday 2nd October from 2.00pm
Great Bentley Village Hall

CRAFTS TO TRY & BUY
including: Corn dollies, quilling, paper making, badge making, sketching, plus much more.

DISPLAYS by
Wildfowlers Group, Tendring Branch Essex Wildlife Trust, Bee Keeper, Old Bottlers, Local History Group, Barn Owls, Conservation Group etc.

SALES of
Bird tables, boxes, etc. Wildlife goods, plants, honey, cards, quilling, books etc.

LIVE EXHIBITS
e.g. Ferrets, Barn Owl, Birds of Prey etc.