



## Services for October

1st	9.00am 3.00pm	<b>S Therese</b> The Eucharist Wedding of David Gostling & Kate Mayby	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 2nd	7.30am 8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>Trinity 19</b> Morning Prayer The Eucharist The Parish Harvest Eucharist Harvest Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
5th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
6th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
7th	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
8th	9.00am 2.00pm	The Eucharist & Rosary Wedding of Richard Percival & Verity Askham	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 9th	7.30am 8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>Trinity 20</b> Morning Prayer The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St George the Martyr</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
12th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St George the Martyr</i>
13th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
14th	7.30pm	Confirmation & First Holy Communions	<i>S Barnabas, Abbots Rd</i>
15th	9.30am	<b>S Teresa</b> The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 16th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>Trinity 21</b> The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
19th	6.00pm	Holy Communion	<i>Hamilton Lodge</i>
20th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
21st	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
22nd	9.30am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 23rd	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>Last Sunday after Trinity</b> The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
26th	7.30pm	Visit of Bishop Gladwin to Deanery	
27th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
28th	11.00am	<b>SS Simon &amp; Jude</b> Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
29th	9.30am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 30th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>4th Sunday before Advent</b> The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

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## HAVE YOU SEEN MY BIC OR BIRO?

Apparently during September the 100 billionth Bic pen was sold since it was first given to an unsuspecting market in 1950. Now, I don't know about you, but over the years I have owned hundreds - possibly more - which I have bought, acquired, been given or sent free. I have only ever thrown a handful away through lack of ink and yet, despite this, I never seem to have more than about five visible and readily to hand. I always seem to find one, however, when I need to write something though it is rarely the same pen twice. I know this because they all seem to advertise something these days. The one I have picked up to write this piece sports 'RSPB - for birds - for people - for ever'. The phrase 'for ever' in terms of the pen is a bit extreme for one that arrived in the post to encourage me to fill in a form has already - like socks in the washing machine - disappeared but which will no doubt turn up again tomorrow.



The word 'billion' means different quantities in different countries. In Europe a billion is a million millions whereas in

America a billion is one thousand millions or what I understand we should call a milliard. Milliards or billions, the number of Bics that have been sold is beyond my imagination but I assume that since Bic is a European pen they have actually sold a 100 billion!

I always call a Bic pen, and any other pen resembling it, a Biro (originally created and patented by Laszlo Biro) whose patent was snapped up by Baron Marcel Bich. He created his own disposable pen which is now so much a part of our lives and used by me on a monthly basis, along with the computer, to put together editions of 'The Messenger'.

*Leonie Henderson*

**P.S.**

The Probability of Winning  
I was as surprised as the rest of you when I won the prize for the Hot-Line Printers' July Chocolate Quiz which exercised the minds of the entire family. Hand on heart I had no insider information. The quiz was all done at the printers' end - I just left space for them to insert first the quiz and then the answers. I can honestly say the chocolates were delicious.

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## GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council aims to represent the interests of the village community as a whole. Through its nine elected councillors, Clerk, tree and footpath wardens and recreation committee it undertakes a variety of activities which, it is hoped, will maintain the quality of village life.

The council provides the following services: litter and dog bins; recycling facility and car parking at Church Meadow; recreation ground at Hare Green; summer flower tubs; community grants.

Although the parish council has limited powers it can provide information and guidance to residents on community and environmental matters. It can also make representations to other local authorities responsible for the provision of public services.

*The council's present priorities include the following:*

- \* Representations against large-scale industrial and housing development and motorcycle racing tracks in the village.
- \* Recreational facilities for young people.
- \* Protection and improvement of the environment such that it is free of fly-tipping etc.
- \* Small scale affordable housing.
- \* Highways maintenance.
- \* Ensuring the rigorous enforcement of planning controls appropriate for a rural area.

The council meets at 7.30 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the village hall, with agenda posted on local notice boards and the village website. Residents are very welcome to attend and time is set aside in the meeting for contributions from the public. Otherwise, if you have any concerns, complaints or suggestions about village services etc please get in touch with either the Clerk or any councillor. Contact details are provided on local notice boards and *The Messenger's* inside front cover.

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Dear Parishioner,

I thought this month I'd let you know of the various activities that flow from our Church life here to help you and your family grow as Christians.

During term time at the pre-school level, Little Footsteps meet in Great Bromley Church Wednesdays 2.30-3pm and in Ardleigh Thursdays 9-10am. Open to all youngsters, parents and carers it provides a very fun, gentle introduction to our buildings and the Christian life.

The MAGI (Mary's and George's Investigators) are a group of youngsters, in Year 6 and above, who meet in the Rectory on Thursdays 5-6.15pm for activities and social time to explore what it means to make the decision for themselves to be a Christian.

Every Sunday at 10.30am the Sunday Church Club meets in Church for school age children during the 10.30am Eucharist. Sometimes they may be in the pews for the whole service, whilst other

days they have their own activities. Whatever is happening activity sheets and books are always available.

Finally, for adults wanting to find out more about living a Christian life every month groups meet to discuss various topics ranging from Euthanasia to Women Bishops in people's homes. On Monday nights we have a prayer group, and Tuesday nights a Bible Study.

All of this flows from the congregation here wanting to help you and your family know of the love of God and how being a Christian can be a source of blessings. None of us knows all the answers and seek under God's guidance to grow deeper in our Christian faith. Please feel free just to drop in at any of the above, though with children we will require you to give us contact details etc.

As always if I can help in anyway please do not hesitate to be in touch with one of us.

Yours In Our Lord, *Fr Nicolas*.



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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Report of the Great Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 8 September 2005

##### Planning

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

**Bleatarn, Mary Lane South** – rear conservatory

**Hamilton Lodge, Rectory Road** – single storey extensions

**Park Farm, Hilliards Road** – construction of agricultural reservoir

**Harwin, Frating Road** - extensions and alterations

*The Council considered but objected to the following planning applications:*

**Primrose Farm, Hall Road** – change of use from (part) existing agricultural storage to meat cutting plant and retail outlet

*Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:*

**Roseland, Colchester Road** – garage and loft store

**The Laurels, Chase Road East** – two storey extension  
**Veranda Cottage, Harwich Road** – new house and garage  
**Pondfields, Rectory Road** - 'Granny' annexe

*Tendring District Council has refused the following planning applications:*

**Bay Trees, Parsons Hill** – two storey side extension

**Greshams Farm, Harwich Road** – mobile home

*The Planning Inspectorate has dismissed the following appeal:*

**Land between Fieldside and Ettone, Frating Road** – two new houses

##### Future meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13 October 2005 at the Village Hall Great Bromley.

### LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on **Thursday, 13th October, 2005 at 7.30pm**. For details of venue please ring Parish Clerk.

## FROM THE PAST ...

### WHY COWEY GREEN?

"Cowey" is recorded in a Rental Roll in 1592. It is also mentioned in the Archdeacon's Visitation held at Colchester in 1684.

In the Assize Rolls, 1254, there was an inhabitant here whose name was Andrew de Douye-Heie.

Cowey means a cow enclosure.

*John Appleby*



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### Who can apply?

The County Council is looking for applications for support from locally based groups, including parish councils, community transport schemes, voluntary organisations such as the Women's Institute or faith groups, good neighbour schemes and community bus groups. It will consider applications from commercial operators where they can meet the community participation requirement.

For more information and an application form as to which schemes will be supported, how much will be made available to each scheme, etc. and how to apply contact Wendy Jackson, telephone 01245 437188 or email: [wjackson@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:wjackson@essexcc.gov.uk).

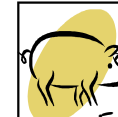
## ESSEX FIRE AUTHORITY



The Essex Fire Authority are introducing a new fire protection scheme aimed at strengthening fire safety in our communities. It offers the opportunity for local firefighters to visit and talk to groups in their own homes helping them prepare an escape so they are better prepared against a fire in their home.

A valuable part of the scheme includes fitting smoke detectors at no cost during our visit so the householder is better protected immediately.

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**LITTLE BROMLEY NEWS**

**LITTLE BROMLEY FLOWERS AND MUSIC**



Over the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley opened its doors for two days of flowers, music and refreshments.

Aimed to coincide with the sponsored cycle around the Churches in the area, St. Mary's was able to provide the 14 cyclists who arrived with a beautiful selection of flower displays, some lovely music and home made refreshments.

Prior to the weekend the Church had been cleaned and the windows made to sparkle showing the stained glass off to its full effect. A host of local residents from both Little and Great Bromley had made some delightful flower arrangements full of colour all in their own creative styles from plants grown in the two villages.

Light lunches and homemade cakes were available in the Little Bromley tent behind

the Church on both days. They must have been quite tasty as despite many partakers of food, all plates were returned empty!

Sunday saw a steady stream of visitors who looked around whilst music played in the background, but the huge success of the weekend was Saturday. Over lunch we enjoyed music from the organ and then during the afternoon Gregory Frostick had organised a concert with a wide selection of music and some beautiful singing from a selection of artistes. This was followed by Evensong with Father Nicolas. This quiet Church provided an excellent setting for a pleasant afternoon.

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces from Little Bromley, Great Bromley and the surrounding areas. We even had visitors from Great Baddow and Chelmsford. This sort of event is an ideal opportunity to bump into each other, to make new acquaintances and to learn more about the past history of the village where we live. It is always sad when a lovely Church is unused, but on the occasions when St. Mary's is open, it provides such a tranquil setting that it is a pleasure to visit.

We would like to thank all those who donated flowers, time, parking venues, refreshments, cleaning, manpower, flower displays and provided much enjoyed musical talent.

We would also like to thank our numerous visitors for risking the inclement weather and making our weekend a success.

Donations and profit from refreshments totalled £327.43 which will be given to the Churches Conservation Trust.

*Carol Cordwell  
Little Bromley Amenities Committee.*

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At the same time (in July 2005) the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM), issued guidance on Neighbourhood

Renewal Unit's: The Safer and Stronger Communities Fund: The Neighbourhood Element.

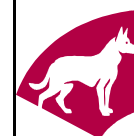
This guidance sets out the mechanism for action in the following areas: to reduce crime, reduce educational underachievement, reconnect the area with housing and jobs, stimulate economic development, increase local communities in decision making and promote social inclusion.

Tending has been listed as an area for help from the fund though the example given, which includes the use of wardens as part of a management team, would cost £0.5 million p.a. from a government contribution of £1.5 million over 5 years as a kick start.

So is it a good initiative? The principles are fine but it's the detail that we must monitor, through our Parish, District, and County Councillors.

Len Christodoulides

## THANKS



### Lost and Found

**My dog**, a Belgian Shepherd, called Jet escaped on 23rd August whilst I was out. I had only been out a

couple of hours and on my return realised that Jet wasn't there. I spent the next three hours driving around the areas near Stone Road (where I live), and also reported him to the Police and Dog Warden should anyone find him. I then called in back home where I received a much welcomed phone call from Andrew Childs of Gt Bromley who said he had found Jet and had taken him home where he spent those few hours well cared for. Although I thanked Andrew face to face at the time I wish to thank him through the *Bromley Messenger* as those of you who have ever lost pets know it can be an agonising time wondering where they are or whether they have been hurt, especially when you also have to answer young children's questions as to where their pet is.

*Tania Marshall, Stone Road, Gt Bromley*

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### Charlie Pirie

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## **GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET**



The Cricket Club held a very successful fun day, presentation, barbecue and Disco on 3rd September. During the evening trophies were presented by the

President, Phil Allam, to the following Colts.

### **Under 15s**

Batting Award Liam Fisher  
Bowling Award Billy Huggins  
Fielding Award Craig Perrin

### **Under 13s**

Batting Award Jake Foley  
Bowling Award Jake Foley  
Fielding Award Harry Hitchcock

### **Under 11s**

Batting Award Jake Foley  
Bowling Award Jake Foley  
Fielding Award Matt Halsey

The Chairman, Bill Kempster, thanked all those involved with running the Colt sides.

### **100 Club Winners for September**

1st Mrs G Wright  
2nd Sam Halsey  
3rd Mr R Lawson

Please remember the Quiz Night on 29th October. Ring Phil Allam on 01206 230375 for details.

Phil Allam

## **CARPET BOWLS**

This month we send congratulations to one of our members, Tom Bates, on gaining his place at university. We, as a Club, wish him well - a bright future; we hope to see him playing bowls for us on his vacations.



### **Annual General Meeting**

This was held on 31st August. The officers of the Club were re-elected en bloc and the chairman, Pat Petchey, thanked everyone for their help and support, in their various roles, during the previous year. Quite a lot of paperwork is entailed when running teams in two leagues and also entering charity tournaments, so well done to Jayne and Linda. Our catering ladies earned their 'Brownie points' too!

It was mentioned at the meeting, looking to the future, that we need more members to keep the Club going. How often do we hear that 'time just speeds past'; we all feel it and bowlers are no exception. Perhaps as a reader of this magazine, you may be new to the village or perhaps unaware of how carpet bowls is played - either way, our secretary, Jayne Bates, on 01206 230529 is very happy to tell you about it. Please look on the village website for more details. We look forward to hearing from some of you, this is a game for all ages.

Nancy Kempster



## **STROKE AWARENESS DAY**

4th October 2005 (10am - 2 pm)  
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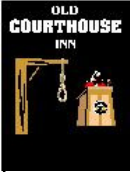
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There has been some activity at the end of the holidays at the School with improvements being made to the play areas including the hard surface. A full report will be made next month after the work has been completed.

*Len Christodoulides*

## P.T.A.

Our Annual General Meeting is to be held on 4th October in the School Hall from 7.30pm. All parents are warmly invited.

The Festive Fayre will be held on 25th November from 6.00pm. Many stalls and games. Please come along.



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Group Secretary-Debbie on 01206 250183

We welcome back to you all, the summer holidays seem so far gone now. We do hope you all enjoyed your break.

We have had some new children join us this term who are: Leeanne, Erin, Oliver and Felix. Let's hope they all enjoy their time with us at playgroup.

Our Theme for this term is **Seasons and Weather!** The children will be learning and taking part in some great activities including making their own Wind Chimes and Rain makers!.....we are sure they will have great fun.

We will have details to follow in due course regarding what will be happening nearer Christmas time, so keep a look out!

**Term Dates:** October half term finish on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct - return on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov

Christmas dates as follows: Last session on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

*Kelly Buckingham*

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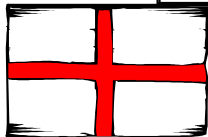
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**Friday, 21st TRAFALGAR DAY CELEBRATION - 200th**  
 Anniversary of Nelson's victory over the French and Spanish fleets:-  
 FIREWORKS and LIGHTING OF BEACON will take place at 7.15pm sharp

**Wednesday 26th MUSIC NIGHT 8.15pm start**  
 Sing, play or just come along and enjoy an evening of good music and entertaining recital.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**SATURDAY 5th November GUY FAWKES NIGHT 7.00-8.30pm**  
 Bring your kids, yourselves and some fireworks (Please hand fireworks to the Marshalls), Bangers and Hot Dogs as usual.  
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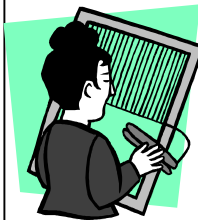
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## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

For our meeting on Wednesday, 7th September we had Mrs Rose Baldwin along to talk to us about 'Reflexology and Reiki'.

On Wednesday, 5th October we meet again in the Village Hall at 7.30pm when Mrs Osbourne will speak to us on the subject of 'Weaving'. This looks to be an interesting subject, so do come along and join us for the evening.



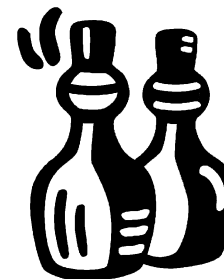
*June Willgress*

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Singing and humorous monologues was our entertainment at the last meeting - Mrs Cohen always makes it a jolly afternoon.

The next meeting is on 20th October and the competition is VINEGAR BOTTLE.

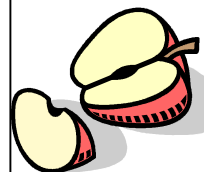
If you have not already given your name in for the Christmas Lunch please phone Beryl on 230578 or me on 230191 as soon as possible.



*Vicky Griffiths*

## KITCHEN CORNER

### Apple Charlotte



This is a classic pudding and looks good on the dinner table. Serve it with cold, thick cream, or use crème fraiche or yoghurt as a healthy

alternative.

First make a purée of sliced apples, cooked with 2 oz butter and sugar to taste. Beat well, or put through a sieve. Add some lemon juice and more sugar if needed. Line a suitable mould with fingers of bread dipped in melted butter. Fill with the purée and top with more bread. Bake for 30-40 mins moderate oven. Turn out on to a plate to serve.

*Jill Frostick*

## OCTOBER GARDENING TIPS

**Roses:** Take cuttings of Ramblers, Climbers, Floribundas, and some old roses.



**Perennials:** Divide and replant overgrown perennials when finished flowering.

**Dahlias:** As soon as foliage starts to die back

after frost, cut down to 6. Lift and store tubers.

**Bulbs:** Lift and store gladiolas. Plant all other bulbs except tulips which can be left until November.

**Irises:** Feed bearded irises with potash.

**Mint:** For a winter supply pot some roots and place in a sunny window.

*Frank Griffiths*

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**GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL  
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Well, summer holidays have come and gone, so it was on Tuesday, 6th September that the Village Hall committee met again at the Hall. Although more than a quorum was present, several members were unable to attend, an unusual situation for this hard working group of people.

Each year the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) organises a Village Halls Conference, where representatives of those affiliated may gather to listen to the speakers or join in discussion on matters typically affecting halls. This year the meeting takes place on 22nd October at Saling and the agenda contains items such as Risk Assessment, Feasibility Studies, Fund raising from Charitable Trusts and Companies, Awards for All and the Big Lottery Fund.

Every two months or so, the RCCE also publishes the 'Village Halls Update', which is A4 in size and contains about 16 sides of relevant information on subjects such as grants, Scam Warnings, Fire Regulations, Licensing, Car Parks, Playing Fields, Funding, Charity Scams and lists guideline publications available. It is interesting to note that Essex County council has withdrawn their Capital Grant Scheme this year. I wonder why.

The committee review a list of hall projects drawn up to keep in mind things needed to be attended to at some time soon. Last time we looked, it contained about 40 items, now it has 29 of which three are currently being organised. During the past three years we have dealt with 12 or so items, some quite major, but there remains much left to be done, over and above normal month by month running matters.

We next meet on Tuesday, 1st November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Meanwhile, preparations are going ahead for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 19th November from 11.00am until 2.00pm. Please make a note of the date and new time. Be in it to win it!

*Bevan Willgress*



**LETTERS**

**San Demitrio**

Jean Austin (wife of the late "Bunny" Austin) contacted me recently from her warden controlled flat in Northampton, having just read September's 'Messenger'. She rang to say that she had a relative, who was an engineer on the SAN DEMITRIO when it was attacked and partially sunk in 1940 and whose name is on the memorial at Tower Bridge. In the film he was played by an American.

Thank you Jean for letting us know about this event. Another reminder of what a small world we live in.

*Len Christodoulides*

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# Forthcoming Events



## OCTOBER

- 1 World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10.30am  
Countryside Day and Farmers Market, Gt Bentley, 2.00pm  
New Zealand Spectacular, Gt Bentley Village Hall, 7.00pm
- 2 Harvest Lunch, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 1.00pm
- 4 St George's School P.T.A. A.G.M., School Hall, 7.30pm  
Stroke Awareness Day, Holland-on-Sea, 10.00am
- 5 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.00pm
- 9 Guide Dog Service, St Mary's church, Lawford, 3.00pm
- 12 Farmers Market, Gt Bentley, 2.00pm
- 13 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
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- 20 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 21 Battle of Trafalgar celebrations followed by fireworks, The Cross Inn
- 29 Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Village Hall Committee meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Remembrance Sunday
- 19 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 11.00am
- 25 School Festive Fayre, School Hall, 6.00pm



### FARMERS MARKET

Great Bentley Village Hall  
Wednesday 12th October  
2.00-5.00pm  
Refreshments Available  
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### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Village Hall  
19th November  
Great Bromley Village Hall

### ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL P.T.A. A.G.M.



4th October  
School Hall  
7.30pm

### FESTIVE FAYRE

25th November  
St George's School  
Hall  
6.00pm



### CRICKET CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

is on  
Saturday 29th October  
at the  
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If you would like more information about the work of the Association, or have a visiting speaker (Guide dog Owner or Puppy walker) to your meeting please phone Marjorie on 01206 393504.