



Services for January

Sunday 1st		Mary, Mother of God	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St George the Martyr</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
4th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
5th	9.00am	Little Footsteps (pre-school)	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The MAGI (year 6+)	<i>The Old Coal House</i>
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
6th		Epiphany of our Lord	
	7.00pm	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
7th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 8th		The Baptism of the Lord	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
9th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
11th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St George the Martyr</i>
12th	9.00am	Little Footsteps (pre-school)	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The MAGI (year 6+)	<i>The Old Coal House</i>
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
13th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
14th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 15th		Epiphany 2	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St George the Martyr</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
16th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
18th	6.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>Hamilton Lodge</i>
19th	9.00am	Little Footsteps (pre-school)	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The MAGI (year 6+)	<i>The Old Coal House</i>
	7.30pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
20th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
21st	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 22nd		Epiphany 3	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
23rd	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
25th		Conversion of S Paul	
	7.00pm	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St George the Martyr</i>
26th	9.00am	Little Footsteps (pre-school)	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The MAGI (year 6+)	<i>The Old Coal House</i>
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
27th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
28th	9.30am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 29th		Epiphany 4	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St George the Martyr</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
30th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>



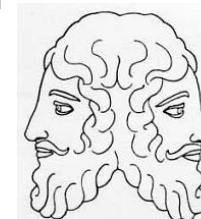
FORWARD THINKING?

The arrival of January brings with it a period when people, like the Roman god, Janus, look both back at the past and forward to the future. When in looking back at the past one can probably think of certain decisions taken by what are regarded as representative bodies which you consider do not reflect your views, particularly when such decisions influence the policy of some higher authority.

In such circumstances it is always worth finding out about the structure of any organisations and how decisions are reached within it. The Tendring Hundred is a reminder of an early form of local government under which the heads of the hundred families in the area met to discuss local affairs and let their views be known. Hence even now there are pubs in some parts of the country called "The Hundred House". Over the years such a broad process became unworkable and structured systems of representation evolved, not only for government at all levels but also for the church and other organisations and societies to which we may belong, under which matters are determined by councils or committees.

Whilst the members of such councils or

committees vote as they think best in accordance with what they believe, that view may not be shared by all whom they represent. If you disagree with the decisions taken by such bodies and feel that your views are not being heard, why not talk to your representatives on the committee to ascertain why the decision was taken.



Should you find they do not share your views why not seek election to the committee or agree to support someone else standing for election who shares your view. If an organisation is to reflect your interests it is necessary that you should support it by

making your views known and, if necessary, pressing for changes on the committee rather than quietly turning your back on it.

So, for the New Year why not resolve not to quietly moan when you hear of a decision taken by some representative body with which you do not agree, but to find out how to change it in the future within the democratic procedures of that organisation and then do something about it.

A Happy New Year to you all.

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Happy New Year**

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Major A.C. Downes (Rtd) MBE

Happenings in Little Bromley

Various and maybe not earth-shattering achievements have happened in Little Bromley over the past year. Those little things that help to improve life and recognition that the village is still surviving.

I suppose the most significant happening was the arrival of the Village Sign. It was a long time coming and like everyth8ng these days it was not cheap and all of you who helped by donation, or by effort, to raise the money should pat themselves on the back for a job well done.



We must also thank Christopher and Carole Eugster for allowing the "Village Fête" to be held in the grounds of the Old Rectory once more. A perfect setting for a day that was enjoyed by everyone, and the princely sum of £850 plus was raised and will almost pay for the new village notice-board which we intend to erect in the New Year, not forgetting those generous parishioners who allow us to use their houses for our various meetings.

The Parish Council now has two quite large frame tents for use by those of you who organize various functions such as flower shows, table top or jumble sales. You may have to insure them but contact

the Parish Clerk for more information. We have managed to plant about four sacks of bulbs in various places and hopefully over the years they will naturalise and give us a brighter outlook in the spring. We haven't finished yet and will be completing the job over the next year.

There was quite a good turn-out at the War Memorial this year and we could still do with more, but thank you very much to those who made the effort. It was especially nice to see a member of the younger female generation pay her own respects.

The speed limit is also about to be changed in the New Year. The stretch road from just beyond Payne's Lane (nasty bend) down to beyond the War Memorial were the existing 30mph commences will be restricted to 40mph. We are still trying to get a proper walk-way along Shop Road but financial restrictions and priority listings are frustrating us.

Finally, to all the "Burghers" (and the little burghers!) of the village "Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and keep taking the pills!!

Tony Downes



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Dear Parishioner,

A happy Christmass and a peaceful 2006 to you all.

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Contrary to human expectations and desires though, he proves to be a Messiah who will offer his life on the cross and gain a heavenly kingdom, rather than fight for an earthly one. To many this is failure, folly, and ridiculous; but to Christians it is another example of God's love for the world and each of us.

So we decorate our homes and churches, sing our carols and fill our churches, all in praise of a loving, generous God. That's the easy part, the icing on the cake! The

difficult part of the Christian journey, and the cake itself takes much more understanding and practice. Centred on a community (Christianity is not a religion of separate individuals), day by day, the task is in the ordinariness, to show that same love celebrated at Christmass and Easter; in the January days of life, to hold onto that light of love and to make it shine. Mistakes will be made, that's human weakness, sometimes individual wilfulness; the same God of love is one of justice and mercy.

Whether you've celebrated Christmass with us or not, you'll find a welcome in our January life of worship and service too. Maybe it's what your post holiday January blues need to make sense of life; a life God came to share? May God bless you,

Fr Nicolas.


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Recently 11 Aqua Boxes were sent to Pakistan. They contain equipment to sterilise and filter drinking water and are filled with other useful items such as hammer and nails, soap and tin opener so as not to waste the space in the box. Normally the boxes would be filled by local organisations but as time was short the contents were purchased from local wholesalers. The picture shows Rotarians completing the filling at the premises of a Rotarian ready for the haulier to take them to a collecting warehouse prior to shipment.

Len Christodoulides -Secretary



GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall committee last met on 1st November with nine members present.

You may have noticed that the Main Hall has been cleaned down and redecorated internally during last November. We hope you like what you see and will assist us in keeping it in a decent clean condition. We must ask that you do not fix anything to painted surfaces using sticky tape, bluetack, staples or any such items. Small items of decoration can be hung

using existing fixing points in the walls, large drapes and the like are forbidden because of potential fire hazard and insurance considerations.

Our Christmas Fayre, held on 19th November was well supported, thank you for coming along, we hope you enjoyed the experience. To all the helpers, you did a good job and we were well rewarded with £1,301 raised by the end of the day which will be shared equally between the Village Hall and St George's Church.

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Another date for your (new) diary is 18th March 2006 when we hope to bring "Nostalgia" back to the Hall for a pleasant evening of listening or dancing (or both).

The committee next meet on Tuesday, 10th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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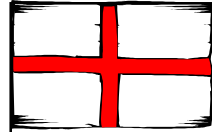
Do you know where your food comes from or how far it travels before it ends up on your plate? What pressures are food producers and farmers in the UK and EU facing? Is there enough food for the growing world population? How secure is our food chain? What are some of the ethical issues in world trade? What are the environmental issues? How can we act responsibly and make a difference?

The world faces a major crisis in terms of food supply, climate change, energy consumption, increase of disease and poverty. All of these issues confront every member of our community and decisions they make relating to political leadership, aid given for food and attitude to any number of environmental questions. Through the Common Agricultural Policy, which is affected by world issues, massive changes will affect the farming community, putting stress on many and causing further change in the countryside.

Writtle College's Centre for Environment and Rural Affairs (CERA) is organizing a one-day conference in association with the Diocese of Chelmsford, addressing these urgent issues of global significance. The day has been designed to give you the facts and provide you with an opportunity to focus your local responses to these huge concerns.

This conference is open to leaders from churches, faith groups and community organizations, Anglican Clergy and Readers can use their personal CME grants to cover the £25 cost, which includes lunch.

For more information and a booking form, please contact: Sarah Willsher at Centre for Environment & Rural Affairs, Rural Business Centre, Writtle College, Chelmsford CM1 3RR
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| Wednesday 21st | MUSIC NIGHT | 8.00pm PROMPT start |
| Sing, play or just enjoy traditional music and light verse. | | |

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An important part of the consultation is to seek the views and comments from all of our partners, in particular the Parish and Town Councils. There are two particular questions we would like you to consider:

1. What changes could we make to the library services in your area to ensure they remain relevant to local people?
2. How could we make better use of the library building to meet the needs of your local communities?

We really want you to contribute as your views, local knowledge and future aspirations are vital to us to ensure that our services remain relevant and continue to improve.

Please contact Jenny Salisbury (Telephone: 01279 413772, E-mail: librariesconsultation@essexcc.gov.uk, Internet: www.essexcc.gov.uk) with your ideas and views by the end of the calendar year. Thank you.

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We now have a National Hotline Number for tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

0845 605 2222

This number can be used to report any such incidents. The caller will be asked for his/her Postcode and will be put through to the appropriate area.

The Hotline is manned from 08:45 until 17:15, Monday to Thursday and 08:45 until 16:45 on Fridays. When the Hotline is unattended a message can be left on Voicemail. The caller needs to leave a name and number and the call will be returned the following morning.

It must be stressed that this Hotline is for reporting incidents, it is not a Response Hotline, all incidents will be dealt with by us within 7 days or passed on to the appropriate agencies involved and updates will be given to the caller.

Please use this number, we have been given this opportunity to crack down on Anti-Social Behaviour.

USE IT OR LOSE IT

If you have any queries re: the working of this Hotline please contact me and I will try to help.

Gill Burmby - Anti-Social Behaviour Administration Assistant—01255 686366

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A happy and prosperous 2006 to you all.

For our first meeting of the New Year, our speaker will be Mr Pettit who will tell us about "Corndollies". We will welcome any non-members who may like to come along and join us in the village hall on Wednesday, 4th January at 7.30pm.

June Willgress



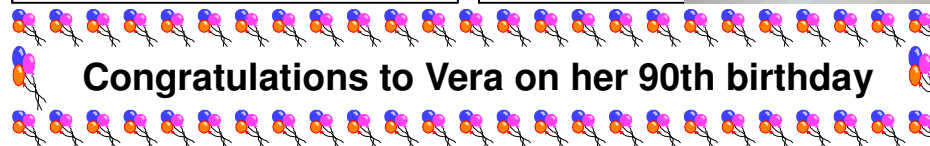
FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Here we are again beginning a New Year when we wish everyone happiness, good health as we look forward to a successful year at the Club.

A reminder to Committee members - NO meeting in January. The February meeting will commence at 2.00pm. The A.G.M. will be on 19th January - please make every effort to attend. Subscriptions will be due.

The competition will be a small piece of DELFTWARE.

Vicky Griffiths



Congratulations to Vera on her 90th birthday

FROM THE PAST ...

THE RECTORY FAMILY IN 1851

The 1851 Census gives details of use to genealogists.

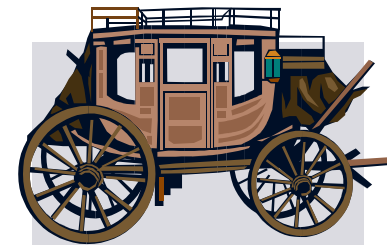
The Rector was The Revd William H Graham, aged 44, born in North Shields, Northumberland. His wife, Helen, was 37 and came from Norfolk. The family was made up of William, aged 18, being educated at the Rectory, born at Budlington, Norfolk and daughters, Helen, born at Great Bromley, 14, Anna, born in Colchester, 13 and Hannah L. S., born in Great Bromley, aged 10.

Governess was Mary Magson, from London, aged 26.

Staff were Henry Naylor from Higham, Suffolk, 26, footman; Lucy Abbot from Burstall, Suffolk, aged 29; Maria Stow, 25, Housemaid, of Great Horkesley and Hannah Barton from Tendring, School Room Maid, 14.

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Planning

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning application:

Maple Cottage, Brundells Road – extension.

In connection with **Portlands Farm Barn, Harwich Road** the Planning Inspectorate has dismissed the following appeals against Tendring District Council's: (a) enforcement notice requiring the removal of a mobile home; (b) refusal to permit the addition to the barn conversion.

Licensing

Following changes in the law, which provide for the extension to the hours when drink, food and entertainment may be provided, interested parties may seek a review of a particular premises' licence. The grounds for a review must be one or more of the following: prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

Guidance on applying for a review can be obtained from Tendring District Council's Legal Department on 01255 686868. Or see the website – www.culture.gov.uk.

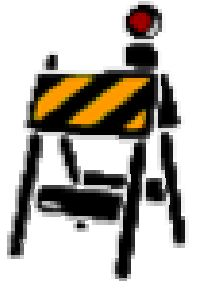
Community Grants

The parish council has the power (under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972) to offer small grants towards financing activities that it considers 'will bring direct benefit to the area, or any part of it or all of some of its inhabitants'. The annual budget for these grants is about £1300 and applications for 2005/6 should be sent to the Clerk *by the end of January 2006*.

Highways maintenance


The county's highways department is instituting a programme of annual visits to parishes in order to carry out minor maintenance work. This will cover: corrections to road defects which represent a danger or serious inconvenience to the public, or which could lead to significant damage to property; minor repairs to roads and footways including filling-in of potholes; clearing road signs of dirt and vegetation; resetting kerbs and gullies; removal of vegetation from footways.

Residents can report highway defects to the Clerk at any time. Problems with public rights of way can also be reported to either the Footpath Warden, Alan Sievewright on 01206 230791, or to the Clerk.



Future meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12 January 2006 at the Village Hall Great Bromley.

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We emphasise that not all roads are salted, and no guarantee can ever be given that the road will be completely free from ice. During winter weather please drive with greater care and never assume that a road is free from hazardous conditions.

An easy rule of thumb to follow is, if there is frost on your windscreen there is probably frost or ice on the road as well.

Tips for winter driving

Make certain that your vehicle has been serviced for the winter:

- ▶ Does it have sufficient anti-freeze and windshield washer fluid?
- ▶ Do the tyres have the correct depth of tread, and are they properly inflated? Have you checked your spare?
- ▶ Are your windshield wipers in good condition and working effectively?
- ▶ Are your lights clean and in good working order?
- ▶ Is your battery fully charged and in good condition?

Before each journey:

- ▶ Listen to local traffic and weather reports. A route you intend to use might be affected.
- ▶ If bad weather is predicted or has already struck, consider whether or not your journey is truly essential.
- ▶ If you must travel, allow extra time for your journey according to the weather conditions.
- ▶ Clean and check your lights, windows and mirrors.
- ▶ Allow extra time for your journey and, if necessary, consider alternative routes.
- ▶ It is a good idea to keep an emergency kit in your vehicle. A couple of blankets, some additional warm clothing, a torch with fresh batteries, some non-perishable snacks, and bottled water or juice can be useful to have if you are stuck for a while. A spade and a bag of grit (such as cat litter) can sometimes help to get you out of



slippery situations.

- ▶ Where possible, use treated roads for your journey. Even if it takes more time, it will be safer.
 - ▶ Ensure someone knows where you are going and what time you expect to arrive.
 - ▶ If you have one, take a mobile phone and ensure it is fully charged.
- When driving in poor weather conditions:**
- ▶ Drive with great care, whether or not the road has been treated with salt or grit.
 - ▶ Be aware that a route might not be treated along its entire length.
 - ▶ Keep a safe stopping distance between your vehicle and the one in front, and don't brake suddenly. Drop down a gear to let the engine help with braking.
 - ▶ Use dipped headlights in poor conditions.
 - ▶ Only use fog lights if visibility is less than 100 metres, and remember to switch them off when visibility improves.
 - ▶ Be especially mindful of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.
 - ▶ Take care when travelling behind salting vehicles and snow ploughs. Keep a safe distance and do not attempt to overtake them.
 - ▶ Driver fatigue and stress increases when driving in adverse weather conditions. Take a break to help keep yourself alert for the rest of your journey.

▶ And, importantly, keep speeds low!

If you get stranded

- ▶ Try to make certain that your vehicle does not block access for emergency vehicles, including the winter maintenance teams.
- ▶ If there is no shelter nearby, remain with your vehicle
- ▶ Keep moving to maintain your body circulation
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Serves 4.

- 8 middle neck lamb chops
- 675g/1½lb potatoes, peeled and thin sliced
- 2 or 3 onions, peeled and thin sliced
- Seasoning of salt and pepper + chopped parsley (if liked)
- 2 lamb kidneys (optional), prepared and chopped
- 2 carrots, 1 turnip, peeled and diced
- 300ml/½ pint stock or water
- 2 teasp oil



Trim chops, remove excess fat. Cover the base of a large, deep casserole with a layer of potato, place chops on top. Season well and add kidneys if used. Add a layer of the vegetables, pour over stock or water, then arrange remaining potatoes in overlapping circles to cover the top. Put on the lid and cook in a moderate oven 2 hours, 160°C/325°F. Take out of the oven and raise the temperature to 200°C/400°F. Brush top potatoes lightly with oil and return to the oven uncovered to brown for 15 minutes till crisp and golden.

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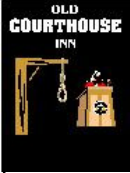
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It's Christmas time again and I don't know where the year has gone. However, you might just be interested to know how we have all spent our working hours at the surgery since last Christmas.

We have processed something over 122,400 prescription items. Thank goodness the computers now print the prescription forms of which we used very nearly 100,000.

Approximately 58,900 telephone calls have been answered and dealt with, much to BT's profit and delight.

We received, read and scanned into patients' notes approximately 15,600 clinical letters. Okay, so what if Father Christmas does handle more?

The doctors got through over 22,000 consultations and the nurses managed 12,200. No wonder our consulting room chairs need re-covering or replacing occasionally.

Our Healthcare Assistants and nurses between them did over 6,000 blood tests, not to mention taking hundreds of smears, checking thousands of urine samples, and generally getting up to their elbows in many, many things that you really don't want to know about. By the way, I calculate that the blood tests accounted for about 300 yards of needles.

Over 2,200 flu jabs were given, together with thousands of other assorted immunisations. I'm afraid that an awful lot were inflicted on small children so it's no wonder not many of them ask to come to the surgery as a special treat.

619 people between them missed over 820 appointments without ever letting us

know they weren't coming. Boo, hiss! It only takes a telephone call. That's 27 doctor-days wasted. You know who you are, especially those of you who missed more than one.

We used over 125,000 sheets of A4 paper, which kept a lot of Scandinavian loggers in work with dire consequences for a lot of trees. We are assured that they were all replaced though - the trees, not the loggers. So much for being a pioneering "paper-light" practice!

An estimated 15,000 mugs of tea and coffee were brewed to keep everyone on their toes, accounting for 612 pints of milk.

We also got through about 900 litres of bottled spring water, some fortified by a variety of squashes, but most taken neat.



I'm not going to tell you how many packets of biscuits were consumed – not even under "Freedom of Information" – but rumour has it that Dr Carr accounted for about twenty percent of them.

Finally there are 34 of us here wishing many thousands of you out there a merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy New Year. That's an awful lot of good wishes. We hope that we don't see you too often in 2006 but we'll always try to have a smile and a greeting ready when we do.

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JANUARY

- 4 Wl meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Village Hall Trustees committee meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Farmers' Market, Great Bentley Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 12 Gt Bromley parish council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 19 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 'Mad, Bad & Dangerous', WEA lectures, Village Hall, Ardleigh, 2.30pm
- Ardleigh PCC meeting, 7.30pm
- 22-29 World Leprosy Week (see December 2005 'Messenger' for details)
- 25 The Bromleys PCC meetings, 7.30pm
- 26 Body Shop Party, Clacton Stroke Assn, Holland-on-Sea, 7.30pm

FEBRUARY

- 26 Ardleigh APCM

MARCH

- 4 The Sutton Hoo Mob (Eastern Angles), Village Hall, 7.30pm (Supper 6.00pm)
- 5 The Bromleys APCM, 11.45am
- 18 Dance to 'NOSTALGIA', Village Hall

APRIL

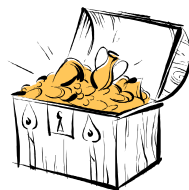
- 14 Good Friday
- 16 Easter Day
- 23 St George's Day



THE RETURN OF EASTERN ANGLES

We are very pleased to announce that, after we failed to lure them here in 2005, Eastern Angles will bring their 2006 Spring Tour

productions, "**The Sutton Hoo Mob**" to Great Bromley Village Hall on Saturday, 4th March. This promises to be a hilarious evening. In the past, some of their plays, though beautifully staged and acted, have been on the gloomy side - not this one! It is described as "an Ealing-type comedy about the discovery of the Sutton Hoo treasure in 1939, a delightful tale of English eccentricity, involving bicycles, prophetic visions, secret hiding places, priceless treasure in grocery boxes and a race to beat Hitler's bombers."



The play starts at 7.30pm. A two-course meal will be served before the performance at 6.00pm, with licensed bar.

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Dr Pearson has made a study of
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 Essex. We may have a field trip to visit
 some of the buildings we will be
 discussing.

Classes are in the Village Hall, Station
 Road, Ardleigh on Thursday afternoons.
 The course begins on Thursday 19th
 January at 2.30pm with a tea break at
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