



Services for March

1st	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
2nd	9.00am	Little Footsteps (pre-school)	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.15pm	The MAGI (yr 6+) meet	
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
3rd	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
	11.00am	Women's World Day of Prayer	<i>Dedham</i>
4th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 5th		Lent 1	
	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 & Sermon	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
6th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
8th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
9th	9.00am	Little Footsteps (pre-school)	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.15pm	The MAGI (yr 6+) meet	
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
11th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 12th		Lent 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>
13th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
15th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
16th	9.00am	Little Footsteps (pre-school)	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.15pm	The MAGI (yr 6+) meet	
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
17th		S Patrick	
	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
18th	9.30am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 19th		Lent 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>
20th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
22nd	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
23rd	9.00am	Little Footsteps (pre-school)	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.15pm	The MAGI (yr 6+) meet	
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
24th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
25th		Annunciation of our Lord	
	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 26th		Lent 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>
27th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
29th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
30th	9.00am	Little Footsteps (pre-school)	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.15pm	The MAGI (yr 6+) meet	
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
31st	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>



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SWIMMING WITH DOLPHINS

I am not a keen swimmer. The pool in which we learnt to swim at school was surrounded by a very high hedge which meant the pool was in almost constant shade; it was unheated so even during the height of summer it was always very cold and the colour of the water was a perpetual shade of dark green shading to black. Those who were learning to dive for bricks sometimes came back up with a dead rat and the whole experience of having to lower myself into such a place left with me with a complete horror of the delights of swimming.

I only learnt to swim better, but not properly, when my children began to learn and have lessons with Mrs Gurney and whilst willing away the time watching them I too learnt what to do and endeavoured to put what I had seen and heard into practice when at the local swimming baths alone with them. We then moved into this house which had a leaky and dirty swimming pool in the garden. One of the first things we repaired was the swimming pool for the children to play in while we repaired the house. In this pool - now beautifully clean, leakproof but also

unheated and usually cold except in the height of summer - I practised and practised and, although I would still be unable to save my own life in the middle of the sea, I would at least have a sporting chance of surviving for a little while. Sadly, our swimming pool moved and cracked during the drought years of the late 1990s and once again leaks now providing a pond for the duck and dragonflies.



For over a year now I have been going to aquasize sessions in Great Bentley. My daughter 'held my hand' when I first went but very soon I was hooked and really miss it when I cannot get to a session. It has further built up my confidence in the water

and I can now even swim on my back - something I am rather proud of. My regret is that I didn't learn to overcome my aversion to water at an earlier stage but I would hope that I might still progress enough to be able to swim with dolphins as the husband and wife team of Hot-Line Printers have just been doing or explore coral reefs like my son.

Leonie Henderson



The 'Bromley Messenger' Cover

In April the cover pages of the 'Messenger' will be updated. For economic reasons it is changed only once a year so **PLEASE** would **ALL ORGANISATIONS and ASSOCIATION CONTACTS** that need a name, address or telephone number changing on the cover of the 'Messenger', or indeed any other information on the cover pages, let me (Editor) have your amendments **by 13th March, 2006.**

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Dear Parishioner,

Lent is the six-week period leading up to the celebration of Easter and is a time when Christians attempt to deepen their understanding of God, neighbour and self. Lent means growth, growth in these three areas. Most people associate Lent with negatives, but if growth is really what we are about, then however the season is marked we will emerge at Easter a different person, more aware of God's love, and of each others and our own needs.

It may be that one gives something up which is not healthy and is having a negative effect of growth. More positively it could be taking something up like writing letters - all those you owe - or to someone on their own or to prisoners. Maybe it involves making a visit to someone or doing that job you are always planning to do; maybe getting out and collecting litter, planting trees, clearing a patch of waste ground. Could you become a volunteer at Seven Rivers, Hamilton Lodge, Elm Park or Fernside?

For the Christian whatever it is involves some sort of sacrifice. Any money saved is given away, and this year we are supporting an African Hospital at Katete. Any sacrifice is simply because Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross and to demonstrate our gratitude for that love, we make sacrifices too.

To help spiritual growth this year our house groups will study the national Churches course "Easter People in a Good Friday World". Meeting

in different parts of the villages and at different times anyone is welcome to join in. It is particularly lovely to welcome Christians who live here but worship elsewhere. More details are available from Church.

May this Lent be a positive time for you in the love of God.

Fr Nicolas.

<http://privatewww.essex.ac.uk/~udfn/stgeorgesgtbromley.html>

<http://privatewww.essex.ac.uk/~udfn/stmarysardleigh.html>

Diary

5th March 11.45am The Bromleys Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Dedham Lecture 2006

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Their large family consisted of sons Henry, 11, Edward, 8, Herbert, 7, Alfred, 6, John, 4, Harry, 3, and Roland, 1. Their daughter was

Edith, 2. All were born in Great Bromley and baptised there. The governess was Mary A Curtis, aged 27 from Lynn, Norfolk.

The posse of servants included Mary Tosdell, 21, of Mistley, Marian Smith, 29, Aldham, Suffolk, Maria Calver, 21, of Lawford, Nancy Stock, 21, from Mistley and Thomas Tosbell, 19, born in Great Bromley, described as "Farmer's servant".

The family vault and memorial is on the north side of the Parish Church and there are the names, etc, of this illustrious family.

John Appleby

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For more information please contact the Emergency Plans Unit on 01245 430378 or visit our website www.crisissupportessex.org and see section 'be a volunteer'.

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Email foundationtrust@nemhpt.nhs.uk.

Invite us to come along to speak to a
group

Take part on a formal consultation on the
proposals which runs from 27 February to
19 May - we can send you a copy of the
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consultation events.

I look forward to hearing from you

Carol Edward, Project Director -
Foundation Trust

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it starts and a contact

number in case of questions.

Books of walks: There are more than forty
books of walks for the County. All the
details are here.

Leaflets of walks: More than fifty leaflets
are produced around the County, many of
them difficult to find. Not any more!
www.walkinginessex.co.uk list them all.

Walking groups: Every walking group in
the County is listed (17 of them!).

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KITCHEN CORNER

Pumpkin with ginger, coconut milk and lime

This vegetarian recipe comes from Nigel Slater and is excellent. Serve it with rice.

Quantity is for 4 people.

- 2 medium onions
- 3 tblsp groundnut oil
- 60g ginger (a large heap)
- 3 small hot chillies
- 3 stalks of lemon grass
- 2 tsp ground turmeric
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 800g tomatoes
- 400ml veg stock or water
- 1.5kg pumpkin or Butternut squash
- 250ml coconut milk
- Juice of one lime
- Small handful coriander leaves
- Small handful mint leaves



Method: Peel and rough chop onions and cook slowly in the oil, using a deep heavy-based pan till softened but not coloured. Cut peeled ginger into matchsticks, de-seed and fine chop chillies, peel and fine chop inner part of lemon grass. Add these to the pan and cook a few minutes, stir in the spices and chopped tomatoes, cook and stir a few minutes, then add stock, bring to boil then simmer. Prepare squash discarding seeds, peel and fibres. Cut into large

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The electric cooker funding has been turned down. The cooker was requested to enable a bigger variety of home cooked meals to be made. The menus are being reviewed in order to improve

the selection to get more children to stay for lunches.

A bicycle shed has obtained a grant and hopefully this will be erected in the summer term, once the supplier has been agreed.

Free green paint has been requested from TDC to paint the shelters.

Please support the PTA Quiz night on March 18th. The last time I went I won a prize - the booby for the worst team— of packet of Smarties.

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chunks and season with salt and pepper. Add to the pot and simmer 20-25 minutes till squash is just tender but not mushy. Stir in coconut milk, check seasoning, add lime juice, mint and coriander. Serve very hot with the rice.

Jill Frostick



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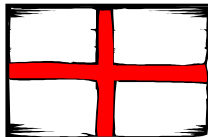
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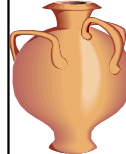
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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs Ann Newman came along to our February meeting to tell us about the "History of Gardening". She made the evening very interesting and showed us many lovely and colourful slides.



The Romans were first to create gardens when they occupied Great Britain. The Tudors were famous for their gardens; one has recently been recreated at Hampton court Palace and also at Crossing Barns.

The Victorians loved their gardens and because explorers were bringing plants back from countries overseas, they had many more plants from which to choose. We then looked at some famous gardens from around the country.

In March, we have Mrs Anderson to show us "Designer Garments from Homespun Yarns". It should be a good evening, so do come along on Wednesday, 1st March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, you will be most welcome.

June Willgress

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mr Walters gave us a very interesting talk on the Dutch Quarter and how it got its name, at our January meeting.



Our next meeting is on 23rd March - the competition is a Walking Stick.

Watch this space for details of the "Open Day" in April.

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In the light of the approval of the new Bathside Bay Port in Harwich by the government, Essex County council proposes to dual the A120 road all the way from Gt Bromley to Parkeston without any access to and from this road. This means that no-one will be able to get on or off the A120 at all except at Parkeston and Colchester. If you are against this proposal please write to the Essex County council Highways Portfolio Holder who is:
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Clacton, Factory Shopping Village	06:50	08:50	10:50	12:50	14:50	17:20
Little Clacton, Blacksmiths Arms	06:56	08:56	10:56	12:56	14:56	17:26A
Weeley, The Street	07:02	09:02	11:02	13:02	15:02	17:32
Tending, Post Office	07:08	09:08	11:08	13:08	15:08	17:38
Little Bentley, Bricklayers Arms	07:12	09:12	11:12	13:12	15:12	17:42
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Manningtree, Skimmers Arms	07:29	09:29	11:29	13:29	15:29	17:59
Mistley, Rigby Avenue	07:33	09:33	11:33	13:33	15:33	18:03

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Manningtree, Colchester Road	07:53	09:51	11:51	13:51	15:51	18:31
Lawford, Service Station	07:55	09:53	11:53	13:53	15:53	18:33
Little Bromley, Post Office	07:58	09:56	11:56	13:56	15:56	18:36
Little Bentley, Bricklayers Arms	08:03	10:01	12:01	14:01	16:01	18:41
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Weeley, The Street	08:13	10:11	12:11	14:11	16:11	18:51
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Clacton, Factory Shopping Village	08:25	10:23	12:23	14:23	16:23	19:03
Burns Road Post Office	08:29	10:27	12:27	14:27	16:27	19:07
Clacton, Rail Station	✘ 08:33	10:31	12:31	14:31	16:31	19:11
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Great Bromley Parish Council

Report of the Great Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 9 February 2006

Planning

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

Wilma Cottage, Frating Road – extension and garage.

Elm Cottage, Harwich Road – replacement of existing building by two new bungalows.

Arthnath, Harwich Road – removal of agricultural occupancy condition.

The Council considered but objected to the following planning application:

Elmhurst, Harwich Road – demolition of existing house and building of new house and garage on adjacent site.

Tendring District Council has made the following planning decisions:

West View, Frating Road – alterations and additions (refusal).

Two Hollies, Harwich Road – sun lounge and alterations (approval).

Community grants 2005/6

The council has allocated community grants totalling £1900 to the following local organisations: The Royal British Legion, Bromleys Parochial Church Council (for St George's churchyard grass-cutting), Hamilton Lodge, Bromley Messenger, Citizens' Advice Bureau Tendring and Great Bromley and District Cricket Club (towards the cost of new practice nets).

Future meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 9 March 2006 at the Village Hall, Great Bromley.

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LETTERS

From John Forkin, Project Manager for Anglian Water to Clerk of Gt Bromley Parish Council

Bromley Cross & Burnt Heath Sewerage Project

"... we have received planning approval for the pumping station off Mill Lane. Most of the Environmental issues are now also concluded.

We are finalising the legal details to the land purchase and at present we are planning a construction by June 2006."

From Area Highway Manager of Essex Council Council to clerk of Gt Bromley Parish Council

Frating Road - Great Bromley

Essex Police have recently advised that the parish lighting at the southern end of Frating Road constitutes a system of street lighting and therefore the use of 30mph repeater signs is prohibited.

I therefore ordered the works necessary to remove the existing 30mph repeater signs from the street lit length (from the crossroads to the property conifers). The remaining length of the 30mph speed limit is unlit and therefore requires the use of repeater signs; these will be repositioned with an additional pair added near The Snooty Fox Public House.

These works will ensure that the signing for the speed limits meets the legal requirements."



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FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERIES

Great Bentley Surgery The Hollies, The Green Great Bentley

that most of us would only ever dream of or read about in books.

The trip is all in the cause of charity and I believe that the bikes eventually get left at the final destination for community use. Dr Hunt is dead jealous because Ghana is as far as his time off will allow him to go, whilst the others in the group are going on all the way to South Africa after he leaves them. I still half expect to get a telephone call around the middle of May saying that he's missed his plane and won't make it back for a month or two as he has carried on to Cape Town to catch the next one.

As many people will know, Dr Carr has now left us and moved on to work at Wivenhoe surgery. Our loss is their gain and everyone here wishes him well. He will certainly be missed. I'm hoping that we can smuggle him into this year's rounders match as a ringer. If we can, I want to be on the same team!

Dr Carr's replacement here is Dr James Hickling. Dr Hickling is a very experienced GP having been a partner in an inner-city London practice from 1996 until last autumn. He says that he decided to move to rural Essex "for a breath of fresh air in more ways than one" and has been becoming acquainted with the area recently by doing locum work at various surgeries. He says that he is looking forward to getting to know the staff and patients at "The Hollies" and to becoming a regular member of the team. When he's not at work, Dr Hickling is a keen tennis player and enjoys good food. He has already discovered the Great Bentley Farmers' Market.

We will be wishing Dr Hunt a fond "au revoir" in the middle of March as he goes off on a well earned two month sabbatical break. As you might guess, he is not spending it lying on a beach or following any comfortable tourist trails. Instead, he's heading for Spain where he'll pick up a motor-bike he's never ridden before, join up with a group of fellow bikers whom he's never met before, cross to Africa and head off in the general direction of Ghana. This will mean riding off-road across the Sahara, through all sorts of exotic places

We are all delighted that an old friend, Dr David Mummery is coming back to keep Dr Hunt's seat warm while he is away. Many of you will remember him from when he did his registrar year with us not too long ago. Since then, he has been doing a variety of short-term jobs and training courses as well as a bit of travelling and I daresay he'll have some interesting tales to tell. He knows all our systems well of course, which is a big help.

I know it's a bit late for New Year's Resolutions, but I wonder if any of you have been struggling to stop smoking over the last few weeks. If anyone has and has not yet thought of asking for help, do try us if the going gets tough. We now have specialist Smoking Cessation clinics here at the surgery, run by a properly trained expert who can give real support and help with patches, chewing gum etc if a bit of nicotine replacement therapy seems a good idea.

We know that stopping smoking is one of the hardest things you'll ever do. Many of us here have done it (one or two several times), so we know what it's like. It really is worth making the effort though, as you'll quickly cut your risk of heart disease, stroke, bronchitis and various complications of other diseases such as diabetes. You'll be fitter and richer. Food will taste better. You and your house will stop smelling of old ashtrays. Do give us a call and arrange to give the clinic a try if you feel it might help.

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

Little Bromley Parish Council

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on Thursday 13th April, 2006 which will be the Public Assembly.
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Roses: Inspect roses for signs of wind rock. Strong winter winds can catch the dense canopies and cause roses to loosen their position in the ground creating a bowl at the base of the plants, which can hold moisture and, in turn, allow rot to set in. To prevent damage, firm the plants by moulding soil against the root stock.



Lawns: Keep the fine rake going to remove leaves and

moss and mow with blades high.
Shrubs: Prune buddleia by a third of last year’s growth back to a bud.
Chrysanthemums: Propagate summer flowering types from new shoots on stools that have over-wintered in the cold frame or greenhouse.
Bulbs: Plant gladioli bulbs during the second half of the month. Divide and replant snowdrops when they have finished flowering.

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The Village Hall committee last met on 10th January with 11 members present.

One subject up for discussion was further improvements to the décor of some internal areas of the Hall. A list of possible projects had been compiled and was open to have further ideas added. The committee felt they could not proceed further until they had an estimate of what each item was likely to cost, so they are to seek realistic prices before proceeding. Some members thought maybe some grant funding could be available once the projects are decided upon.

Also to help to pay for this, the committee are bringing “Nostalgia” back to the Hall on Saturday, 18th March for a pleasant evening of listening and dancing from 7.30pm until 11.45pm. Do come along, tickets may be booked with Beryl Hurst on 01206 230578, cost £7 and bring your own nibbles and drinks. If you don’t dance, then just come

and enjoy the company.

From time to time there is a motoring incident on the road outside the Hall. May I remind all users to take extreme caution when entering or leaving the Hall’s car parking areas, please signal your intentions with plenty of time before you manoeuvre, thereby giving other road users a better chance of avoiding a collision. Parking on the roadside verge from the Frating direction tends to block the visibility sight line for those leaving the car park, so please avoid doing it if at all possible.

In March, Eastern Angles present “The Sutton Hoo Mob” on the 4th, carpet Bowls club Brumbella competition on the 11th, “Nostalgia” Dance on the 18th and the Cricket Club Quiz night on the 25th, all at the Hall.

The committee next meet on Tuesday, 7th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Bevan Willgress

Forthcoming Events



MARCH

- 1 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 2 Bridge Drive, William Loveless Hall, Wivenhoe, 2.00pm
- 3 Cricket Club A.G.M., Cricket Club Pavilion, 8.00pm
- 4 Table Top Sale, Seven Rivers, 2.00pm
- 5 The Sutton Hoo Mob (Eastern Angles), Village Hall, 7.30pm (Supper 6.00pm)
- 6 The Bromleys APCM, 11.45am, St George's church
- 7 Village Hall Committee meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Gt Bromley parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Quiz Night, Seven Rivers, 7.15pm
- 10 Brumbella Carpet Bowls Competition, Village Hall
- 11 Dance to 'NOSTALGIA', Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 12 PTA Quiz Night, St George's School, 7.30pm
- 21 Children's Beetle Drive, St George's School, 3.00pm
- 23 Friendship club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 25 Coffee Morning, 10.00am, The Rectory, Hall Road
- 25 Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 25 30 Easter Fayre, St George's School, 1.45pm

APRIL

- 7 Race Night, Colne School, Brightlingsea, 7.30pm
- 13 Little Bromley Public Assembly Council meeting, 7.30pm
- 14 Good Friday
- 16 Easter Day
- 22 St George's Day Barn Dance, 7.30pm, Gt Bromley Village Hall
- 23 St George's Day



LAUGHTER IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday, 4th March, 2006
 Eastern Angles Theatre Company will perform their hilarious comedy
"The Sutton Hoo Mob"
 The play begins at 7.30pm
 Supper beforehand will be served at 6.00pm.

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Friday 10th March
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S GEORGE'S DAY BARN DANCE



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 Saturday 22nd April
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Children's Beetle Drive

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