



Services for April

1st	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 2nd		Lent 5	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer & Sermon	St. Mary the Virgin
3rd	9.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
5th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
6th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
7th	11.00am	The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
8th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 9th		Palm Sunday	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer & Sermon	St. George the Martyr
10th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
11th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
12th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
13th	7.00pm	Maudy Thursday	
		The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
14th		Good Friday	
	3.00pm	The Passion of the Lord	St. George the Martyr
15th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
Sunday 16th		Easter Day	
	5.00am	The Easter Vigil	St. Mary the Virgin
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer & Sermon	St. Mary the Virgin
17th		Easter Monday	
	10.30am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
18th		Easter Tuesday	
	10.30am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
19th		Easter Wednesday	
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
20th		Easter Thursday	
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
21st		Easter Friday	
	11.00am	The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
22nd		Easter Saturday	
	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 23rd		Easter 2	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Patronal Evening Prayer & Sermon	St. George the Martyr
24th	9.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
26th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
27th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
28th	11.00am	The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
29th		S Catherine	
	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 30th		Easter 3	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer & Sermon	St. Mary the Virgin

TWENTY YEARS AND STILL GOING!

Great Bromley certainly hasn't been asleep this last month nor does it look to be in the coming months. Eastern Angles came to visit with their excellent play "The Sutton Hoo Mob" which was both informative and funny about the history of the find of the treasures at Sutton Hoo. It has certainly made me very interested to go and see (after all these years) the site itself. By the time you receive this issue there will have been a table top sale in the Cheshire Home, a dance with 'Nostalgia' in the Village Hall, a Cricket Club quiz, a church coffee morning, a P.T.A. quiz and children's beetle drive at the School so I hope many of you will have supported some or all of these events. That is without the regular meetings that take place of the various village clubs, council meetings, church services and social happenings in the local pubs. Residents and newcomers alike have a ready made network of friends. Next month's calendar of events looks just as busy.

Each month I send this magazine to the offices of the Essex County Standard. As a direct result of an item in last month's magazine on the possible changes to the A120 road network, the Manningtree & Harwich Gazette also featured the proposals and BBC Radio Essex interviewed your local Parish, District and County councillors. This was broadcast live early one morning, which maybe some of you heard. Sarah Candy has written further on the subject on page 5. CARD and the Parish Council in its report refer to the proposals in two phases for Frating and Great Bromley, the plans for which are shown on pages 6 and 7.

Village magazines are still an important way to communicate in these days of increasing technology. This magazine comes free to every household in the villages of Little and Great Bromley. It is also now posted on the internet (<http://www.greatbromley.org.uk>) for those who have moved away or are abroad and wish to keep in touch with what we are up to from afar.

The Bromley Messenger, in its present form, has now been running for 20 years this month. Production of the magazine is a team effort. You, the contributors, ensure I have something to put into the magazine and I thank everybody who toils up to the front door or sends me material via email, post and fax either periodically or regularly each month by the due date. Len Christodoulides is the Treasurer, paying the bills and finding the sponsors and advertisers. Please support the sponsors and advertisers whenever you can and let them know you saw their name in this magazine as they keep it going. After I have put the whole thing together Natalie Smith proofreads it before it then goes to Hot-Line Printers who efficiently print and return the magazine in a matter of less than a week. Hugh and Martin Frostick then ensure the information is put on to the Great and Little Bromley websites with Ann Fairley and her team of distributors making sure the magazine is delivered through every door. All this is done each month by them all and I thank everyone for their help and support.



Leonie Henderson

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We are desperately seeking anyone who has any spare time to volunteer within our organisation, to help us and our users in any way shape or form with Garden, Driving, Help out in the office, Cooking, Flower arranging, demonstratins or give a talk on a hobby or interest you have.

Leonard Cheshire Week 3rd - 11th June 2006

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All of this stems from the words of the Lord Jesus, "Be compassionate as your Father (that is God) is compassionate" (see Luke 6:36-38). The Christian vocation is to become as perfect as is humanly possible, to become as much like Jesus as we can. Those who are recognised as achieving this we call the Saints, and are an encouragement to the rest of us that with God, all things are possible.

So we humbly make our way through Lent, through life, seeking to love God, neighbour and self. Easter gives us a focus to aim for as each year we celebrate the result of Jesus' perfection - His resurrection from the dead. It reminds us that for the Christian even our own death is not the end, but part of this transforming process to perfection.

This year we are privileged to have Fr Anthony Grant, one of the Mirfield Fathers (they are patrons of The Bromleys) with us to lead us through

the events of Holy Week and Easter. He will be a different voice leading us in this Christian journey, do come and listen to him. Enter into this wonderful way of living an earthly life; and become the channel of blessings as you receive them.

May God bless you
Fr Nicolas.



S George's Day
April 23rd 2006
6.30pm Evening Prayer at
S George's
when the preacher will be Christopher,
Bishop Of Colchester

In 1633 two brothers Simon and Gregory Stone emigrated from Great Bromley and settled in the United States. Their descendents value greatly their connections with the church and village and have in the past supported the appeals for the roof and new facilities most generously. In September they are planning a get together in Boston and Cambridge Massachusetts, where the Stones first built houses, churches and farms. Fr Nicolas is planning to join them and they have extended a welcome to every one else.

The plan is to fly to Boston on September 11th and spend a few days exploring that beautiful city and the "Stone sites" and then travel out to Cape Cod to a stone family resort for the weekend, returning home on the 18th. At the moment flights cost around £400, and we are looking at reasonable accommodation costs. Obviously the sooner we all book the cheaper it will be.

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Will you see any difference? "Yes". Will it be a worse service? "No". I have been

a Police Officer for 28 years and I believe this is the best thing that's happened for rural policing in years. I believe you will see more of your local police, and that with your help we can prevent crime happening, whilst sending out a strong message to those who insist on breaking it - you're going to get caught. By the way, policing involves your good-selves helping out. I will not only be seeking your help and advice with enquiries, but will be looking for people to join the Police as Special Constables to police the rural areas. You can contact Jamie on 01255 830177 from the 17th April, but I will expect him to be out and about most of the time so please don't complain if he is not there. Please contact 01255 221312 as normal or 999 in an emergency. There will be a mobile number for the community officers in due course and I will let you know the number. By the way I'm Inspector Peter Gardner also soon to be working from Weeley and Jamie's boss.

P.J.Gardner, Inspector

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Great Bromley Parish Council

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

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

Removal of sections of hedgerow along Hall Road in connection with the laying of sewage pipes by Anglia Water, (subject to the hedging being replaced after the pipes have been laid).

13 Meadow Close - rear extension

The Council considered but objected to the following planning application:

Coppice View caravan site, Carrington's Road - extension to utility block
Tendring District Council has approved the following planning application:

Land at 8 Spring Hill Close – new bungalow and garage.

St George's Church

The council has agreed to support the Parochial Church Council's application to Essex County Council for a grant towards the cost of installing new facilities at the church.

Sewage

Anglian Water will begin installing a public sewer in the Bromley Cross/Burnt Heath area in June this year with the work being completed by March 2007. There will be a pumping station at Mill Lane with the output being treated at the Great Bromley works. Anglian Water is providing households in the Burnt Heath area with details of this project and there will be also be a public 'information day' at the village hall between 3 pm and 7 pm on Monday 3 April 2006. Further information from Ann Menendez of Anglia Water, tel: 01733 414386.

Activities for young people

New swings and a skate-boarding ramp

have now been installed at the Hare Green recreation ground. Existing equipment has also been repaired or modified so that it meets health and safety regulations. The parish council is always interested in ideas for providing recreational/leisure activities for young people. In this context Tendring's 'Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership' is compiling a database of 'diversionary activities' for young people. Further information from Tom Lang of Tendring District Council – 01255 686181/686868.

Future meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13 April 2006 at the Village Hall, Great Bromley.

TENDRING REPLACEMENT LOCAL PLAN

Tendring replacement local plan

The district council is now considering, and replying to, the 6500 representations submitted in response to the second draft plan. All representations can be scrutinised at the council's Weeley offices and a room can be set aside for groups of residents wishing to view the documentation; telephone Hayley Chapman on 01255 686183 to arrange this. Of particular concern to the parish council and residents is the revised Oasis proposal, which would appear now to cover an even larger area of agricultural land. This will doubtlessly be one of the subjects for representation at the Planning Inspectorate's public enquiry.

Tendring council will be consulting the parish council on those representations, such as Oasis, which might affect the village. Tendring will then agree any pre-inquiry changes, which will be subjected to yet a further period of public consultation. This should be concluded prior to the Pre-Inquiry meeting, which is scheduled for 8 June 2006. At this meeting the planning inspector will explain the programme and timetable leading up to the Public Inquiry proper, which is scheduled to begin at Weeley on 5 September 2006.

CHURCH NOTES

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for St. George's was held after the morning Eucharist on Sunday, March 5th and was well attended. It was a long and at times controversial meeting.

Barbara Hall and James Wild were re-elected as churchwardens and Brenda Perry and Trisha Hughes were elected as new members to the PCC. Other PCC members are Hilary Powell, Ann Wild, Christopher Swanston, Pat Swanston, Kyle Clarke and Marion Bromfield. A motion to reduce the number of elected members of the Parochial Church Council from nine to six, as from 2007, was passed by one vote. Six is the number recommended for a parish the size of Bromley and it is possible to co-opt other members as and when appropriate.

The Annual Report had been circulated and was discussed. Concern was expressed about the financial situation and it was agreed that all fund raising during 2006 would be for the general fund. It also emerged that church members would like to encourage more links between the church and St. George's School.

The role of women priests at St George's was discussed at some length. The current position is that when the PCC last voted on this matter it was happy for women to take occasional services but did not wish for a woman as incumbent. It also wished for Episcopal oversight to be provided by the Bishop of Colchester, whereas in our sister church of St. Mary's in

Ardleigh, oversight is provided by Bishop Keith of Richborough (a 'flying bishop' appointed to parishes who do not accept women as priests). While the Bromleys and Ardleigh take a different approach on this matter, which is understandably confusing for many people, it is healthy in that it reflects the diversity of views. A request for a 'straw poll' on this issue was refused as being outside the remit of the

meeting. However, it was agreed that the PCC would consider and take advice on the possibility of eliciting the views of those on the electoral roll by means of a postal ballot.

The second area of controversy surrounded the plans to install a toilet, meeting room and kitchenette in the church. This has been under discussion for many years but it is only recently that the plans have been finalised. Fr. Nicolas explained that a number of alternatives have been considered but for various reasons have been rejected as not practical or not acceptable to English Heritage or the diocese. He also explained that a notice of faculty (the church equivalent of a planning application) will be posted in the porch very shortly and it is at this point that people will be able to make formal objections, which will be considered by the diocesan Chancellor.



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This report was a part of the Annual Report of The Parish of the Bromleys, the main points being how thankful that the work on the roof and north parapet were completed in 2005 and huge thanks to all who helped in any way, in particular the members of the Repair Committee, all those involved in fund raising and, not least, all those who contributed financially.

Every five years the Church Architect inspects the building and makes a report. This Quinquennial Report highlighted a need for work on the path from Church Meadow. As this is a public footpath the work was carried out by the County council, hence the handrail and the gradient of the slope reduced. The Quinquennial identified as much as £93,000 worth of further work although up to £20,000 worth of this could be done by volunteers from the Parishes.

In February 2005 the west window was damaged in a gale. An inspection by an expert from the Stained Glass Studios of Canterbury Cathedral revealed further damage and the cost then was in the region of £12,000. We are pleased to report that on 14th March a firm will be erecting scaffold, the window will be removed and boarded up and returned when repaired. This has been made possible by grants being given to us as follows: £3,000 - Essex Heritage Trust, £2,000 - Friends of Essex Churches, £1,000 - Fowler, Smith & Jones and £3,000 - Council for the Care of Churches plus insurance money and with donations already received we have almost the money to cover the costs. To all concerned thank you.

A new flag has been kindly given to the church which flew for the first time on Christmas Day.

The plans for the new facilities in church are on the noticeboard and very shortly we hope to have "Planning Permission" when the planning notice will go up on the board for a 28-day consultative period - you are invited

to give your views.

In response to a number of members we are looking at ways to improve the heating. It is never going to be hot - the building is too large!

There are fewer people volunteering to clean the church so if you are able to help in any way we would be pleased to hear from you. We are having a Spring Clean Day on Saturday, 8th April. This is also the day the Students Cross Essex visit our church on their walk, plus large wooden cross, to Walsingham in Norfolk. If you can come along you are most welcome. Can we tempt you - refreshments will be provided.

*Barbara Hall and James Wild
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has held that view for a long time and it has now been given added emphasis as a consequence of the positive decision on the development of Harwich Port and Bathside Bay. Essex County Council has been in discussions with Hutchinsons Ports aimed at trying to secure funding for the scheme. They will be advancing the case for this road at the East of England Regional Transport Forum and with the Highways Agency.

Essex County Council is well aware that the dualling of the A120 will have an impact on local access. The Council will therefore ensure that full local consultation takes place before any final decisions are made for the line and form of the A120 and how local roads will link to it.

It must however be noted that this is still at a very early stage and I will report back when there is a clearer plan and timetable.

*Sarah Candy, County Councillor.
Tendring Rural West*

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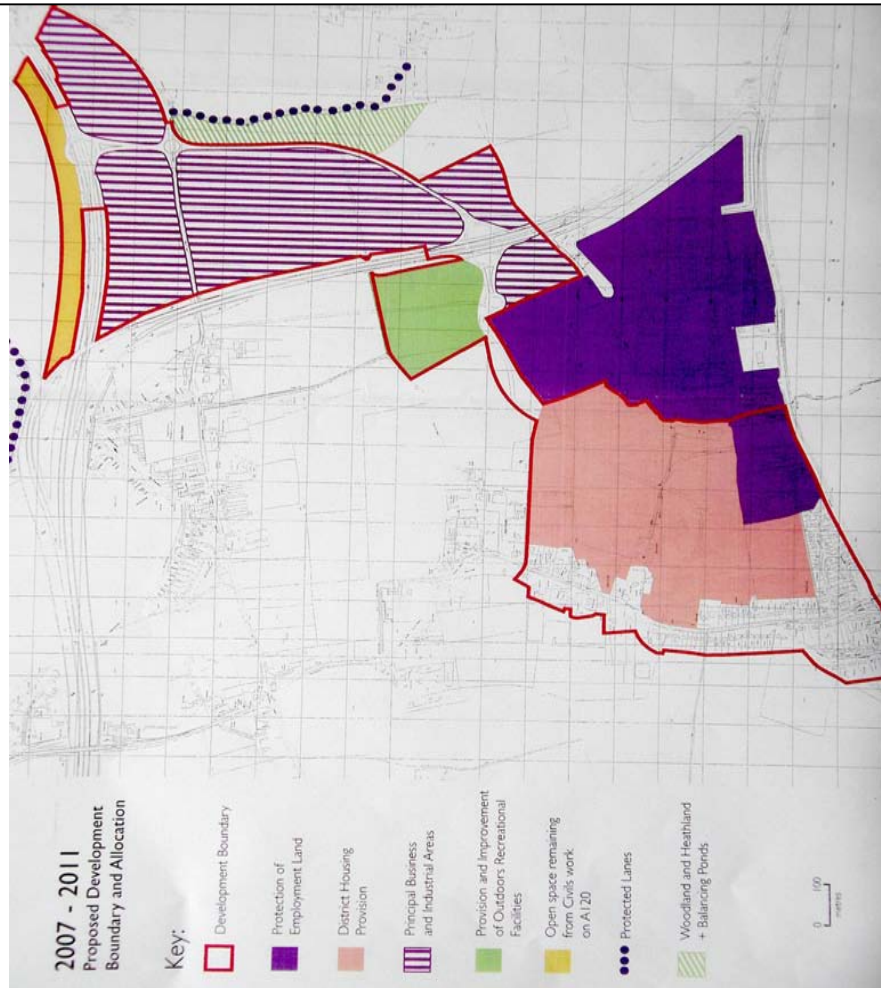
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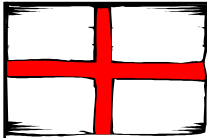
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For more details/visits, please contact Group Secretary-Debbie on 01206 250183

This term we continue to have **Fairy Tales** as our Theme which has been great fun.

The children have all enjoyed making their own Gingerbread Men. We've also made and eaten our own pancakes ... hmmm yummy!

We now have a lot of new toys which were purchased in the New Year. It's brilliant to see how excited the children

are when they have something new to explore!

We are currently looking into having Tumble Tots come in to playgroup for the morning as a special treat for all. Also in the near future, we'll be organising another Get Together at either Rascals Play Centre or Adventure Land. These always prove to attract a great turn out and somewhere all parents/carers can get together and have a natter over a well

PTA - Forthcoming Events

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Saturday 18th November

We are organising a **live band** at Gt Bromley village hall.
Further details to follow.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs Anderson came along to our March meeting to show us her hobby of making "Designer Clothes from Home-Spun Yarns". She brought her spinning wheel, a whole fleece from a Jacob sheep which weighs 6lbs on average; it was lovely shades of cream and brown. Many other types of fibre can be used, including rabbit, dog, camel and different types of fleece, to name but a few.



We had a demonstration of how to spin fibres together, two or more colours can be combined and some turned out to be an entirely different shade to what was expected. Mrs Anderson also brought along examples of the clothes she makes: hats, scarves, belts, waistcoats and much more. The evening passed all too quickly.

In April the Fire Brigade will be visiting us to advise on "Safety in the Home". Do join us if you wish on Wednesday, 5th April at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We have our **OPEN DAY** on the 20th where everyone is welcome. There will be various stalls - cakes, knitted goods, jewellery, books, cards and as always a **BUMPER RAFFLE**. Tea and biscuits will be served. This is our only fund raising which we need to



keep the Club going, so please come along and support us any time from 2.45pm.

Our special entertainer will be Angie Diggins, the winner of "Stars in Your Eyes" (T.V.)

No competition this month.

Vicky Griffiths



GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION

Guide Dogs for the Blind celebrates 75 years of training guide dogs in this country in 2006 and would love you to join our celebrations. Stour Valley Branch (which covers your area) are holding their Annual Meeting on Thursday, 20th April at 7.30pm in the Playgroup Room at the Ogilvie Hall, Lawford and extend a warm welcome to everyone. After the meeting there will be refreshments and time to meet fellow Guide Dog Family members. If you would like your school, work colleagues or group to take part in 'Shades Day' or have a visit from a Puppy Walker Speaker, or require any further information, please call Marjorie on 01206 393504.



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deserved coffee!

We are pleased to announce that we have our main fund raising event coming up on **29th April.**

Great Bromley & Frating Playgroup's
Cheese & Wine Evening



will be held at the Village Hall from 8.00pm.

Tickets are £10.00 each.
Telephone: Sarah Fairley
01206 230237

This event turned out to be a huge success a couple of years ago and it is back by popular demand. Please do

come along for a fantastic evening, which is both enjoyable and informative!

On behalf of the committee and all staff I'd like to thank Annette for all the hard work she has put in to the Treasurer's position. She has now stepped down and we have Gayle who has very kindly taken over. Thank you, Annette, and the very best of luck and good wishes to you and your very soon to be, new arrival!

Dates: Return from Easter holiday on Wednesday 19th April

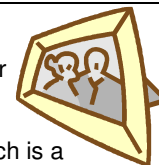
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Scallywags

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Friday Mornings 9.30-11.30am
0-5years.Parent and child group.
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For more details or visits please contact 01206 230625

We had Tempest Photography come in to our session on 10th March. The photos were taken in black and white format which is a new way for us at Scallywags, we can't wait for our final prints!



Look out for future dates and events, as we're sure there will soon be something coming up!

I'd just like to take the opportunity to thank, first of all Tracey, for her support to my family and me over the last year or so. I'm extremely grateful. To all my friends at Scallywags and within Bromley area you have all been very supportive to me. It has been a very hard year for my family and me and you've all proved what real friends are all about! Thank you.

Kelly Buckingham

It is great to see that we have now been running Scallywags for nearly three years, and we're still popular and doing fantastically well! We owe it all to you as parents/carers who come along each week and support us.

We try very hard to give the children as much fun and stimulation as possible, and with all parents/carers encouraging this it's proving to work out great. We have lots of children who attend Scallywags who are not actually within the Bromley area; this is fantastic! We welcome all from all over. It just goes to show that word gets about and that is what we want.

We have had lots of activities this term, which both children and adults have enjoyed.



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The A.G.M. was held on the 3rd March at the Cricket Pavilion. The Chairman thanked all the Officers for their hard work and continued support reporting also that the bar had been a tremendous success throughout the season and had made a great difference to the club. He went on to say that he was very grateful to the Parish Council for giving the club a grant for £500 towards the cost of new nets after completion of the work.



The following Officers were elected:

PRESIDENT	P.P. Allam Esq.
CHAIRMAN	W. Kempster Esq
SECRETARY	Mrs. K. Foley.
TREASURER	M. Foley Esq.

1st. XI CAPTAIN	P. S. Allam Esq.
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MATCH MANAGER	D. Hardy Esq.
COLTS MANAGER	S. Wright Esq.

This season we are running four colts sides, U11, U13, U15 and U16 and the Kwik Cricket. The U11 and U13 will practice on Tuesday evenings and the U15 and U16 on Thursday evenings. The Kwik cricket will practice on Friday evenings as usual.

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CARPET BOWLS

Our last league match was played on 8th March at home when we beat Silver Dawn 7-1, but only after losing 8-0 to them away in February. This didn't help our points total. We finished up with 52 points out of a possible 96, not brilliant, but we had a good season from the social side and it is always good to meet our friends from other clubs.

11th March brought our 'Brumbella' Trophy day round again and this year £400 was raised for The Alzheimer Society. Thanks must go first to our friends, relatives and competing teams who donated the 60 raffle prizes - a terrific effort. Secondly, special thanks to secretary, Jayne Bates, for organising the whole programme which has to be done several weeks' ahead of the day. She always heaves a sign of relief when all the teams have signed in on the morning of the competition. Most of the Club members lend a hand one way or another; it's quite busy keeping the competitors "fed and watered". The semi-finals were between Great Bentley and Colchester, Great Bentley winning



through after an extra end, the score standing at 8-8 after seven ends. The other semi was between Dedham and Lawford with Dedham the victors at 5-3. Both semis were closely fought matches. The ensuing final was played in friendly rivalry. Although both teams were out to win, the banter between the skips throughout kept everyone entertained in a very see-saw match, sometimes nail biting and other times tense with a few pressure shots thrown in. After nine ends Dedham took the match 7-6.

Congratulations were extended to Dedham by Pat Petchey and a well done! to Great Bentley. Jayne presented the Cup and team trophies. A very busy and rewarding day.

On Sunday, 12th March Pam and Derek Frostick, Andrew Childs and Pat Petchey represented Great Bromley in an Inter-League match at Braintree, covering the whole of Essex. Bromley played in the Eastern Region League which came 3rd. The overall winners were Central League. Great Bromley won 2 out of 3 of their matches losing by 1 shot on the last one. Well done.

Nancy Kempster

GARDENER'S TIPS FOR APRIL

As soon as the ground softens up, hoe before the weeds have a chance to get established.

The amount of rain we have had in the last few days (very welcome!) means we must make sure the rain butts and water cans are all full and ready for the hose pipe ban.



LAWNS: Set mower at medium height and apply fertilizer

RHODODENDRONS: Remove faded last year's flowers but be careful not to remove this year's buds.

DAHLIAS: Plant tubers. Take cuttings of tubers started into growth in March.

Frank Griffiths

KITCHEN CORNER

PORTER CAKE

This is an Irish recipe, traditionally made for St Patrick's Day. It is very moist and good, and keeps well in a tin.

225g butter
225g sugar (brown)
300ml stout, preferably Guinness
Zest of 1 orange
225g sultanas
225g raisins
110g mixed peel
450g plain flour
½ teasp bicarbonate of soda
2 teasp mixed spice
110g glace cherries
3 eggs



Melt the butter and sugar with the stout in a saucepan.

Add orange zest and all the fruit except the cherries.

Bring to the boil and simmer 3-4 minutes stirring frequently. Remove from heat and cool till lukewarm.

Sieve flour, bicarbonate of soda and spice into a bowl, add fruit mix and cherries.

Whisk eggs and add gradually, mix well.

Put into a prepared cake tin, 23cm round, and bake for 1½ hours at 180°C/350°F.

If liked you can pour more stout over the cooked cake, pricking it first with a skewer.

Keep a day before cutting - will store for several weeks.

Jill Frostick

FROM THE PAST ...

Looking after Somebody's Son

John Woode of Great Bromley was precise in the instructions of his will of 2nd March 1567.

To his sister, Constance, went £3 13s 4d, 2 beasts, 5 sheep, 4 lambs and 3 bushels of rye which Andrew Wood would bring her, and 3 bushels of rye from a parishioner named as Smith. Constance was left all his bedding.

Andrew Wood and Margaret Wood were left 30s owed to John by John and Michael Littlebury but Andrew had to pay out costs if there was a dispute.

Harmon's son had 2s, Hockley's son 3s, Simon Littlebury's son 2s and Robert Parson's son 2s.

William, Faith and Margaret Bond were left 26s 8d between them and this their father, Robert Bond, was to pay up within two years.

Robert Parson and Christopher Hockley, executors, were left to dispose of the rest of John's worldly goods as they thought fit.

- John Appleby

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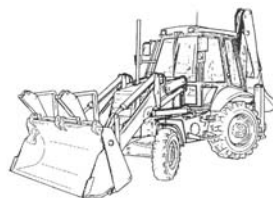
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GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall Committee met on 7th March with 11 members present.

It was with much regret that we heard that Sue Moodie, the Village Halls adviser at the Rural Community Council of Essex, passed away on 12th February 2006. She was very helpful to us and our thoughts are with her family.

The village hall has been granted a Premises Licence for Public Entertainment, Music and Dancing by Tendring District council under The Licensing Act 2003. However, should you require a Bar for the Supply of Alcohol then one needs to apply to Tendring DC for authority using a Temporary Events Notice procedure.

Saturday, 15th July (St Swithin's) is the chosen day for holding a Coffee Morning at "The Pippins" by the kind invitation of Peter and June Wenden. Please book this date in your diary and support us on the day. Tickets will be available shortly from Peter and other committee members.

On Saturday, 7th October we will bring to you Supper, Cabaret featuring the Cavender Singers - a group of ladies from the Clacton-on-Sea area, Bar, Raffle and a Guest Speaker. Please book this in your diary and contact Frederick Nicholls on 01206 230688 for details and tickets.

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, 18th November at the village hall. The money raised this year will be divided equally between the Women's Institute and the village hall. Also please book this in your diary.

The committee next meet on Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The Annual General Meeting of the Great Bromley Village Hall will be held on Wednesday, 10th May commencing at 8.00pm in the village hall. Members of the public are most welcome to attend. Why not come along and see for yourselves what the committee do to keep the hall open for your use. - Bevan Willgress



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- 3 Anglian Water Public Information Day, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 3.00pm
 5 WI meeting - 'Safety in the Home' - Gt Bromley Village Hall, 7.30pm
 7 Rotary Race Night, Colne School, Brightlingsea, 7.30pm
 8 Stroke Awareness Day
 13 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 7.30pm
 Lt Bromley Parish Assembly, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 7.30pm
 14 Good Friday
 16 Easter Day
 20 Friendship Club Open Day, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 2.45pm
 Guide Dogs for the Blind Assn Annual meeting, Ogilvie Hall, Lawford, 7.30pm
 22 St George's Day Barn Dance, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 7.30pm
 23 St George's Day service, St George's church, 6.30pm
 25 Village Hall Committee meeting, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 7.30pm
 26 PTA Ladies Indulgence Evening., St George's School
 29 Cheese & Wine Evening, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 8.00pm

MAY

- 6 Plant & Garage Sale, Ilex Farm, 10.00am,
 10 Village Hall Committee A.G.M., Gt Bromley Village Hall, 8.00pm
 27-29 Ardeleigh Flower Festival & Fair

JUNE

- 3-11 Leonard Cheshire Week, Seven Rivers Cheshire Homes
 8 Pre-Inquiry meeting re: Tendring Replacement Local
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 17 PTA Barn Dance, Normans Farm, Lt Bromley



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