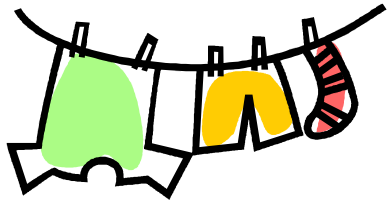


MONDAY IS WASHING DAY

Returning from holiday recently, I had a load of dirty washing for the machine. During the first load I was aware of it working through the cycles. The next load made me more concerned of the sound coming from the utility room and during the third load I investigated to find it sounding unwell. I called out the Washing Machine Doctor who charged a hefty bill to visit, shook his head and pronounced that no transplant operation would save it - it was eight years old and it was amazing to have lasted so long.

A sad farewell to 35 years of top-loader machines and hello to a sparkling bright white new, wide as it is tall, front loader with an instruction book of similar proportions. The new machine comes guaranteed for five years, so I expect it to last at least ten, with an impressive number of energy efficient symbols. It certainly uses less water than its predecessor which will oblige our water pump by not having to extract water from the well so often as well as the payer of the electricity bill. It also takes less time to run through a cycle but I find myself checking that it is working because the sound coming from it is near silence.

It does, however, have one fault. Like its predecessors it has already caused some socks to disappear to the Great Sock Hole in the Sky. Why is it that washing machine manufacturers do not fund research into this important and interesting phenomena?



Leonie Henderson

If you think this is trivial why don't **YOU** write something and send it in?

MATERIAL for the **OCTOBER 2006** edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by **Monday, 16th**

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LITTLE BROMLEY FIREWORK DISPLAY

on
Friday 3rd November 2006
at
7.00pm

“ENTRY FREE”

To be held at: Barlon Road, Little Bromley.
(The field adjacent to St. Mary’s Church)



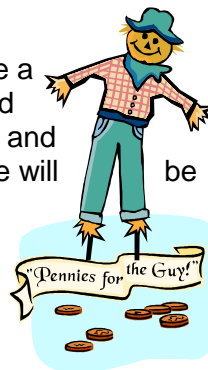
We are pleased to announce that we will be once again holding a “Firework Display” in Little Bromley. We hope that it will be an enjoyable evening for all the family. There will be a fantastic display of fireworks flying through the air and we will have some sparklers available to buy.



There will be burgers and mulled wine available for you to enjoy throughout the evening. Soft drinks will also be

available ■

We will be having a “Best Guy” competition, so make a Guy Fawkes (of any shape and size), come along and book him in then go and line him up with all the others and later in the evening see who wins a great prize! (There will be a small prize for all entrants.) Afterwards you can watch him burn on our bonfire or take him home if you prefer.



In order to make this event a success, extra help is always appreciated. We particularly need some more stewards to comply with insurance and health and safety regulations.

Please let us know if you are prepared to help.

If you have any wood you would like to burn on our bonfire, we shall have a marked area. Please will you bring it along to Barlon Road, the place will be well signposted on:

Friday 3rd November between 9am and 4pm.
so if you can remember, please save it for then.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS



LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH UPDATE

Flowers and Music

The weather was perfect, the flowers beautiful, and the music much enjoyed. It was a very relaxing occasion. Many thanks to all who helped to make the weekend a success and to those who came to support us. £608 will be sent to the Churches Conservation Trust which owns and maintains the church.

Friends

We are starting an informal Friends group this autumn and hope to organise more community and arts events. If you are interested in this or can give occasional help with events please come to the meeting at the church at 10:30 am Saturday 11 November or contact Gregory Frostick 01473 424469.

St. George's (C of E) School, Gt. Bromley

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald
Telephone: 01206 230305

Over the summer holidays the School had a very quiet time with window cleaning and a water heater for the medical room being installed. The long awaited bike shed will hopefully be installed this term.

After School Clubs are being offered to children namely: Net Ball, Running, Multisports, Football, Art, Choir, Drawing, Recorder and Gardening. Any relevant bits for the Gardening Club from bulbs to tools are always welcomed.

On 5th. October the School will hold its usual Harvest Festival where any offerings will be distributed.

School dinners are in the news again with further emphasis on healthy eating though targeting is more to do with Secondary Schools, Further Education refectories and so called "Tuck Shops".

LBC

WANTED

Mid-day Supervisory Assistant
5 days a week (term time)
11.55am - 12.55pm
£6.60 ph

CONTACT:
St George's School 01206 230305



Scallywags

At Great Bromley Village Hall
Friday Mornings 9.30-11.30am
0-5years.Parent and child group.
Activities/themed sessions/play
equipment etc.

For more details or visits please
contact 01206 230625



Great Bromley & Frating Playgroup

At Great Bromley Village Hall.
Monday & Thursday 9.30-12 noon
Wednesday 9.15-11.45am
& 12.15-2.45pm

(Lunch time session also available)
Children: 2years-6 months to 5years.
£5.00 per session Ofsted inspected.
For more details/visits, please contact
Group Secretary-Debbie on 01206

NEW CHILD CAR SEAT LAWS

The new child car seat laws came into force on 18th September parents are being urged to make sure that they are familiar with the changes. The changes are expected to save up to 2000 child casualties per year.

The new law will require drivers to ensure that all children under 135cms (4' 5") or age 12, whichever they reach first, use an appropriate car restraint when travelling in their vehicle.

Road Safety Minister Stephen Ladyman said:

"I would urge all parents to check that they are using appropriate child seats or booster seats. Using the right seat for the size of the child will give parents peace of mind and help to ensure that children are as safe as possible in the vehicle at all times.

"Most people do use some kind of child restraint but it is very important to use the right one for the size of the child and to take the time to fit it properly; and not to use an adult belt before the child is big enough."

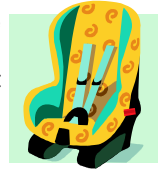
Parents can get expert child car seat safety advice from in store experts at a number of retailers. Halfords, Mothercare and Toys R Us, and other stores have been supporting the DfT's THINK! road safety campaign and the change in the law by providing special offers on car seats and booster seats.

Parents unsure whether their children must use a child restraint should consider the following:

- Check the height of your child. Children up to 135cm in height (and under 12 years old), need to use a child seat, booster seat or booster cushion suitable for their weight.
- Before you buy or use any child restraint, check the label to make

sure it is suitable for the child's weight.

- Check that any restraint is securely fitted. If your child travels in more than one vehicle, check the car seat or restraint fits each car so it can be moved between them each time they travel.
- Get expert advice. Many retailers have trained in-store experts who can advise on the best kind of car seat for a child and can demonstrate how to fit it.
- For more information, parents can visit www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk or call our helpline for a leaflet 0800 32 72 52.



NOTES

1. A child restraint is a collective term for car seats, high backed booster seats and booster cushions
2. Penalties for offenders remain at a £30 fixed penalty notice or a maximum fine of £500 if a case goes to court.
3. These rules apply to giving lifts to other children.
4. There are exceptions e.g. emergencies, where 3 seats cannot be positioned in back seats, taxis.

Public Enquiries: 020 7944 8300

Department for Transport Website:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk>

Road Closures



Briar Road (Great Bromley) will be closed for about 4 weeks from 6 October and Back Road (Ardleigh) will be closed for about 6 weeks from 30 October. This is while excavation work is carried out for the new sewage pipes.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Great Bromley Parish Council

**Report of the Great Bromley Parish
Council meeting held on 14 September
2006**

Planning

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

Former Great Bromley Sub-Post Office, Brook Street - demolition of existing redundant building and erection of detached dwelling.

Greenacre Cattery, Carrington's Road - replacement building.

The Council considered but objected to the following planning applications:

Strutts Farm, Parsons Hill - addition of new roof, dormers and first floor storage to existing bam.

Tendring District Council has decided the following planning applications:

Cross Inn, Ardleigh Road - variation of condition allowing for a further period of three years for the commencement of development to enable the change of use from public house to private dwelling, (refusal)

16 Bromley Road: first floor extension, (approval).

Tendring Replacement Plan – Public Inquiry

Revised timings for sessions at Weeley that may be of particular interest to residents:

5 December	10am–5pm	Oasis/housing
6 December	10am–1pm	Oasis/housing
18 January	10am–5pm	Cheshire Home (Housing)

It is advisable to check the above schedule in advance with the inquiry office: telephone 01255 686192 or website at <http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk>.

The **next meeting** of the Council will be at **7.30 pm on Thursday 12 October 2006**

at the Village Hall Great Bromley. Representatives of **the local police** will be present to brief councillors and residents on the new community policing arrangements.

Little Bromley Parish Council

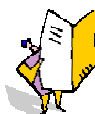
The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on 16th November 2006.

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

Tendring Matters

Tendring District Council publishes an information paper called *Tendring Matters* which is published twice yearly in the spring and the autumn. It frequently doesn't reach the rural areas of Tendring. Sometimes it includes surveys for the Council which T.D.C. takes as evidence of its rate payers' wishes. This means that predominantly urban and not rural areas are represented. If you wish to express your views the paper can be sent to you free of charge by post. If you would like a copy please phone 01255 686338.

Cllrs Candy, Dimmock and Heaney



NOAH IN 2006



In the year 2006, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in England and said, "Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I

see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the CAD drawings, saying, "You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark.

"Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. I needed Building Regulations Approval. I've been arguing with the Fire Brigade about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden because it is development of the site even though in my view it is a temporary structure. We had to go to appeal to the Secretary of State for a decision. "Then the Department of

Transport demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.

"Getting the wood was another problem.

All the decent trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and we live in a Site of Special Scientific Interest set up in order to protect the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go! "When I started gathering the animals, the RSPCA sued me. "They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the

accommodation was too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space. "Then the County Council, the Environment Agency and the Rivers Authority ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood. "I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Equal Opportunities Commission on how many BMEs I'm supposed to hire for my building team. The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only CSCS accredited workers with Ark-building experience. "To make matters worse, Customs and Excise seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species. "So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark." Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?" "No," said the Lord, "The Government beat me to it."

CRICKET CLUB

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR AUGUST

- 1st. Mrs Nancy Kempster
- 2nd. Mr. Rob Carey
- 3rd. Master Oliver Wright

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1st. Miss Kerry Blinman
- 2nd. Miss Gemma Foley
- 3rd. Mr. Richard Lawson

On Saturday 9th September the club held our Fun Day and presentation evening. After the cricket in the afternoon the youngsters played Kwik Cricket followed by an excellent Bar-b-que thanks to Katherine, Lynda and helpers and a Disco, D.J Michael Scarlett. Colts Manager, Steve Wright, thanked Pip Allam and Richard Lawson for running the Kwik Cricket. They had entered teams in various tournaments throughout the summer. He also congratulated Craig Perrin who played for North Essex U15's this season, and Jake Foley and Oliver Wright who played for North Essex U.11's with Jake captaining the side. Liam Fisher was congratulated on scoring 100 runs in a game for the U.16's, some doing in 20 overs!!

The following awards were presented by the President, P. Allam.

UNDER 11's

Batting Award	Jake Foley
Bowling Award	Alfie Smith
Fielding Award	Oliver Wright

UNDER 13's

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

UNDER 15's

Batting Award	Craig Perrin
Bowling Award	James Read
Fielding Award	Jimmy Pirie

UNDER 16's

Batting Award	Liam Fisher
Bowling Award	Master Thompson
Fielding Award	Jimmy Pirie

DATE TO REMEMBER

Quiz Night at the Village Hall, 28th October. Please ring Phil Allam on 01206 230375 to reserve your table.

Phil Allam.



CARPET BOWLS



The first winter league match was played on Wednesday 13th September. We were at home to Little Clacton, and managed a 6-2 point win. Two extra matches this year, now that we re-join the top half of

the league teams. Perhaps our rest from summer league matches, playing only friendlies, will bear fruit. I am sure we will all do our best.

The A.G.M. was held on 7th September. The present committee was re-elected. The Chairman mentioned that although our costs are rising, we are very fortunate that our catering bills are low due to the generosity of the club members and warmly thanked the people involved. In general, things are running quite well.

Nancy Kempster

FROM THE PAST ...

WOMEN'S CLOTHING AND COAL CLUB 1882-1901

The Rector of Little Bromley started this Club and banked money with The Manningtree Bank. It must have been a godsend.

Subscribers were among the poorer wives of agricultural workers. The amounts each put on their accounts every month varied and if kept deposited for a year gained a small amount of interest.

Withdrawals could be spent at designated local stores and Mr Grimsey's Post Office and Stores in Shop Road was chosen for most years by the administrators. Other nearby traders on the list occasionally were Messrs Cracknell, Roofe, Poole, Newstead, Parsons, Joyce and Mead.

Of course there are many parishioners who took part in the scheme between 1882 and 1901.

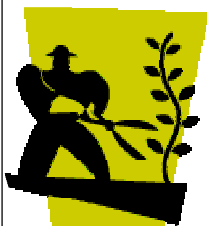
John Appleby

FROM 'THE BROMLEY MESSENGER' 20 YEARS AGO

The October magazine records the Treasurer's Tantrums, an advertisement for an evening with the Bromley Buskers, an announcement that in September Michael and Barbara Hall took over the Post Office and Store as well as an entry on the Village Hall Improvement Scheme

- "Everyone who has been to the Village Hall recently will have admired the bright new paintwork and curtains that have transformed the interior. But what about the outside? The Cricket Club keep the grass beautifully cut, but it has been suggested that the W.I. and others might help by creating a garden along the front. This would take the form of a three foot wide planting of evergreens and other plants along the north side of the building. Beth Chatto has kindly advised and assisted in drawing up a list of suitable subjects for a dry north wall. These are mostly popular plants that many people will have in their gardens, so please look through the list and see whether you have any and could spare a small clump, seedling, or rooted cutting from your patch. ... Variegated and small leaved ivies, Heder helis, Hedera Colchica, Hostas, Pyracanthus, Mahonia, epimedium, Alchemilla Mottis, Vinca minor, Bergenias, Skimmia, Syphonocarpus, Ferns, Eronymus."

(Plants that are still sensible to grow in our increasingly dry gardens—Ed.)



GARDENER'S TIPS FOR OCTOBER

ROSES: Plant roses at the end of the month. Take cuttings of ramblers and climbers.

DAHLIAS: If we have an early frost that blackens the foliage, cut down stems to 6", lift tubers, shake off all the soil and store in a frost free shed or greenhouse.

LILIES: Divide overgrown clumps - do not cut off stems until they begin to fade.

HOUSE PLANTS: Stop feeding and reduce watering.

Frank Griffiths

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall committee met on 29th August with 9 of the 12 members present.

You will see that we have redecorated the Billiards room, Small Hall and Kitchen. Our thanks to A Tagg and colleagues for the work carried out. Hopefully, by the time you read this some new curtains will have been hung in the Billiards room replacing the multi coloured ones.

Our apologies to those affected by the rising up of the main hall floor at the start of September, we felt we had cleared the problem after discovering a leaking radiator and having a valve and associated pipe work changed. Our thanks to Ivan Arthey and the Brightlingsea contractor for dealing with the situation so promptly.

Having dealt with the above problem the floor returned to normal but after a week or so has risen up again necessitating further investigation. Sorry to say this will affect the Playgroup sessions whilst we try to sort out the cause and effect a repair. Our apologies for any disruption.

Our thanks to Martin Frostick and colleague for removing the dead hedging and trees from the south boundary fence by the car park; also for clearing the car park drain which had become blocked.



This should ensure the dead trees will not fall on any car or indeed upon yourselves.

The Village Halls Conference (for Essex) is being held at Margarettong

on Saturday, 14th October. Some of the subjects to be covered are changes to Fire Safety Law (due on 1st October 2006) and Charity Commission/HM Government Good Governance Policy which should be the subject of an

advertisement drive this autumn.

Have you your tickets for the Supper (Dinner), Cabaret (Cavender Singers) and Guest Speaker (Bill Pirie) at 6.45pm for 7.00pm in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th October. Please contact Frederick Nicholls on 01206 230688 or Beryl Hurst on 01206 230578 or Lynda Allam on 01206 230375. This promises to be an enjoyable evening, so ensure you secure your seat.

The Christmas Fayre is planned for Saturday, 18th November from 11.00am till 2.00pm in the Village Hall, organised by the Village Hall committee jointly with the Women's Institute in aid of their funds.

The Village Hall committee next meet on Tuesday, 7th November.

Bevan Willgress

ROTARY'S COLNE 25 CHARITY BIKE RIDE



On Sunday 3rd September the Brightlingsea & District Rotary Club held their Charity Bike Ride over a choice of distances, 5 mile, 25 miles and 40 miles. The threatening clouds and almost gale force winds sadly deterred a number of cyclists but nevertheless some 60 odd riders braved the conditions.

The Club now awaits the return of the sponsor forms to determine how much has been raised for this year's charity 'Hope and Homes for Children' and a number of other individually chosen charities.

The Club would like to thank Batemans for sponsoring the route signs, the Bike Surgeon for providing a breakdown service and the Colne School for allowing free use of their car park for the cyclists. Although the parking was some distance from the start this did avoid paying the Council car parking charges, which would have reduced our charity income.

LC

WEST AFRICA BY MOTORBIKE

(Part 3)

It always amazed me how crossing a border changed things – the people, the climate, the scenery, the geography, -



even the smells. Crossing into Senegal was no exception – going from an Islamic

State that was largely desert and one of the poorest five countries in the world to a colourful vibrant place, with beautiful people, tropical fruits, music – and even roads! My highlight here was the chaos of the Atlantic beach in St Louis, where fish are brought in through the waves to waiting donkey carts and then charged along the beach to waiting lorries – ready to fly fish to London and Europe.

From Senegal, we headed east into Mali – another very poor country made up largely of desert. Its main claims to fame are the mosque in Djenne, which is the



largest mud building in the world and a quite extraordinary place, Timbuktu (or is it Tombouctou?) with its history of salt trading down the Niger River, Tuareg camel caravans (amazingly these still exist – we came across one in the desert), and lastly the Dogon valley with its extraordinary history and mud/cave dwellings. It was such a difficult ride to get here that I drank all my water on the first day – and had to risk the well water from then on – but thankfully was fine! These places, for me, made Mali the most exciting and interesting country.

To be continued ...

Mathew Hunt

Forthcoming Events



OCTOBER

- 1 St George's Harvest Lunch, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 12.30pm
- 3 Autumn Sale, Gt Bromley Village hall, 10.30am
- 4 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 Harvest Festival, St George's School
- 7 Charity Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy, Cross Inn, 10.30am
Supper & Cabaret with the Cavender Singers, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 6.45pm
- 12 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17 Stroke Prevention Open Day, Holland-on-Sea, 10.00am
- 19 Friendship Club, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 28 Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall

NOVEMBER

- 3 Little Bromley Firework Display, Barlon Road, Lt Bromley, 7.00pm
- 5 Firework Display, Cross Inn, 6.30pm
- 7 Village Hall committee meeting
- 11 Friends of Lt Bromley church meeting, 10.30am
- 12 Remembrance Sunday
- 16 Lt Bromley Parish council meeting, 7.30pm
- 18 Christmas Fayre, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 11.00am
PTA Live Band evening, Gt Bromley Village Hall

DECEMBER

- 31 New Year's Eve Masked Ball, Forge Cottage, Gt Bromley, 8.00pm

2007

- 1st-3rd June Little Bentley Hall Waterways & Garden Show
- 15th-17th June West Woodhay House Garden Show



PDSA BIG BOOK FETCH

13th to 15th October 2006

PLEASE DONATE YOUR UNWANTED BOOKS

The PDSA is running the above event from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th October. John and Jacque Terry at The Nook, Colchester Road, Great Bromley are supporting this event and have books in their Car Port now which are free, but we are giving any donations to the PDSA.

We would like you to donate any unwanted books you have by leaving them in the car port so it becomes an exchange between members of the village. There will also be a form which we would like you to fill in if you are a UK Taxpayer. The PDSA can claim gift aid from your donation and claim an additional 28p to their funds.

We saw this idea on the Fionnphort, Isle of Mull, which we visit quite regularly where money is donated to the Life Boats and they keep a chart of the money collected. This is held in someone's garage. From a few pounds in the first year it now collects well over a thousand pounds a year for this Charity.

So please support this event and leave us your unwanted books and make a donation to the PDSA and help us to support this worthwhile cause.

Look for the sign on the Colchester Road - **Books in Carport**. and feel free to stop and browse and see if there is anything which catches your eye. Most of our books are factual but we would like to build up a collection of fiction books for people to read.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 1st October
12.30pm for 1.00pm
Great Bromley Village
Hall



Adults £6.00
Children £3.00
Tel 01206 230679 or
01206 2521923

Tickets on sale till 24th September
Please bring your own drinks, glass
and cutlery

Seven Rivers Cheshire Home

AUTUMN SALE



of

*fabulous range of stalls, ceramics,
children's clothes, greeting cards, Italian
china, jewellery, photo
frames, shoes, silk
scarves, stocking fillers,
toys and a variety of gifts*



*at Great Bromley Village Hall
On Tuesday, 3rd October
10.30am to 3.00pm*

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

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL P.T.A.



Saturday 18th November
We are organising a **live
band**

at Gt Bromley village hall.
Further details to follow.

CABARET & DINNER

Saturday 7th October 2006
6.45pm for 7.00pm
Great Bromley Village Hall

3 Course meal and Cabaret
with the Cavander Singers & Bill Pirie

Tickets £12.50 Licensed Bar
For tickets telephone:
01206 230688, 01206 230375
or 01206 230578

*Proceeds in aid of
Village Hall Funds*



QUIZ NIGHT

at the Village Hall
28th October.

Please ring Phil Allam on
01206 230375 to reserve
your table.



NEW YEAR'S EVE CHARITY MASKED BALL

(in aid of Little Haven
Hospice)
at

Forge Cottage, Hall Road
Great Bromley CO7 7TP
(opposite the Cross Inn)
8-Late

Heated Marquee
Disco

Supper

Bring you own drink
(glasses supplied)

Tickets £20 per head from
01206 230126





WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

For our September meeting, Mrs Ellis came along to talk to us about "Floral Art". She brought with her a large selection of foliage pot plants and told us that we have them in our homes for several differing reasons. Often looking after them can be therapeutic, they brighten up a dull or dark corner as there are numerous colours, shapes and types of leaves to choose.

There are many different heights and shapes which make them interesting. She showed us how to arrange them into groups, pots can play an important part for greater overall effect. Mrs Ellis also gave us lots of advice on where to position the groups to their best advantage.



This month, Mrs Buchan is coming to tell us about "Walking the Inca Trail" at our meeting on Wednesday, 4th October at 7.30pm. Do come along and you will be made most welcome.

June Willgress

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our next meeting is on 19th October. The competition will be A MUSICAL ITEM (NO pianos please!)

If you have not already given your name in for the Christmas Lunch, please phone me as soon as possible.

Vicky Griffiths



KITCHEN CORNER

This month, do try one of Sophie Grigson's good recipes. It really is delicious! The blackberries this year are exceptionally good.

BLACKBERRY AND PEAR COBBLER

Serves 6

450g / 1lb pears peeled, cored and thinly sliced (use fairly ripe ones)

450g / 1lb blackberries

85g / 3oz caster sugar

grated zest of 1 orange

1½ lbs plain flour

Toss all these together and place in a battered baking dish - 2 pint size.

Topping

170g / 6 oz plain flour

2 teasps baking powder

85g / 3 oz butter, chilled and diced

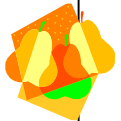
60g / 2 oz caster sugar

Milk to mix

Sift flour and baking powder and rub in butter, add sugar and milk to make a soft dough (about 3-4 fl oz). Roll out on floured board 1 cm (½") thick. Stamp out 2" (5 cm) discs and arrange over fruit (don't worry about any gaps!). Brush with milk and bake 180°C/360°F, 30-40 minutes till nicely browned and bubbling.

Serve hot or warm - but equally good cold!

Jill Frostick



GREAT BENTLEY FARMERS' MARKET



Wednesday 11th October
2pm - 4pm

FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE

GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL

For more details
Tel: 07879 846330



CHILDREN'S PAGE

TRADITIONAL SEASONAL PASTIMES FOR ALL HALLOWS EVE

JACK-O-LANTERNS OR PUMPKIN LANTERNS

These are hollowed out pumpkins, swedes or turnips with a face cut into the side.

Once hollowed out carefully insert a night light and place lantern on a flat surface before lighting.

APPLE BOBBING (Duck-apple)

Bob for apples by placing apples in a tub or a large basin of water. The players, sometimes blindfolded, must take one bite from one of the apples without using their hands. It is not permitted to edge the apple to the side of the bowl to get hold of it.

APPLE IN THE MOUND

A small apple, or nut, is set on top of a large mound of flour on a dish in the middle of the table. Each person in turn uses a knife to scoop away some of the flour without dislodging the apple. When the apple or nut falls the unlucky person has to get it out with their mouths. If the apple is right in the flour you get your face covered with flour.

TREACLE SCONES

Scones spread with treacle are hung on strings from the ceiling and the players try to eat the scones with their hands behind their backs. Doughnuts can also be used for this game.

DRESSING UP

The tradition of dressing in costume for Halloween has European and Celtic roots. On Halloween, when it was believed that ghosts came back to the earthly world,

people thought that they would meet ghosts if they left their homes. To avoid being recognised by the ghosts, people would wear masks when they left their homes after dark so that the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits.



GUIISING (which means to sing and dance and read poetry)

Boys and girls dress up with masks and go round the neighbourhood knocking on doors guising carrying hollowed out turnip lanterns. The householder tries to guess who they are. After the guisers have sung a song they are given a gift of apples, oranges, nuts or money. Before they leave the householder is told who the guisers were if their guess was wrong.

Halloween is traditionally the time for girls to see who they will marry.

At midnight girls line up in front of a mirror. One by one each girl brushes her hair three times. While she is doing this she is supposed to see in the mirror over her shoulder the man who will be her husband and they will be married within the year.

Another such tradition is to peel an apple in a spiral round the apple keeping the peel in one long piece. Once done the peel is thrown over her left shoulder with the right hand. This is supposed to form the initial of her husband-to-be.

Tendring Community Voluntary Services



Furniture Scheme

Every day, good quality furniture and other household goods are disposed of in Britain's ever-growing number of landfill sites. A great number of these items are still useable and could be saved from being dumped. At the same time, there are thousands of people and families who do not have the funds to buy furniture and other essential items.

Our aim is to help these people by providing them with low-cost furniture and at the same time preventing this unnecessary waste.

We are a local charity, covering the entire Tendring district. We collect unwanted (good quality) furniture and redistribute it to families in need, for a small donation.

All sorts of furniture are needed, beds, three piece suites, tables and chairs, lounge furniture, modern bedroom furniture (small, to fit in flats), bedding, curtains, crockery, cutlery etc., in fact anything that could be used to equip a family to set up home.

If you have any furniture to donate or you know of someone in need, young or old, please contact us on 01255 476068

Unfortunately, we cannot take large bulky items, gas appliances or unserviceable items.



Recycling Furniture

Charity No 280613

To all RePaint members

LARGE STOCKS OF PAINT

We are currently receiving large amounts of paint, including brand new paint from local businesses. If any of you require paint for your group or your clients on benefits, please give us a call to see if we have what you need in stock. Don't forget all our paint is FREE to members.

WHITE PAINT NOW AVAILABLE

Last year we had a large demand for white paint, particularly emulsion which was used by the parish councils to mark out sports pitches, unfortunately we were unable to satisfy this demand. However, we currently have large stocks of white paint available.

FREE OVERALLS

E2V which was part of Marconi have offered us a large quantity of overalls which you can have for free for your volunteers to help with their painting tasks - whilst stocks last.

VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

Do you need volunteers to help you complete your painting projects? If so let us know as we sometimes receive requests from volunteer organisations who would like to take part in community projects.

HELPMATES

The Colchester Volunteer Centre has recently added a DIY aspect to their existing gardening Helpmates project. The project offers practical gardening and DIY help, for example, painting and small repairs to the frail or disabled. If any of your clients could benefit from this service please contact Jane Snowdon on 01206 768930

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THE DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Governors invite applications from those resident in the Parishes of Ardeleigh, Bradfield, Great Bromley, Dedham and Stratford St Mary for the following grants:
SECONDARY SCHOOL GRANTS
Open to candidates under the age of 13 years as at 1st August.

TECHNICAL GRANTS

(a) Junior Grants open to candidates who must be over 12 and under 16 years of age on 1st August.

(b) Senior Grants open to candidates over 15 years of age on 1st August, and who have attended Secondary Schools for at least 3 years.

UNIVERSITY GRANTS

Tenable at any University and college or school of a University or any University College.

MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES

The Governors also invite applications for Grants to Students resident in the favoured Parishes who have been accepted to Secondary or Technical Schools and are in need of financial assistance to enable them to continue their education.

Full particulars and forms of application may be obtained from Mrs Jean Flewin, Clerk to the Governors, Coppins, Crown Street, Dedham, Colchester, Essex, CO7 6AT.

CLACTON & DISTRICT STROKE ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No 1054049
85 Frinton Road, Holland on, Sea, Essex.
CO15 5UH

Telephone 01255 815905

e-mail: cdsa@freeola.com

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A local charity caring for the Community of Tendring by offering post stroke care to stroke survivors, their carers and families

We will be holding our
30th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

at the above address on
Tuesday 17th October 2006 10am – 2pm

In conjunction with our annual
Stroke Prevention Open Day
Professionals will be offering

Blood Pressure Checks
Diabetes Checks
Cholesterol Advice and information
Smoking Cessation Advice
Exercise Advice

Display of work by Stroke survivors from
each of our groups

Join Ivan Henderson Parliamentary
Spokesperson for Harwich at 12 noon for
the cutting of the 30th Birthday Cake and a
celebratory toast

Tea, coffee and cake plus a Grand Raffle

Do come and see what we do and who
we are

GREAT BROMLEY PCC

The Parochial Church Council met on September 13th. As Fr. Nicolas is on sabbatical leave it was chaired by Barbara Hall.

We are delighted to report that the West Window, which was removed for repair in March, has now been returned fully restored. This window was originally installed in 1858 and is thought to be possibly the only one of its kind in south east England. Dr Sebastian Strobl, a leading expert in stained glass, described it as 'a very special window'. The restoration was carried out by a team of glaziers from the Canterbury Studios. This team also looks after the windows in Canterbury Cathedral, Windsor Castle and Westminster Abbey but they told us how much they had enjoyed working in St. George's and what a lovely church it is.

The total cost of repair is in the region of £11,500 and was made possible by grants

from the following charitable trusts:
Friends of Essex Churches
Essex Heritage Trust
The Glaziers Trust
GCG Environmental Trust

The Council for the Care of Churches
Fowler, Smith and Jones of Chelmsford
Allchurches Trust

We are extremely grateful to these organisations for their generosity.

The Harvest lunch is on October 1st and will be held in the village hall. Tickets can be obtained from the Post Office or Ann Wild (tel. 230779).

The PCC was also pleased to confirm the appointment of Claire Scargill as pastoral assistant in the benefice and to give support to Christine Mingay who is to undertake a course of training in lay evangelistic work.



WORLD'S EASIEST QUIZ

(Passing requires 4 correct answers)

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal(s) do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What colour is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

Remember, you need 4 correct answers to pass.

Answers on page 25





**THE UNITED PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE
BROMLEYS**



Dear Parishioner,

My main thought was that at least everyone spoke the same language! This was sitting at a conference in Kent of Christians from all over the country that I was attending at the beginning of my sabbatical. When I'm in the States and Rome at similar conferences we won't necessarily even have that! Apart from being Christian that was all really we had in common as the group was made up of people from all the main denominations in this land. A Lutheran led worship in a Roman Catholic Chapel, an Orthodox presented a Bible study chaired by a Methodist and us Anglicans took our part with the others too.

It was refreshing to be part of a group that had the prayer of Jesus that "all might be one", uttered in the garden of Gethsemane, as their number one priority after worshipping and serving God. Here were a group of people who were not going to be defeated by what seems to

divide Christians. Not that we were a group living in cloud cuckoo land. The conference was firmly rooted in the reality of the past and present that often keeps Christians from truly trusting each other and worshipping and serving fully together. This was not merely seeking out the lowest common denominator, but each of us coming from our own standpoints and understandings of what it means to be a Christian today.

There were disagreements, yes and disappointments too, but also times of great joy when the cry went up "well we think that too"! Notes were taken, contact numbers exchanged and plenty to reflect on brought away. A good start to the three months.

God bless.

Fr Nicolas

**ANSWERS TO THE WORLD'S EASIEST
QUIZ**

- 1) 116 years
- 2) Ecuador
- 3) Sheep and Horses
- 4) November

- 5) Squirrel fur
- 6) Dogs
- 7) Albert
- 8) Crimson
- 9) New Zealand
- 10) Orange [of course]