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Photograph courtesy of David Beech

The Christmas Fayre 5th December 2009

held this year in aid of the Village Hall and St George's Church

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EDITORIAL

A Happy New Year to all our Readers

New Year Resolutions always spring to mind come January. One I would be grateful for you all to adopt is to remember to take your camera to events, record what you see and then send some photos to me. They just need to be relevant, in focus and not too compressed.

This autumn I have been gallivanting further afield and as a result missed the Christmas Fayre whilst attending, with a friend, a smocking course at Denman W.I. College. We had a wonderful time and learnt to smock as well! A recent trip to Lambeth Palace was fascinating with the day being rounded off with a tour round St Paul's Cathedral and choral evensong. Firework Night was spent at Kenilworth Castle which was an amazing display against the backdrop of the ruined castle whilst the following morning, Remembrance Sunday, was unforgettable at the war memorial in the middle of Leamington Spa. Plus a weekend in Minehead, Somerset, included a visit to the unmissable Bakelite Museum at Williton.

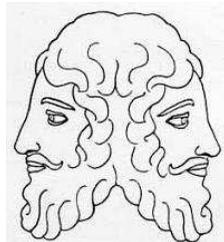
These little jaunts were all possible thanks to your efficiency in sending all

your articles to me on time. I don't know if anyone has noticed but (not this month!) the magazine has grown by four extra pages

thanks to all the reports and extra items of interest you send to me. I try to include everything that is sent. This takes a while to collate and fit into the space available - our magazine is now always full. In order that your articles do not become overwhelmed, we have had to limit the advertising. We are keeping it down to not more than 50% of the magazine and there is now a waiting list. The sponsors and advertisers pay for you to receive this magazine free each month so please use them whenever possible and tell them that you saw their name here.

So thank you to everyone as we go into 2010. Happy New Year.

Leonie Henderson



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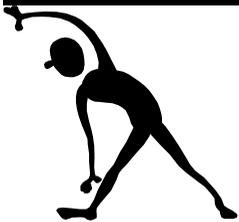
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Would you like to join our free weight management programme currently available to adults living in the Colchester and Tendring area with a

Body Mass Index of 28* or more?

Shape-Up – for Age 18 or over

An eight- week weight management programme which aims to improve overall well-being and quality of life. It teaches you how to make healthy eating a part of your every day life rather than cycle of yo-yo dieting. Your name is held on a waiting list and we write to you as soon as a place is available.

For further information or to have your BMI calculated please contact the Weight Management Team at NHS North East Essex on 01206 363002. If no one is available to take your call please leave your name and address and we will send you an information pack.

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THANKS

Thank you to everyone for their hard work to make the Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall such a success. Many thanks also to all those who attended and we are pleased to announce that £630 was raised for both the Hall and the Church.

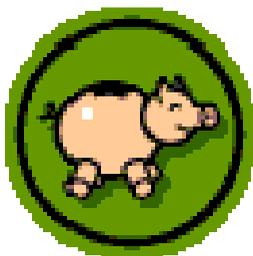
Beryl Hurst

The following letter was received by Jenny and John Upson in Briar Road from Rosy Stamp, the Hospice Director of St Helena Hospice in Colchester.

“Thank you very much for your wonderful donation of £655.71 to St Helena Hospice which you raised through selling flowers, fruit and vegetable sat your gate.

We are very grateful for this gift which will help us to continue to provide care and comfort to local people and their families.

Please pass on our thanks to your friends who have helped you and thank you all for supporting the Hospice in this way.



THE NEW YEAR QUIZ

Compiled by Ian and Val Harris

1. Which country in the world is the first one to celebrate the new year?
2. If you belong to a Polar Bear club, what would you do on New Year's Day?
3. Why might you go to Garnisch Partinkirchan on New Year's Day?
4. The Roman god, Janus, gave his name to the month of January but what was he the god of?
5. Who was born on 4th January 1809 and died exactly forty one years and two days later? He invented something that had a major effect upon millions of disabled people world wide but it was never used during his lifetime?
6. What was first instituted on 29th January, 1856 and what is it made from? Six survivors of which military blunder each received one of the first to be made.
7. On 26th January John Logie Baird first demonstrated his new invention, television, but in what year was it?
8. Which saint's day is it on 25th January and according to folklore how might the weather on that day affect the rest of the year?
9. Who lost his head on 30th January, 1649?
10. The ancient Babylonians were the first to make New Year resolutions 4,000 years ago. Can you guess what the most popular one was?
11. What are the birth stone and flower for January?
12. What is celebrated on the first Sunday after 6th January in the UK, the second Monday of January in Japan and the third Monday in the USA?



Answers on page 15

A REQUEST

Leonard
Cheshire
Disability

CHESHIRE HOME

I recently attended the WI coffee morning. The WI kindly raised funds for us as well as the children's hospice. It was really nice to meet some of the residents of Great Bromley and many had stories to tell about Seven Rivers, the residents, the staff, our fêtes and they also remembered visits from Princess Anne and Leonard Cheshire.

I wonder if any of those people who talked to me during the Coffee Morning might be

happy to come in and share their stories with our residents. Talks and presentations always go down well and obviously something like this would be of interest, particularly to those of our residents who have been with us for many years.

Nicki Cailes
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CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT THE VILLAGE HALL 5TH DECEMBER 2009



*Photographs by
David Beech*

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 301310

We are very privileged with our village but some people missed out. What am I talking about? The Cabaret Night of course!. We were lucky to get such talent to come right to our door, to get such a great meal and to have such a good time. For those who were not there you missed a truly fantastic night . Many thanks to Fred, Jenny and all the Nicholls-East family who worked so hard and also to Neil who got such wrinkly hands washing up. Speaking personally I have never laughed so much. My face was still aching next morning. Not only did everyone have a great time but £370 was raised for the Village Hall. Well done and thank you for attending.

The Christmas Fayre has just happened. Another success for the village with £630 raised for both the Church and for the Village Hall. Lots of hard work by a hard working group with Beryl Hurst leading the Christmas Fayre committee. Well done and thank you all who helped, donated and attended.

We will be having a working party to tidy the garden and paths around the Hall in the near future. Any help will be gratefully received. More details soon after the roof is finished.

A quiz night is going to be held in February, probably on the 20th.

By popular demand we see the return of the band Locarno who will be playing on Saturday 13th March, tickets on sale soon.

Another Fun-Day is on its way on 12th June 2010 so make sure you don't book your holiday for mid June

Do you wonder in these credit crunch times what you are able to do in the evenings that will not break the Bank? Perhaps we can help. The Hall is going to

hold an open day on Saturday 13th February 2010. Organisations that use the Hall can show their wares and other people who want to use the Hall can look around. Any organisation/company that wish to have a space please contact the Secretary David Beech telephone 07825 300516 to make a reservation.

There are many people who work hard behind the scenes to keep the Hall running smoothly. One such is Marion who not only cleans the Hall but who welcomes new hirers, shows them around and checks things out after they have finished. Thank you Marion.

The grant application for a replacement kitchen has been successful so we have some money already. A sub committee has been set up and will continue to get a new kitchen organised.

The old plans have been dusted off for the store room project. The store room plans were approved by Tendring Council when the Millennium Lounge was built. Chairs and other items would be stored there. It's all grant dependent though.

Next meeting Tuesday 5th January at 7:30pm.

Happy New Year to all.

That's all for now, thank you for your support and please put the forthcoming event dates in your diary.

David Beech





WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

What a super evening we were going to have at our December meeting.

Our new President, Jenny, introduced herself and then welcomed the members and visitors to the evening. The hall looked superb with a very Christmas feel, the tables were decorated in red and tartan, the theme for the evening, spruce and holly arrangements on every table with tartan ribbon, crackers, and very happy members with their guests.

Two presentations were made to the retiring president, Anne, and also to Paula, a committee member, who had given many years' service to the Institute.

A couple of dates for the diary

6th January meeting: The speaker will be Graham Crane, talking about his work in Kosovo.

10th March: Ladies that Lunch at The Cross Inn. This is not just for members but anyone who would like to join us, so please do. Contact Jenny on 01206 230668.

The celebrations then began and we were to be entertained by the Colchester Caledonian Society. The first piece had

been written in memory of a member and was excellent; as each Society buys the piece a donation is made to charity in his memory. In all the Society performed five pieces, and then we were invited to take part. What fun we had!! Laughs abounded while learning how to do the dosi-do dance with light feet without crashing into one another. After several of these we adjourned for supper. What a splendid spread supplied by committee and members.

We were not to escape after this as we were then invited to take the floor again. This we did to try to burn off what had just been consumed! A very enjoyable time was had by all.

Joy Rolfe



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Another year begins when we hope to have more new members to add to the ten we welcomed last year.

A couple of outings to the Flora Tea Rooms, Dulwich, and The Police Museum followed by tea at the W.I. Roxill. Our own party and what's more a delicious Christmas dinner at the Cross Inn. Thank you from us all to Brenda and Richard and their helpers.

At our last meeting the speaker gave a talk on the origins of Christmas.

Now we come to the forthcoming events -

A Coffee Morning and Auction. More details later.

It is time now to wish all of you from all of us a very Happy New Year bringing you whatever you wish for, but especially, good health.

The A.G.M. is in January. We look forward to seeing you.

The January competition - A dog ornament.

Vicky Griffiths



CRICKET CLUB



The annual **Cricket Club Dinner** was held at the Wooden Fender on Saturday 14th November. A very enjoyable evening was had by all, the food was excellent and we would like to thank Carl and his staff for all their hard work in looking after us.

The following trophies were presented to:-

1ST X1

Batting Award	Louis Perrin
Bowling Award	Paul Gaffney
Fielding Award	Pip Allam
Players Player (equal votes)	Louis Perrin Paul Gaffney
Young Player	Matt Wareing
Clubman	Pip Allam

Shields for best bowling and batting were presented to:-

Bowling	5 for 21	Harry Hitchcock
	5 for 45	Paul Gaffney
	5 for 53	Paul Gaffney
Batting	156 runs	Simon Presney
	101 not out	Louis Perrin
	101 not out	Liam Fisher
	105 not out	Jake Foley (Colts)

The following trophies were presented to:-

2ND X1

Batting	Craig Perrin
Bowling	Billy Huggins

Fielding
Players Player(equal votes) Louis Perrin,
Liam Fisher

Shields for best bowling and batting were presented to:-

Bowling	5 for 8	Matt Halsey
	7 for 39	Billy Huggins
	5 for 52	Paul Gaffney
	5 for 45	Liam Fisher
Batting	160 not out	Craig Perrin
	135 runs	Craig Perrin
	170 not out	Liam Fisher
	150 runs	Liam Fisher
	112 not out	Jordan Reed
	119 not out	Louis Perrin

100 Club Winners for November

1st.	Pam Wright
2nd.	D. Fuller
3rd.	Katherine Foley

The Cricket Club would like to take this opportunity in wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Lynda Allam

NATURE'S DIARY



In the frosty, misty hour after dawn I heard the unmistakable sound of wings. I stood still and waited with the sound getting louder. Then out of the mist for a brief moment came four low flying swans before disappearing into it again and the 'singing' wing beats faded.

January is winter proper time. Global warming aside, the temperatures should plummet with overnight frosts, short days with the bare trees and plants all keeping a low profile. A challenge is to identify the leafless trees by their shape (they all have a different silhouette), their bark texture and twig/bud form. However if unsure you can always cheat by looking for dead fallen leaves at their base.

With luck (I like it anyway!) we may get some snow and, to me, the first signs of the coming spring is to find, once the snow has thawed, the first snowdrops getting ready to bloom. Snowdrops, dandelions, hazel catkins, salix and other winter flowers are vitally important for the insects (and therefore birds) who venture out as the blooms give life saving pollen - for bees especially. Frogs, and later toads, begin to think of spawning during January, cock pheasant start to vie with one other for the attention of the hen pheasants whilst robins, great tits, etc. will start to sing for territories. Even in the depths of winter there is a lot going on!

LMH



Great Bromley & Frating Playgroup

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

Session Tel No: 0785 7503103
(Lunch time session also available)

Children: 2 - 5 years. £8 per session.

Lunch time sessions also available Monday & Wednesday Cost: £1.50
Ofsted inspected.

For more details/visits, please contact Group Secretary-Jean on 01206 250694

Happy New Year.

At the time of writing this we have almost completed our name change. Our new name will be 'Little Dragons Pre-school'. Look out next month for our new logo.

As we start the Spring Term we would like to welcome the new children that are joining us. Eleanor, Elliot, Harry and Scarlet, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

We do have some spaces available still; we take children from the age of two years. For further information or to arrange a visit to the setting please contact us on the above number.



Dates for your diary;
Start of Spring Term - Wed 6th January

Parish Passenger Transport Reps meetings



At the above meeting held recently, we were informed that ECC is working to introduce a Concessionary Fare Scheme for young people. This will be a

half fare scheme which can be used all day, every day. Colchester Borough Council has been chosen as the pilot area for the scheme for 6 months commencing April 2010, if successful there the scheme will be rolled out across the whole County.

The scheme will be known as "Bite +" - there will be no cost for the pass - young people just need to complete an application form and supply 2 passport size photos. £100,000 has been set aside for the pilot which will help to gauge uptake.

At the meeting I again raised the question of the 105 bus service, especially overcrowding and sparse service. The meeting was informed that ECC is aware of the situation and were investigating possible solutions.

Ann Jones

JANUARY GARDENING TIPS

As this is holly and mistletoe time, why not grow your own (mistletoe) - it is very easy to propagate. The best trees to grow mistletoe on are fruit trees, apple, pear or plum. As an experiment try other trees except pine or oak trees. To propagate cut a slit on the underside of a branch about 2" long, just open the cut slightly then squeeze the white berry in. It is very sticky so make sure it stays in.

Chrysanthemums and other plants that are stored in cold frames or under the bench in the greenhouse should be inspected this month to make sure grey mould is not present. If necessary spray with thiram or zineb.



Frank Griffiths

THE DOCTORS' SURGERIES

Great Bentley Surgery

Hands up those who want to spend a few hours sitting in A&E at Colchester over Christmas. No – I thought not. If you are unfortunate enough to be sick or injured when the surgery is closed over the festive season and have to seek medical help, there are several possible ways of avoiding A&E and it's well worth making a note of them.

If you just need **medical advice**, please telephone NHS Direct on 0845 46 47. This is a nurse-led service which specialises in giving expert guidance on straightforward matters that don't need the immediate attention of a doctor. They might be able to keep you at home to enjoy your Christmas dinner.

If you have a **minor injury** (note – **not** an illness or a major trauma) that needs attention, the Minor Injuries Units at Clacton and Harwich Hospitals will be open each day between the hours of 9.00am – 9.00pm. You don't need an appointment and waiting time at either unit is usually much shorter than at Colchester A&E.

If you have an illness that needs attention and you can travel, as an alternative to the Out of Hours Service which is always well and truly over-stretched at Christmas, why not try the Walk-in Centre in Colchester? It's on Turner Road, quite close to the hospital (in case it turns out that you need to go there afterwards), and is open from 7.00am until 10.00pm every day of the year. Again, you don't need an appointment.

If you think you are ill enough to warrant seeing a doctor, in the first instance please call the Harmoni Out of Hours Service. (Here at Great

Bentley, if you ring the surgery out of hours on 01206 250691, you will automatically be transferred to Harmoni.) You will be assessed over the telephone and, if necessary given an appointment to be seen at one of their out of hours centres. If you are genuinely too sick to travel and it seems absolutely necessary, a duty doctor will be sent to visit you. **Please note that lack of transport does not qualify you for a visit.** Only people genuinely too ill to travel will be visited.

Failing all else, there is always A&E at Colchester General, though I for one would try any of the above rather than joining the rowdy mixture of over-indulgent revellers and injured sports fanatics that seems to gather there every Christmas. The staff in A&E do their very best and are brilliant, but inevitably they will be exceptionally busy over the Christmas period and will be very happy **not** to see you.

We are now in the process of writing to and telephoning hundreds of people inviting them in for a Swine Flu jab. Surprisingly, the uptake is not as good as for seasonal flu, though this might be because we are aiming initially at younger people rather than the usual over 65s. If you do get invited, please take advantage of the offer. We simply don't know how Swine Flu will develop over the next few weeks or months, and if it does mutate into something really nasty as the experts tell us it might, it may be too late then to have the jab. (I've had it and it was no problem at all – and I'm a total coward.)

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

Forthcoming Events

2010

JANUARY

- 3 New Year Party at Little Bromley Church, 3.00pm
- 5 Village Hall Committee meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Playgroup New Term
 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Cricket Club AGM
- 14 WEA course 'China: Land & People', Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm
- 15 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm

FEBRUARY

- 13 Village Hall Open Day
- 20 Village Hall Quiz Night, Village Hall

MARCH

- 13 The band, *Locarno*, playing in Village Hall
- 20 'The Long Way Home', play by Eastern Angles,
Village Hall, 7.30pm

JUNE

- 12 2nd Great Bromley Fun Day



REFUSE AND RECYCLING
CHRISTMAS
COLLECTIONS 2009/10

Normal Day of Collection	Revised Day of Collection
December 2009	
Monday 21st	Usual collection
Tuesday 22nd	Usual collection
Wednesday 23rd	Usual collection
Thursday 24th	Usual collection
Friday 25th	No collection this week
Monday 28th	Tuesday 29th
Tuesday 29th	Wednesday 30th
Wednesday 30th	Thursday 31st
Thursday 31st	Saturday 2nd
January 2010	
Friday 1st	Monday 4th
Monday 4th	Tuesday 5th
Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th
Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th
Thursday 7th	Friday 8th
Friday 8th	Saturday 9th

Please remember that both refuse and recyclable materials are collected each week from all domestic properties in the Tendring District.

Please store your waste within the boundary of your property until it is due for collection.

Season's Greetings From

GRANDMA

The computer swallowed Grandma
Yes, honestly it's true
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm
She must have caught a 'virus'
Or been eaten by a 'worm'.

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind
I've even used the Internet
But nothing could I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine,
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online'.

So, if inside your 'inbox'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'copy', 'scan' and 'paste' her
And send her back to me.

Author Unknown

FRIENDS OF LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH



New Year Party

Sunday 3rd January at 3.00pm

45 minutes of music and carols for all

Tea provided

Free admission

Collection for Children's Hospice & The Brooke

WHAT'S ON

at the Village Hall in 2010

February

13th

Open

Day

20th

Quiz Night

March



WEA ARDLEIGH BRANCH

Spring Term 2010

China: Land and People

Tutor - David L Prynne

Venue - Ardleigh Village Hall

Starting Date - Thursday 14th January
2010

The course will be ten weeks long starting
at 2.30 p.m. and finishing at 4.15 pm (a

fifteen minute tea break included)

The fee will be £43.50 per person

The course tutor has written the following about
the course:

China, one of the oldest continuous civilisations
is currently undergoing dramatic change,
emerging as a major world economy. This
course will introduce students to its rich cultural
and natural heritage and its turbulent history.

For further details please phone Jill
Frostick on 250263 or John Terry on
230490



Eastern Angles

present their new play

THE LONG WAY HOME

by Charles Way

20th March 2010

at 7.30pm in Great Bromley Village Hall

A heart-warming story for the whole family about friendship through adversity, by the author of *In the Bleak Midwinter*. An old woman decides to walk home to the seaside village of her birth - a journey through dark woods, fertile plains and over snow-capped mountains. She soon meets a wild young boy in the forest whose only means of communication is to bark like a dog and the two become unlikely travelling companions. *The Long Way Home* is a traditional folk tale from the heart of old Europe, brought into the modern age through storytelling, music and magic.

As in past years there will be supper available and supper spaces are limited. These tickets do go very quickly.

Tickets available as:	Play Only	7.30pm	£8.00
	Play with Supper beforehand		£20.00
	(Supper at 6pm promptly)		

Both types of ticket available from:

Anne Clapham (01206 230790), Paula Knappett (01206 250156) or

Jenny Nicholls (01206 230688)

Play Only tickets from The Post Office at The Cross Inn

In aid of St George's Church Repair Fund



These are the incidents in Gt Bromley for the month of November

- Nuisance Youth x 2 **Fairfield Close** - (Knock down ginger)
- Burglary Other - **St Georges School**
- Burglary Dwelling - **Frating Road**
- Disturbance - **Hamilton Lodge**
- Animal - **Frating Road** - (Dog running loose)
- Suspicious Circumstances - **Hall Road** - (Man in field with metal detector)
- Criminal Damage - **Back Lane East** - (Front door damage)
- Road Traffic Collision - **Hilliards Road**

DECEMBER NEWS LETTER

Please beware of a bogus email circulating which contains 'malware': It is disguised as a video of the Large Haldron Collider in action. It arrives in your inbox and reads "Wow, don't ask me how I got this video, but it is really (sic) cool" This is followed by a 'mytinyurl.net web link: If you click this you will be informed you will have to download a 'special flash plug' This contains the 'malware infection'

Churches in Holland on Sea are being targeted by vandals. The churches that have been targeted are The Baptist Church which has had windows broken and when mended the putty has been taken out and damaged again. St Barts has also had problems and the union Jack has been taken from the public hall.

Please can everyone keep a look out for any suspicious activity around any churches in the Tendring area and report any suspicious activity to police.

Remember if you see a crime occurring now dial 999

Warning on scam telephone calls

We have been made aware of a scam involving consumers being telephoned by people who claim they are from the ministry. The Ministry of Justice has been made

aware of a scam where consumers are telephoned by people claiming to be from the government, Office of Fair Trading, a high street bank or a legitimate claims management company, suggesting that the consumer could receive payments, for example repayment of bank charges or other debts. They are asked to provide personal information such as bank account details and make an upfront payment first, often by money transfer. These callers have no connection with Ministry of Justice, OFT or other bona fide organisations and have tricked and harassed victims into handing over hundreds of pounds, only to find that the call was a scam and they're now even further in debt. The Ministry of Justice and the OFT would never contact consumers asking them for personal bank or similar details. We are therefore warning consumers not to pass on personal or financial details to such callers, or to transfer money unless you are confident the company is legitimate. If you have already done so, contact your bank as soon as possible to stop or check any unauthorised transactions and report the incident to the police.

Justice Minister, Bridget Prentice, said:

'There is something particularly despicable about heartless fraudsters who prey on people already struggling with debt.

People should make sure they are totally confident a company is legitimate before making any payments. If you're uncertain or worried contact Consumer Direct on 0845 040 506 or check the Claims Regulation website. As always, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.'

City of London Police, which is the National Lead Force for Fraud, urged anyone receiving cold calls to think very carefully before handing over personal details.

Detective Chief Superintendent Steve Head: 'Fraudsters do not care who you are or what you do. All they want is your money and will tell you anything to get it. 'But by staying vigilant and quickly reporting suspicious





approaches the public can play a big part in bringing these criminals to justice.'

For further advice call Consumer Direct on 0845 040 506 or check

the scams area of the [Consumer Direct website](#).

A list of registered claims management companies can be found at the [claims management regulation website](#).

To report a suspected scam call, you should contact the claims management helpline on 0333 200 0110.

Case study

A woman received a call from someone stating that she had successfully claimed back her bank charges and obtained a settlement of £2,600 which they would be sending on to her. She then received another call from someone claiming to be the manager, explaining that to release the settlement she would need to pay £199 by Western Union money transfer. She did this and provided the eight digit number required to release the funds. She was advised that someone would be calling back with the eight digit number she would then need to release her settlement with Western Union. However, when they called back they said that the solicitors and notary would not sign to release the settlement unless she paid a further £379 which she did. But they only gave her six of the eight digits. They called again to advise that she would need to pay a further £379 to release the final two digits, which she did. They gave her an eight digit number and reassured that her settlement has now increased to include the extra payments she had made.

When she visited the Post Office the number she had been given did not work. She then received another call during which they advised they were ready to release the money but just needed to give her an unlock code to do so – this would cost £200, which she refused to pay. She later received a call from someone claiming to be the previous caller's boss saying that they had misled her; she would actually need to pay £479. Each call carried a certain amount of urgency, with the firm claiming that she had to act immediately or would lose the whole of her settlement. The victim has since avoided

talking to the callers, although they continue to call.

A member of the public received a call from 0131 3012940 (Edinburgh code) from a female stating she was doing research for the NHS. Of course the caller was told No Thanks !

This is a phone number used by Ipos-Mori (www.ipos-mori.com) who do research on behalf of many different organisations. As they are not cold calling To Sell Anything they can bypass the Telephone Preference Service and even if you are ex-directory they get you through block calling.

It is up to you if you wish to deal with them but you can ask for a supervisor and demand to be taken off their calling lists.

Les Barnes PCSO 71909

Thorpe Le Soken NPT Eastern

Internal Ext : 487603

External 01255 862843

Email : leslie.barnes@essex.pnn.police

website : www.essex.police.uk

FROM THE PAST

Beating the Bounds

The Overseers Accounts for the parish have several entries when on Rogation Day this ancient ceremony was carried out.

In 1686 David Sidey and Joseph Thorpe, Churchwardens, paid to Goody Rushling for the expenses to sixteen men and boys that went the bounds of the parish

and then paid 2s 6d that was left to pay for one pint of wine and one bread—total 7s 6d.

On May 16th, 1735, it is recorded that the "expenses at the going round of the parish" amounted to 16s 4d. This was quite a lot of cash paid for beer etc., taken on the journey.

John Appleby



ANSWERS TO THE NEW YEAR QUIZ

1. The island of Kiribati, one of the Gilbert Islands in the central Pacific Ocean.
2. People who belong to polar bear clubs can be seen rushing into freezing cold water be it river, lake or sea.
3. You would go to Garmisch Partinkirchen in Germany to take part in, or watch, ski jumping. This venue is one of the four which make up "The Four Hills Tournament". It was started in 1952 and is only second in importance by the Winter Olympics and World Championships. The other venues are Obersdorf in Germany, Innsbruck and Bischofen in Austria.
4. Janus was the god of doorways and archways and as such looked both into and out of the house which is why he is depicted as having two faces: he also became god of arrivals, departures and communications. Janus is unique in that he is the only Roman god that does not appear in another religion. Although his faces appear on coins and doors no statue of Janus has ever been found.
5. Louis Braille became blind as a boy after an accident in his father's workshop but went on to university and became a teacher in France's foremost school for the blind. It was there that he developed the system of raised dots that was to revolutionise the way that blind people could learn to read. His method was so advanced that its true worth was not realised until many years later when it was finally adopted and named after him.
6. The Victoria Cross was instituted in 1856 following the end of The Crimea War and was made from the metal of one of the cannon captured after the siege of Sebastopol. The six recipients were survivors of the infamous Charge of the Light Brigade.
7. Baird demonstrated his television in 1926 but it took another 30 years before it became commercially viable and available to the majority of the population of the UK.
8. Saint Paul's day is on the 25th. According to folklore if the weather is fine the harvest will be good, rain and snow on that day will bring scarcity and famine, clouds and mist herald pestilence and high winds, war. (I think I prefer St Swithin.)
9. Charles I was finally executed by parliament on this date and has the dubious distinction of being the only English monarch since the Wars of the Roses to depart in this fashion.
10. The ancient Babylonians were not overweight, bad tempered or addicted to anything because their most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment.
11. The birth stone for January is the garnet which stands for consistency, purity, truth, faithfulness and friendship. The birth flower is the carnation which stands for pride and beauty although the soft petals conceal a hard core. An alternative to the carnation is the snowdrop.
12. The first Sunday after 6th January is Plough Sunday which marked the end of the Christmas holiday and the start of work in the fields. This is celebrated by Morris dancing although in some areas Morris dancing sides celebrate the alternative 'Plough Monday'. In the new year on 11th January there will be Molly dancers celebrating this occasion in Wivenhoe. The second Monday in Japan is when they celebrate the coming of age, it is called Genpuku and is a national holiday when many people wear tradition dress; it marks the time when teenagers reach the age of twenty and are then allowed to drink, smoke and vote. The third Monday in the USA is Martin Luther King Day, a public holiday since 1986 in memory of the great man.



THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,

I wonder how we feel at the start of 2010. Do we have any particular hopes and aspirations for this New Year? Have we made any New Year's resolutions? Are we able to commit the year ahead to God and go into it with faith, hope and love? Or do we feel anxious about what the year might bring?

If so perhaps we can take to heart Our Lord's words:

'Do not be anxious about tomorrow; tomorrow will look after itself'. Each day has troubles enough of its own.'

We should note that Jesus did not mean to say "Take no thought for tomorrow" as the Authorised version of the Bible would have us believe. A more accurate translation of the New Testament Greek would be:

'Do not be anxious about tomorrow'.

In other words Jesus does not advocate that we make no plans or encourage us to be reckless and imprudent, but what he does forbid is a careworn, worried fear and an obsessive anxiety about the future which takes all the joy out of life.

In the same passage from the Sermon of

the Mount Jesus suggests two practical ways to overcome anxiety.

First of all 'seek ye first the Kingdom of God', that is concentrate on doing God's will, being in tune with Him; offer yourself each day as the channel of His loving purposes in the work, to advance the forces of beauty, truth and goodness; love joy and peace.

Secondly, we are to learn the art of living one day at a time. This surely is implied in the words 'tomorrow will look after itself; each day has troubles enough of its own, and in the Lord's Prayer – give us this day our daily bread.

I end with a prayer for the New Year: Grant O Lord that as the years change, we may find rest in your eternal changelessness. May we meet this New Year bravely, sure in the faith that while people come and go and life changes around us, yet you are always the same, guiding us with your wisdom, and protecting us with your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Happy New year to you all,

Fr. Robert

MOBILE LIBRARY

January – June 2010



The county's mobile library will continue to call at the following Great Bromley locations on **alternate Wednesdays** at the same times as before – as noted below:

11.15 – 11.30 am

11.40 – 11.55 am

12.00 – 12.15 pm

1.20 – 1.35 pm

1.40 – 1.55 pm

Cross Inn, Burnt Heath

Hamilton Lodge

Church Meadow

Great Bromley Village Hall

Chase Road West, Hare Green

The visit dates for the first six months of 2010 are:

13 and 27 January

7 and 21 April

10 and 24 February

5 and 19 May

10 and 24 March

2, 16, 30 June

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Church of England Services for January

Sunday 3rd	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	The Epiphany Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 10th	8.00am 10.30am	The Baptism of Christ Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 17th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	2nd Sunday of Epiphany Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 24th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	3rd Sunday of Epiphany Eucharist Parish Eucharist Choral Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr (tbc)</i>
Sunday 31st	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

Holy Communion every Friday at 11.00am at Seven Rivers, Hall Road, Great Bromley.