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Photograph courtesy of Carol Cordwell

Royal Wedding Tea Party

Smiling faces and noisy chatter set the scene for our Tea Party in Little Bromley. Local residents gathered together to celebrate the Royal Wedding at the Haywain.

Full report inside

THE FIRST PAGE



I apologise if your magazine arrives slightly late on your doorstep this month but the husband and wife team of Hot-Line Printers have been on a well deserved holiday.

On the subject of away

days, the rain has finally arrived and, I think, almost entirely thanks to me! Daughter and I went to the Chelsea Flower Show which is always a good day out except that I have never yet been on a dry day. This year was no exception - thunder, lightning, hail and truly torrential (monsoon-type) rain. It was WET. (Photos are of the Thai floral pagoda and an elephant). It didn't stop our enjoyment but it did curtail our activities and by the end of the day we were happy, tired, cold



and rather damp.
Mind you,
perhaps the
farmers and
gardeners should
pay me to go just
to bring on the
rain. I was glad

too - I was getting fed up with watering the vegetables.

The cover picture of everyone enjoying Little Bromley's royal wedding tea party reflects the fun to be had at an outdoor event. Contingency plans, I understand, were made but were fortunately not needed. No such plans were needed for Martin Frostick's thank you dinner (p. 6), at Great Bromley's 'Messy' Church day for the children (p. 26-27) nor for Little Bromley's church Open morning (p. 22). The WI (p. 12) celebrated 63 years also showing their local inter-WI hand-made competition piece for their take on 'Aladdin' as well as the tiny knitted garments they donated for the prem. babies in Colchester.

Rain, however, never comes at the right moment and those of you organising strawberry teas, fetes, etc. during the coming weeks will not want it on your particular days, but stiff upper lip comes to the fore on such occasions and they are always fun (and sometimes more memorable) despite, or because of, the weather.

Leonie Henderson

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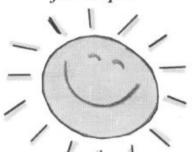
Sunday 26th June from 1pm

Belly dancers!

Fancy Dress Competition!

Grand Raffle!

Tombola!



Live Music!

Licensed Bar!

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There's fun and games at the Fayre

Just be sure that you are there! Cake Stall!

Stocks!

Barbeque!

Pearly King & Queen!



Plant Stall!



Kiddies Corner!



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ACCOUNTS

BROMLEY MESSENGER

UNAUDITED

Statement of accounts 2010/2011

| <u>Income</u> | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2009/2010 | 2010/2011 |
| Donations | 21.35 | 22.58 |
| Advertisements | 4048.15 | 3498.00 |
| Sponsorship | 652,00 | 652.00 |
| Total | 5621.50 | 4172.58 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Printing | 3780.62 | 4067.04 |
| Postage | 48.78 | 60.88 |
| Donations | | 1200.00 |
| Expenses (other) | 196.78 | 342.31 |
| (deficit) surplus | 1558.32 | (1497.65) |
| Total | 5621.32 | 4172.58 |
| | | |

Bromley Messenger Reserve Fund

| Balance @1 st April | 4726.32 | 6294.64 |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Surplus/(deficit) | 1558.32 | (1497.65) |
| Balance @31st March | 6294.64 | 4796.99 |

Comments

Donations to Great and Little Bromley have now been made but advertising revenue has dropped even though we have a small waiting list, so we made a loss.

An auditor did not materialise but we are hopeful to have one this year. The management committee met once. It was decided to only have 11 issues per year due to the pressure of the Christmas holiday on deadlines, this will be reflected in the advertising costs to customers and sponsors. We have done a few flyers thanks to Ann and Henry who do the collating which we are not keen on doing but we do charge for this service. Thanks go to all those involved with the Messenger who contribute to this great community endeavour now in its 26th year.

Len Christodoulides MBE Honorary Treasurer

MAY 2011



CARPET BOWLS

Brumbella Cup

We held our charity tournament for the Brumbella Cup on 16th April, one or two teams joining us for the first time. The play was up to the usual standard with Dedham, Jaywick, Paxmans and Lawford all winning their 3 matches necessary to go forward to the semi-finals. Both of these matches were interesting to watch, one or two 'tactical discussions' going on at times. Lawford seemed to be in charge of their match with Paxmans, till the last end gradually slipped away from them and they lost 4-3.

Dedham and Jaywick were evenly matched, but Jaywick got the upper hand on the last two ends winning 6-3. The final over 9 ends was very entertaining as well as seriously contested, with just that little bit of banter creeping in now and again. A close game - Jaywick just taking

it over Paxmans 9-8.

Chairman, Pat Petchey, presented the Brumbella Cup and the individual trophies to the winning teams. As the host club, our thanks go to our local friends and supporters for all raffle and refreshment donations. We couldn't do it without you all, also the generosity of the participating teams.

The financial result for the day was £531.72 which will be sent to 'Alzheimer Research'. By way of interest, over the 17 years of the Brumbella Cup, we have raised £5,452.47 for charity and good causes. We hope to 'come of age' next year.

There is still room for a few new members to the club. Come and give it a try.

Nancy Kempster



100 Club Winners April

1st. Pip Allam

2nd. Mr. Henry Fairley3rd. Alistair Robinson

THANKS

Rosemary Heaney & Fred Nicholls

would like to thank all the parishioners who voted for them for their support in the District Council Election. If anyone wishes to contact either Rosemary or Fred their details are inside the front cover of the Messenger.

Cat found

Waterhouse Lane Ardleigh
9 May just appeared
White, part missing tail, yellow eyes, blue
collar possibly say 4yrs old, friendly and
used to being in a home environment
Sarah 01206 231177

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Great Bromley Parish Council www.gbpc.org.uk

Report of parish council meetings held on 12 May 2011

Annual Parish Council meeting

At its annual meeting the parish council elected/appointed/re-appointed a number of its officers – including the following: Chairman: Mr Terry Cottingham, Vice Chairman: Mr Alan Thomas, Tree Warden: Col Martin Frostick OBE, Footpath Warden: Mr Ken Stokes, War Memorial Custodian: Mr Paul Knappett, Poorlands Charity Trustees: Mr Cottingham, Mrs Ann Fairley and Mrs Pam Williams, Parish Passenger Transport Representative: Mrs Jones.

Annual Parish Assembly

At the annual assembly the retiring chairman reported on the parish council's work during the past year and highlighted achievements over the four years' of the last council. He thanked all those who had worked hard work in support of the council during this period.

Reports were also presented by the Tendring District Councillors, the police and the village hall chairman. Copies of the parish council's annual report and accounts are available from the Clerk or can be viewed on the website http://www.gbpc.org.uk.

Law and order

At the Annual Assembly PC Dan Heard reported on policing in Great Bromley. He confirmed that the level of criminality and anti-social behaviour continued to increase in the village. During 2010/11 there were 183 (115 in 2009/10) calls to the police of which 142 required some kind of attendance. 32 (29) crimes were committed with 12 (4) of these leading to arrests. One arrest for drugs cultivation resulted in conviction and imprisonment.



Excessive speeding continued to be a problem with certain roads and the police dealt with six road traffic accidents. Although there is not a permanent police presence in the village there is a designated police constable (Dan Heard) and police community support officer (Les Barnes) who both regularly attend council meetings and respond to requests for assistance, advice and information. Both officers carry out regular patrols and the PCSO has monthly evening 'surgeries' in the village hall. He also provides regular reports and advice in the *Bromley Messenger*.

The council welcomes the police service's stated priorities for Great Bromley in 2011/12 which are as follows: increased police presence, crime prevention/reduction measures and action on speeding, to include assistance with establishing a 'speed watch' scheme in the village.

Col Martin Frostick OBE



After 10 years' service as a member, including four years as Chairman, Col Martin Frostick OBE retired from Great Bromley Parish Council on 12 May. The



council and parish assembly warmly acknowledged the considerable contribution that he had made to both the welfare of the village community and the enhancement of the natural environment. Although no longer a parish councillor we know that Martin will continue to work for the benefit of the village including acting as Tree Warden.

In recognition of his service a dinner in Col Frostick's honour was recently held at the Cross Inn where his many friends and colleagues presented him with a case of fine wines.

Mr Phillip Allam

The parish council was saddened to learn of the death of Mr Phillip Allam. Phil was a retired farmer who had made a positive contribution to all aspects of village life. However he will be best remembered for over 50 years' service to cricket where his legacy is an active club with both young and old playing to a high standard – supported by a fine ground.

Planning

Tendring District Council has decided the following planning applications:
Bay Trees, Parsons Hill – proposed brick boundary wall, altering vehicular access to improve visibility (application withdrawn)
Poplar Cottage, Hall Road – replacement dwelling and detached garage (approval)
White Gables, Back Lane East – demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension



(approval)

Affordable housing

The full report of the Great Bromley

housing needs survey, undertaken by the Rural Community Council of Essex, has now been published. Copies are available from the RCCE by phoning 0844 4773938 or emailing rcce@essexrcc.org.uk, or it can be viewed on the parish council website http://www.gbpc.org.uk. Possible followup to the report will be discussed by the council at its June meeting. A two-bedroomed house has become available at Lakewood. Hall Road at £106.76 per week rent. Those with a local connection were invited to apply by 31 May 2011. Unfortunately notice of this vacancy came too late for publication in May's Messenger although notices were posted on the village noticeboards. Further information is available from: Steven Bland, English Rural Housing Association on 0207 820 7930.

Summer tubs

The parish council warmly thanks the following local businesses that have sponsored a tub each: The Cross Inn, Demolition Training Services (http://demolition-ts.com), Selectacars and Talisman Coachlines. Thanks also to the Great Bromley Women's Institute and Louise Carver-Hardy – Chiropodist who have contributed towards the cost of other tubs.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The following matters were discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 28th April.

11 members of the public were in attendance. The following matters were raised by the public. Complaints of toxic fumes from the scrapyard, follow-up action to Tendring District. More complaints about the hedgerow at the junction of Shop Road/Bentley Road creating a dangerous road hazard. Can there be more follow-up action on possible footpath through the village. The establishment of a village website.

The speedwatch team have had more success for their efforts, the roundels are now in place along Shop Road and they would welcome more volunteers.

Latest bid for a grant to refurbish the War Memorial was rejected but other options are being pursued. It was also agreed that we should have more fund raising events and that any moneys raised would be equally shared between 'Firework Night' and the refurbishment of the War Memorial until we have achieved our aim.

Organisation of the Royal Tea Party was going well. It was agreed that the Car Boot Sale/Fete/Barbeque is to take place in September. The estimate for the bus shelter has been received and is within the approved grant of £3,500. Applications for planning approval would now go ahead.

A short update of the Tesco development was given to the meeting.

A letter of resignation was received from Halina Bannister and accepted by the Council. It should be noted that Halina was the longest serving member of the council. As a result of the applications to become a Parish Councillor, Mike Ashmore has taken up the vacancy of

Halina's appointment so we have a full complement again. The election was uncontested.

The newly formed council will meet for the first time on 16th June, 2011.

STOP PRESS. The Chairman, and indeed the whole council congratulate the Amenities Committee, Dawn and the Staff of the Haywain and all those very generous parishioners who donated a great assortment of cakes and sandwiches that made such a huge success of The Royal Teaparty. WELL DONE ALL OF YOU!

Date of the next meeting: 16th June.

THANK YOU FROM STEVE WILCOX

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who supported me in the recent election for District Councillor for Ardleigh and Little Bromley. Whilst we did not get the victory we hoped for, getting 21% of the vote demonstrated that many of you believe as I do: that "we put Local People first".

I am looking forward to working with Mr Stock in my role as Parish Councillor and help him deliver his election promises, generate value as your District Councillor and welcoming him to Little Bromley Parish Council meetings.

I shall continue my work to try and improve the local environment for all of you and if you feel I can help you then please email me at Sjwrc208@aim.com Thanks again .

Steve Wilcox
Councillor and Chartered Insurer

REFURBISHMENT OF THE LITTLE BROWLEY WAR MEMORIAL

Appeal for Donations

The Little Bromley War Memorial is now some 90 years old, and time has taken it's toll: There are cracks in the structure itself, and exposure to the elements has meant that some of the names on the memorial are difficult to read. It will require professional cleaning and repairing of the Memorial to restore its appearance, and maintain structural integrity.

Work also needs to be carried out to improve the drainage of the ground on which the Memorial stands, as this has also contributed to the structural damage.

The work will ensure that the Memorial will remain standing for many years to come, and continue to serve as a reminder to future generations of the sacrifice made by the twenty two men from our village who gave their lives.

The Parish Council has tried to raise money by applying for grants but - to date - we have had no success. The Council has therefore decided to try and raise the £1,200 required to refurbish the Memorial, initially by asking for donations from businesses and individuals, although we realise that fundraising events may also be required.

The restoration fund is already off to a great start, and we are very grateful to the Bromley Messenger for their generous donation of £100.

If you would like to make a donation to help us remember the sacrifices made by those young men, and to protect the village's heritage for future generations, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council whose details can be found on the Contacts page at the front of the Bromley Messenger.

IN THE GARDEN IN JUNE

It looks as if it is going to be a drought year so before the hosepipe bans start to come into force fill all your butts and containers from the tap, stop watering the lawns, they will go brown but soon recover towards the autumn. Save all your water for the expensive plants and annuals.

Regarding the peach tree there is good news and bad news. The good news is that the tree has put down new roots and is full of healthy green branches and leaves, the bad news is all the flowers that were on it failed to germinate so we will have to wait till next year for our first crop.

Carrots and beetroot. Sow a short row every two weeks making your last sowing the first week in July for use in the autumn.

All surface vegetables will need some protection against birds. As the weather gets hotter birds will be looking for moisture. All fear of frost will have passed by now so tomatoes and any other tender plants can now be planted outside. Make a sowing of lettuce out in the open, once again as soon as they are through give some protection against birds.

If you have gown one or two marrows they can be put outside this month, keep well watered and mulch with well rotted manure.

Frank Griffiths

ROYAL WEDDING TEA PARTY AT LITTLE BROMLEY



Following a lot of planning, on Friday 29th April we held a tea party at the Haywain. With bad weather in the offing we played safe and erected tents, with tables ready to be whisked inside should the need arise. Bunting was put up along with flags to celebrate the coming wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Fortunately the day was just right and around 60 people turned up to enjoy the With donated cake and occasion. savouries in abundance no one was allowed to be hungry. A relaxed atmosphere gave everyone the chance to chat and eat and chat and eat some more! Dawn had arranged for a live band that was lovely to listen to. Children had a safe area to run around in and with a large space for parking, we were pleased to welcome people from Little Bromley, Great Bromley and a few other places.

We had organised a drawing competition for any children who wished to take part. Sadly there were very few entries so the children present had a great time drawing some pictures. Dawn, our local landlady had donated a fantastic first prize of a large artists set and she along with Mary Roughley selected the winning art work.

Ed Fairley won the first prize, Giles Lennox was second and Kyle Longhorn was third. They all received prizes along with all those who took part.

The afternoon finished with all those who had attended receiving a commemorative book mark from Little Bromley Parish Council.

We would like to thank all those who provided food, helped to erect tents and clear away. We must also

thank Dawn and Andy for letting us use the Haywain as our venue along with all the hard work that this entails.

Carol Cordwell
On behalf of the Little Bromley Amenities
Committee.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Wartime memories were the topics brought to us by 'Auntie' at our last meeting followed by a sing-along of the many songs of World War II - the song sheets were very useful! 'Roll out the barrel', 'We'll meet again', White cliffs of Dover' and others. A lot of wartime memorabilia was on show.

Our outing is on 15th - let us hope we have a nice sunny day.

The competition for June is a Single Rose.

Vicky Griffiths





Little Dragons Pre-School

Great Bromley & Frating
Ofsted Inspected

Website: www.littledragonspreschool.org

Email: littledragonspreschool@gmail.com

Great Bromley Village Hall

Monday & Wednesday 9.15-11.45am & 12.15-2.45pm Tuesday & Thursday 9.15-11.45am

Children 2-5 years
Lunch time session available Mondays & Wednesdays
For more details/visits please contact us on 0785 7503103

With the Easter holiday and various bank holidays, this half term has gone very quickly. The children have been enjoying the lovely weather in the outdoor area with lots of energetic play.

We celebrated the 'Royal Wedding' by having our own 'street party'. The children had fun making their own sandwiches and decorating cakes to eat sitting at tables under bunting and balloons. They also tried on wedding dresses/ veils/ page boy suits etc. We looked at photographs of weddings and the royal couple and even made our own coach from a large cardboard box which the children had great fun painting purple!

We take children from the age of two

years and now offer a 'home visit' to families of children prior to them starting Pre-school. This gives the child the opportunity to meet their key-person in their own home, aiding the transition stage to pre-school. It also enables us to collect and share information in a confidential environment.

For further information or to arrange a visit to the setting please contact us on the above number.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th June Pre-school re-opens

after Half term holiday

Thursday 21st July Last day of term

KITCHEN CORNER

On using elderflowers

June is the month for the wonderful bonus of the hedgerows, with the elder bushes in bloom. A reminder of recipe for cordial:

To make two large cordial bottles you will need 3lbs of sugar, 3 pints of boiling water, 1oz of citric acid, 24 heads of elderflower, and 4 citrus fruits.

I use 2 oranges 2 lemons, but any mix will do. Shake any insects off the flowers, cut up the fruit, put all into large bowl and pour over the boiling water. Stir until the sugar is dissolved then cover and leave overnight. Strain off and bottle. This will keep several days in the fridge, or you can use small plastic containers and freeze till wanted.

Gooseberry Delight

1pint water 6oz sugar. Make a syrup and boil till reduced somewhat.

Draw off the heat and add 2or3 elderflower heads. Infuse for a few minutes then remove, add 1lb prepared gooseberries and cook gently till just soft but not broken. Strain off the syrup and when cooled, freeze in a shallow tray. To serve, put some gooseberries in each dish or glass and top with some of the sorbet. Serves 6 small helpings or 4 larger.

Jill Frostick

theWi

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



This month was our 63rd birthday meeting and what a treat was in store!

Our speaker, introduced by Sue, was Malcolm Crowe, toy maker extraordinaire. He began as a teacher trained in woodwork and metal work working in mainstream school. He now teaches children with challenging needs. He started in the 70s making dolls houses first but this was not at all cost effective. There are lots of regulations to toy making but overall the toys must be safe.

In his present work he even has 9 year olds able to use a fret saw machine to make and produce a 20 piece jigsaw. He gets very good results with all the children because they are interested in what he teaches and also they can see the benefits from their work.

He makes puppets from start to finish from all wood. He uses birch from Sweden, the arms and legs are cane because this is hollow and enables string to be passed through to get the flexibility needed to make the puppets move. Hair is from wool made in the same way children over the years have made - bobbles with 2 pieces of card, a hole in the middle and the wool is wound through which is then cut along the length, a piece of bias binding glued to the back and then

stuck to the puppet's head. They are then dressed in a variety of cotton outfits, each one different. The heads are decorated in clown style with pens of paint which are completely lead free.

He also gets the children to make spinning tops which they first design and then decorate. The aeroplanes he makes are sold undecorated so the purchaser can design their own decoration. He also makes several Solitaire games, both French and English versions, Chinese Chequers, English and American.

A very talented man, enthusiastic and

very obviously loving his work. He likes to re-cycle wood, especially hard woods, that can be sourced from anywhere, including sale rooms, junk shops or just friends who may have a supply. The Vote of Thanks was given by Leonie.

Our birthday cake, so ably made by Jean, was cut by Malcolm. After this a

presentation was made to Karen who is a sister in the special care baby unit in Colchester. Our ladies of the Knit and Knatter group have been making, coats, hats and blankets for the premature babies. These were all gratefully received and Karen told us that use will be made of a good many of these items in the course of the year.

The next meeting will be held on 1st June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome

Joy Rolfe



EVENTS IN 2011

JUNE

- 1 WI meeting, Members' Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- 12 Lawford Vintage Fair, Lawford Venture Centre, 10am
- 16 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
 Essex Handicrafts meeting, Dots Dolls, United Church Hall, B'sea, 7.30pm
- 17 Strawberry & Cream Teas, Seven Rivers, 3.00pm
- 18 Strawberry Tea, Fryerning, Gt Bromley. More details to follow
- 19 Midsummer Tea Party and Music, Lt Bromley church, 2-5pm
- 18/19 Art Exhibition, Elmstead church
- 25 Lawford Farmers Market. Venture Centre
- 26 Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Grand Summer Fete. 1.00pm

JULY

- 2 Family Hog Roast & Disco, Village Hall, Further details to follow
- 6 WI meeting, Cake Making demo, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Tendring Show
- 20 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- 21 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 23 Gt Bromley Farmers Market, Village Hall 10.00am-1.00pm
- 30 Lawford Farmers Market, Venture Centre

AUGUST

- 10 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- 27 Lawford Farmers Market, Venture Centre

SEPTEMBER

- 21 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- 24 Lawford Farmers Market. Venture Centre

OCTOBER

- 1-2 St George's church Flower Festival
- 8 Cabaret Night with Ollie Day, Village Hall
- 12 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- 22 Gt Bromley Farmers Market, Village Hall 10.00am-1.00pm



Essex Handicrafts Association Brightlingsea Branch

2011 Summer Exhibition

Waterside Gallery,
Brightlingsea, Essex. CO7 0AY

June 21st - 27th 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Supporting Brightlingsea Open Gardens Weekend and St Helena's Hospice

Saturday 11th June 7.30pm in the

Chapel, Royal Hospital School

Mozart 'Requiem' performed by The Holbrook Choral Society & Orchestra

Tickets £10 adults/£9 concessions Contact: 01473 326222

Strawberry Tea Saturday, 18th June

Great Bromley W.I.
invite you to a Strawberry Tea to be held in
the garden of Jenny Nicholls at Fryerning,
Hall Road
between 3 pm and 5 pm.
The price of the ticket is £3.50p.

We shall be sharing the event, as usual, with E.A.C.H. East Anglian Children's Hospice who will be represented by Pam House.

Please join us for a delicious homemade tea and locally grown strawberries. There will be several stalls and a raffle.

See you there - bring a friend.

"**Celebration"** is the theme for our Flower Festival this year. The Festival is planned for the weekend of September 30th, 1st & 2nd October.

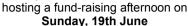
We are very keen this year that the whole community is involved for this very special event. Please could you let me know if you would be interested in joining us for this Festival. We would really welcome your contribution however small and there are several options open whereby your organisation/club/business may be represented on this village occasion. We look forward to an enjoyable weekend with activities and fun for the whole family.

Come and join the flower arrangers and help with the displays. Sponsor some flowers. Run a stall, provide some prizes for the Tombola or Raffle. Help with refreshments. Be a steward on Flower Festival Day and be involved in this our main fund raising event of the year. For more information please contact me anytime.

Jennifer Nicholls Telephone 01206230688 Email: jenny@fryerning.net

Friends of Little Bromley Church

The Friends of Little Bromley Church are



Sunday, 19th June 2.00 - 5.00pm

as part of the national fund-raising weekend for

The Churches Conservation Trust.

Come along to a beautiful church, enjoy tea and homemade cake, listen to informal music, and see the flowers

St. Mary's, Little Bromley is maintained by The Churches Conservation Trust.



Sunday 12th June Lawford Vintage Fair

Art-Deco, Kitchenalia, Jewellery 1960s Records and Ephemera

Advertising Posters & Prints
Vintage Vehicles * Books * Memorabilia
Plants * Vintage Hair Styles - while you wait
Food & drink served all day * Traditional
English Teas

10am- till 5pm at Lawford Venture Centre

Entrance Only £1 (accompanied children free)

If anyone is interested in having a stall at this event please contact: Linda Finch on 01206 323969

The Friends of Elmstead Church

ART EXHIBITION

18th and 19th June
in Elmstead Church
Saturday - 10.30am-5.30
Sunday 12 noon-5.30pm
Ploughman's Lunches. Teas/coffees
Books & Homemade cakes & Stall
Beth Chatto's Gardens will be open in
aid of the Friends

Saturday 18th June only 9am-5pm



WEA

Ardeigh Branch
Autumn Term
Starting Thursday 22nd September at 2.30 p.m.
BRUNEL - AN ENGINEER'S LIFE

The tutor for this course will be Roger Mannion BSc He writes about his course as follows:

"Isambard Kingdom Brunel is probably one of our most famous and controversial engineers - producing outstanding designs far ahead of his time. The course will examine his life in the context of his achievements; his family and background in an attempt to understand what influenced his work. We will look at the many facets of the man; his successes and his failures setting them in the context of the economic, political and social situation of the day."

Looking on Wikipedia we find the following about Isambard Brunel Isambard Kingdom Brunel, FRS (9 April 1806 – 15 September 1859), was a leading British civil engineer, famed for his bridges and dockyards, and especially for the construction of the first major British railway, the Great Western Railway; a series of famous steamships, including the first propeller-driven transatlantic steamship; and numerous important bridges and tunnels. His designs revolutionised public transport and modern engineering.

Though Brunel's projects were not always successful, they often contained innovative solutions to long-standing engineering problems. During his short career, Brunel achieved many engineering "firsts", including assisting in the building of the first tunnel under a navigable river and development of SS Great Britain, the first propeller-driven ocean-going iron ship, which was at the time (1843) also the largest ship ever built.

I am sure that the course will be very interesting and slightly different from our normal subjects. I do hope you will come along.

If you are interested in joining us for this course, please contact John Terry 01206 230490 or Jill Frostick 01206 250263

St Helena Hospice Do you know somebody who has brought colour into your life?

St Helena Hospice's new Rainbow of Ribbons appeal is encouraging people to celebrate a special person in their life, past or present, by dedicating a rainbow ribbon in their name. By giving a donation to the Hospice and making a dedication to a loved one, a ribbon will then be tied to a tree in the beautiful Hospice grounds.

The Hospice will then be holding a special Open Garden Day on Saturday 18th June, 11am until 4pm, for everyone to come along and see the beautiful colourful ribbons and look round part of the Hospice grounds.

For more information and to dedicate a rainbow ribbon to somebody special, please contact the Fundraising Office on 01206 791740 to request a dedication form.

Lawford Summer Fair

Saturday 9th July 10 am till 4pm Venture Centre Lawford.

Anyone wishing to get involved and have a stand with us on the day should contact

Jess on 07966171056

SUFFOLK SUNRISE CYCLE RIDE

Yesterday I, along with approximately 500 other riders successfully completed the Suffolk Sunrise 100 mile cycle ride for Action Medical Research, a great children's charity dedicated to improving the health of babies and children in the UK. We were blessed with sunshine and not too many hills throughout Suffolk's finest countryside and villages, a pleasure to ride through.

All this was possible thanks to the excellent organisation and planning from many volunteers who gave up their free time on a Sunday to ensure the route was well sign posted, with a superb buffet lunch at Peasenhall.

For almost 60 years the charity has helped numerous breakthroughs such as the UK polio vaccine, ultrasound scanning in pregnancy, and more recently the foetal heart rate monitor a new state-of-the-art device that could help save thousands of at-risk babies. Action Medical





Research relies entirely on donations to fund a range of research projects that address serious childhood conditions and improve quality of life for children with disabilities.

If you would like to help raise some funding for this excellent charity please visit the sponsorship link https://www.action.org.uk/sponsor/rosiehunter

WIVENHOE BOSOM PALS

We are a support group

covering Wivenhoe and surrounding areas for women and men who have been diagnosed with Breast Cancer.

Some of our members are at different stages of treatment, some, even though their treatment is over, still feel the need for support from others and come to our meetings which are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Scout & Guide Hall, Wivenhoe, from 7.30.pm –

9.30.pm,

We chat over a cuppa and biscuits and generally socialize but our main purpose is "being there" for each other.

For further details please contact Brenda on 826346, or come along to one of our meetings, you will be most welcome.

GT Bromley Farmer's Market





The 30th April saw the second Farmer's Market held at the Village Hall. The fine weather meant that a couple of the stalls could set up outside which encouraged

passers by to stop and visit. The various stalls had a variety of goods for sale including fish, smoked meats and



cheeses, pickles, cookies, fresh vegetables and plants together with local crafts. The bread stall, at the market for the first time, was a great success having come all the way from Hornchurch with many varieties all baked that morning. Attendance was up on last time and we're looking forward to the next market on Saturday 23rd July from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Neil Skinner

NATURE'S DIARY

On a fine, still, sunny May evening, following days of wind, a friend and I went to hear the nightingales sing at Fingringhoe Nature Reserve. It was a magical evening. We heard over 20 different songsters and were told there were more than 40 singing there this year. Only the males sing. I have since been told that two nightingales were heard singing in a garden in Great Bromley this year. How wonderful to have them by your back door.

There seem to be more house martins and swallows this year which is good to see and now that we have had some rain it will be easier for them to make their nests. The cuckoo too has been more in evidence. I was also pleased to spot a turtle dove in the garden - the first I have seen for two or three years. I hope it finds a partner to bring up some young. The long tailed tits are bringing up young. The group is a joy



to watch moving from branch to branch with the parents feeding a number of nestlings -I have counted at least 7, maybe 8, but it is difficult to keep up with them.

LMH

ESSEX POLICE

Incidents in Great Bromley for the month of April

Assault - Harwich Road Suspicious Circumstances

- Ardleigh Road (Cross Inn)
- Rectory Road (Hamilton Lodge)
- Hall Road (Church)

Nuisance Phone Calls - Harwich Road Metal Thefts - Hall Road - (Seven Rivers) RTC - Badley Hall Road

MAY NEWSLETTER

Buy With Confidence to avoid rogue traders during the digital switchover

Residents in Essex are being urged to be vigilant against distraction burglars and rogue traders who are using the digital switchover as an opportunity to mislead residents and gain access to their homes.

Essex County Council Trading Standards and the Digital Switchover Help Scheme are warning people not to fall victim and use only approved installers to ensure they are ready for the digital switch over which takes place on the 6th July 2011.

The **Digital Switchover Help Scheme** is available if you are:

- · Aged 75 or over, or
- Have lived in a care home for six months or more, or
- Get (or could get) certain disability
- Registered blind or partially sighted Installers will explain digital TV clearly and simply, outline the options available and install what is needed to convert one TV set in your home to digital. For further information on the Help Scheme you can visit their website at

www.helpscheme.co.uk or call free on 0800 40 85 900.

Residents not eligible for the Switchover Help Scheme can still protect themselves against rogue traders by using a **Buy With Confidence** approved installer. The **Buy With Confidence** scheme is run by Essex

County Council Trading
Standards who audit each
member company to ensure
they comply not only with the letter but the
spirit of the law. To find a local company
approved by Trading Standards contact
Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or
visit the Buy With Confidence website
www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

Installers from both the Help Scheme and Buy With Confidence will never cold call and are CRB checked.

People who are not satisfied with work they have had carried out, feel they may have been overcharged or have information about rogue traders operating in their area should call **Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.**

Police in mid and north Essex are urging members of the public to ensure that they keep their bags and purses safe and secure in car parks across the region. Since March 3, 2011, there have been five reported incidents in Chelmsford and Braintree districts where unidentified suspects have distracted a shopper in a car park, usually by asking for directions, whilst an accomplice has stolen the shopper's purse or bag from inside their car. The criminals have then used any credit or debit cards inside the bags that they have stolen to withdraw sums of cash fraudulently from ATMs or bank accounts. often within minutes of the theft. Chief Insp Joe Wrigley said: "I would ask members of the public to be aware of this criminal technique, and to keep their valuables, such as bags and purses, safe and secure when they're in busy car parks - perhaps parking their car or unloading their shopping. These thieves are taking advantage of the goodwill of shoppers, who respond helpfully to requests such as how to get to the nearest hospital, only to have their goodwill abused and their valuables stolen.

"Essex Police strongly suspects that the criminals may be watching people using ATMs and self-service check outs inside supermarkets, to try to read their PIN numbers as they type them in. So, I would also ask members of the public to be aware and alert when withdrawing cash from an ATM or typing in your number at the self-service check out. Please try and ensure that your PIN number is kept private when entering it into the keypad and be swift to remove both the card and any money when they are returned to you. Shoppers should not hesitate to use their spare hand to obscure the keypad as they type their PIN number in. Also, if you feel another person is standing too close as you enter the number, please politely ask that person to give you a little more privacy and report the matter to a member of staff."

Fraudsters jailed for total of four years
Two fraudsters who conned an elderly

man out of more than £5,000 have been jailed for a total of four years.

Essex Police would like to remind members of the public to be aware of rogue traders, in particular any tradesmen who "cold call" and state that they notice work is required to either their building or

garden. In all such cases it is advisable to use only reputable tradesmen, booked by prior appointment.

Les Barnes PCSO 71909 Thorpe Le Soken NPT Eastern Mobile 07967466876 Tel 03003334444 Ext 487603

Email: leslie.barnes@essex.pnn.police

website: www.essex.police.uk

The rural areas are still being targeted by thieves. They are still targeting vehicles. Owners are still leaving valuables in their vehicles: sat navs, laptops, handbags, mobile phones etc. Whether your car is parked on the road or on your driveway if you leave anything valuable in your car thieves will steal it. Please remove your valuables.

Recently there has been a spate of thefts from Ford KA motor vehicles, the wheel trims are being stolen. If you own this type of vehicle please secure your wheel trims with cable ties or a similar item. Very strange, I know, but someone seems to have a craving for them at the moment and I don't know why. Les and I will be dropping off leaflets to Ford Ka owners in the next week or so.

Police Constable 2176 Dan HEARD

FROM THE PAST

A Little Bromley Sale At the Board Room, Corn Exchange, Colchester on Saturday 13th June, 1908 at 4.00pm some 15 lots were sold.

Lot No 3 was The Valuable Residential Estate of New House. Described as a Capital Residence with a Wine and Beer Cellarage; Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Drawing Room, Breakfast Room, Kitchen, Scullery, Pantry, Dairy and Store Room. Upstairs 1st Floor - Landing, 5 Bedrooms; 2nd Floor - Servants Bedrooms.

Outside were a Range of Coal, Knife and Brew Houses, Tool shed and WC.

There were excellent Flower and Kitchen Gardens.

The Nag Stabling were 2 Loose Boxes; 1 Stall and the Coach house. There was plenty of water for the open Bullock shed; 4 Fowl houses; a Slaughter house; 4 brick and slated Piggeries with paved courts and yard, a Loose Box; Cart Stable for 6 horses. An open Shed and horse yard; and a long Bullock House and root store.

John Appleby

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Gt Bentley Surgery

This month's news is going to be dominated by requests for help, so it's not "news" at all I'm afraid

Firstly – and most importantly – a plea for everyone to help the local PCT keep within its drugs budget. I hasten to add that I am not asking anyone to do without something that they genuinely need. All I ask is that people order medication responsibly, only asking for what they will actually to use in the coming month.

This probably sounds a really peculiar request to most of you. However, it is evident from the mountain of medication that is returned unused to pharmacies across Tendring and Colchester that huge amounts are being ordered every month that are completely surplus to requirements. About five million pounds worth of drugs have to be incinerated each year locally. This terrible waste means that many people are having to wait longer for treatment, including lifechanging operations such as hip replacements. Other improvements to healthcare services cannot be brought in as soon as they might, due to lack of funds.

In some cases, the waste occurs because patients simply don't take a particular medication any more, never tell their GP, and inexplicably carry on ordering it. This has been proved time and again when huge carrier bags full of expensive items are returned for destruction having been found when someone is having a clear-out. Be in no doubt, medicines which are returned cannot be reused. They have to be destroyed regardless of how much they originally cost the NHS – which means you and me through our taxes.

Evidence suggests that even more often medication is ordered unnecessarily because patients have already built up sufficient stock at home to keep them going for months. Please have a look in your cupboard before you order next time and only ask for what you actually need to see you through the next month. Don't be tempted to return surplus stocks of things you still use though – see above! Keep it and use it.

Finally on this subject, please don't ask for a prescription for things that you can buy cheaply over the counter. If something like paracetamol is done on prescription, it costs the NHS many times more that the few pence which it will cost you at your pharmacy or supermarket. The NHS can't afford it.

Next a plea to mobile 'phone users. Unbelievably, some people leave their 'phones on when they are with a doctor or nurse, then expect to take a call during the consultation. Sorry, but this simply mustn't happen. Apart from it being exceptionally rude (an old-fashioned concept I know, but I'm an old-fashioned type of bloke), it eats into the limited consultation time that is allocated to each patient. If the appointment then runs over its normal time, patients due in later are delayed, leading to frustration in the waiting room, people being late for work or other appointments, and surgeries that are far too long for safety and sanity's sake.

Thirdly, it's back to that old chestnut, dental treatment. Putting it as simply as possible, doctors don't do dental. If you have a problem with your teeth or gums you need to see your dentist who is the highly-trained, true expert. This means during the night and at weekends, as well as during surgery hours.

During normal hours, if you haven't got a

dentist or can't get an appointment, please ring the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Dental Helpline on 0845 0833 337. They do exactly what their name suggests.

The number to use out of hours is 0845 602 5238. This emergency service is available 6.30pm-8am, Monday to Friday, and from10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm, weekends and Bank Holidays. People grumble that dentistry costs money and whilst I'm really sorry about it, that's a national issue to take up with your MP.

Lastly, and on a sombre note, in the sad event that a relative who was registered with the practice dies and you want to obtain the death certificate, please don't just turn up at the surgery expecting that it will have been done. This can lead to frustration and upsetting delays at an already difficult time. Please ring the surgery first to check when it will be available.

Unfortunately, it often isn't as simple as a GP just confirming death and writing the certificate. For a start, we may not even know that your relative has died until you tell us. Also, sometimes the only GP who can by law complete the death certificate won't be on duty, or the cause of death will not be known. In either case, the duty doctor might have to take instruction from the Coroner which can take a couple of days, especially if the final decision is that we must wait for an absent GP to return. After you have rung us, if the certificate isn't already prepared. I promise that we will do all we can to help by sorting it out as soon as possible.

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

THANKS

To all the wonderful Ardleigh Surgery patients

I would like to thank you all so much for all my lovely gifts, money and cards: hope you all miss me as much as I miss you. Thank you with all my heart

Jeanie Ball

OPEN MORNING AT LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH

On Saturday 14th May the Friends of Little Bromley Church gathered together along with other local residents to meet. A beautifully decorated church welcomed everyone and the local bell ringers entertained us before rushing off to their next yenue

As people arrived they were able to enjoy some lovely homemade cakes. They also had hot drinks, but only just as we had a minor hitch with the electrics to start with! Amid the chatter, music was played to the enjoyment of those present.

We were lucky to have Crispin Truman, the chief executive of the Churches Conservation Trust in attendance. After mingling for a while, he gave us an illustrated talk about the work of the Conservation Trust. A selection of slides showed vast improvements in churches that they have restored, and how urban churches can go on to have interesting futures. circus performers in a church! Crispin explained that a lot of funding had now been lost and we now need to look for more donations and for people to become supporters of the Churches Conservation Trust.

The talk was very interesting and made us appreciate all the work that had been done so we can enjoy our lovely little church.



I would never have imagined We then had a very brief meeting of the formers in a church! Crispin Friends to re-elect the committee and that a lot of funding had now welcome new members, William and Paul.

As the morning finished a group then departed to enjoy a lunch at the Haywain. We would like to thank all those who baked, did flower arrangements or helped in general. We would also like to thank the many who attended.

Carol Cordwell, on behalf of the Friends





ST GEORGE'S BELLRINGERS

The local band has been quite busy recently and has rung two Quarter Peals, each about 47 minutes long to celebrate two well known events.

Friday 29th April

to celebrate the marriage of H.R.H Prince William and Catherine Middleton 1260 of Doubles (60 changes of Stedman, 720 of Grandsire and 480 of Plain)

Treble Dominique Erith
2nd Sue Orriss
3rd Lesley Barrell
4th Bevan Willgress

5th Philip Erith (Conductor)

Tenor Des Thorne

This was Bevan's 250th Quarter Peal.

Monday 2nd May

for the St. Georges Patronal Festival. 1320 of Minor (240 changes of Little Bob, 360 of Plain and 720 of Single Oxford)

Treble Dominique Erith 2nd Sue Orriss

3rd Bevan Willgress
4th Roger Carey-Smith
5th David Wenden

Tenor Philip Erith (Conductor) This was Sue's 50th Quarter Peal.

On Saturday 14th May, the local band hosted the Essex Association of Change Ringers North Eastern District Spring Meeting and Striking Competition. Six teams took place and the winners were

1st Great Bromley
2nd Kirby Le Soken, and
3rd Mistley with Harwich.
Great Bromley and Kirby Le Soken go
forward to the Association finals, which will

be held at Rayne near Braintree on

Saturday 3rd July.

Apart from a few churches in the Commonwealth, the art of Campanology is only found in the British Isles and then mainly in England. If you are interested in learning more about it, why not come along to the church on Friday night at 8.00pm. You would be most welcome.

David Wenden (Captain of the bellringers)

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

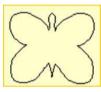
Waxed Paper Stained Glass Butterfly A window hanging - Adult help required

Items needed:

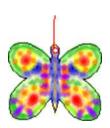
Waxed paper Crayon shaving (crayons shaved with a scissors or a knife - by an adult) Scissors An iron Hole punch A few inches of string

- Fold a piece of waxed paper in two.
 Draw half a butterfly with the body at the fold.
- 2. Flip the paper over and draw the other half of the butterfly (using the original as your template)
- 3. Open the waxed paper and put it on a flat surface
- 4. Put some crayon shavings on the waxed paper (and inside the butterfly).
- 5. Cover the waxed paper with another piece of waxed paper. Have an adult iron the two layers of waxed paper together on low heat (protect your iron by putting a paper towel on top of the waxed paper while ironing).
- 6. Cut out the butterfly. Punch a hole near the top. Put a string in the hole for hanging it. This butterfly looks beautiful hanging in a window.









Messy Church



I thought the messy church was a good successful day, with a lot of entertainment for all the children. There were a lot of activities to keep the children amused, with help from very kind people it was a day which everyone could thoroughly enjoy. The theme of the day was the Easter story, all the activities connected to the story, with bread making and masks, palm leaves, Easter gardens. There was happiness and smiles throughout the whole day which was a delight to see.

All the children enjoyed the day and so did the adults. It was a nice sight to see all the adults connect well with children.

The Easter story was also taught to the younger children and they enjoyed it. So it was a day which is going to be repeated hopefully with different themes. It was very well organised with good food and drinks. It was just a bit of a shame to not see a lot of people; we look forward to

seeing more next time. With big thanks to Jill for leading the day! Also a big well done to everyone who turned up and supported the day.

Lucy Nicholls-East





More pictures overleaf



THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends.

The next major festival in the Church's year will be Ascension Day. Most of us know that this always occurs on a Thursday, forty days after Easter.

When some of us were children we will remember that it was regarded as a very important day and in some schools, particularly church schools, children were fortunate enough to have the day off.

According to the accounts in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus appeared to many of his disciples during the forty days following his resurrection. On the fortieth Day, he came again to the Apostles and led them out to the Mount of Olives where he instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Holy Spirit. Then, as they were watching, he ascended into clouds. As they continued to watch, two angels appeared and declared that, just as he ascended, Jesus would return in glory.

According to Augustine of Hippo, one of the early church fathers, the Feast of Ascension originated with the Apostles. John Chrysostom and Gregory of Nysa, contemporaries of Augustine, refer to it as being one of the oldest feasts practised by the Church, possibly going as far back as A D 68. There is no written evidence, however, of the Church honouring Ascension Day until Augustine's time in the fourth century.

Churches around the world observe many Ascension Day traditions, such as "the blessing of the first fruits" in which grapes and beans are blessed. Some churches depict the Ascension of Christ by raising a statue of Jesus above the altar and lifting it through a special door in the roof. Other churches have outdoor processions with torches and banners. In an old Ascension Day tradition from England, parishioners carried a banner bearing the symbol of a

lion at the head of the procession, and a second banner bearing the symbol of a dragon at the rear. This represented the victory of Christ over the devil.

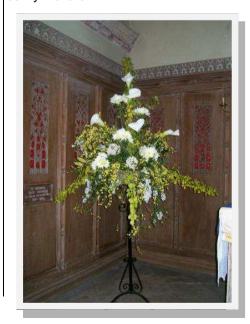
For many of us as Christians, Ascension Day's meaning provides a sense of hope that the glorious and triumphant return of Christ is near. It is a reminder of the Kingdom of God within our hearts, and of the ever present Spirit of God watching over and protecting us as we spread the light of Jesus' truth throughout the world.

Fr. Robert

THANKS

Thank you to all who sponsored Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones. The lilies were truly beautiful this year. Thank you also to all the flower arrangers for their hard work this Easter Tide. The church looked beautiful.

Jenny Nicholls



ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Thursday 2nd **Ascension Day** 7.30pm Sung Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin Sunday 5th 7th Sunday of Easter 8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr Parish Eucharist 10.30am St. Mary the Virgin 6.30pm Evensong St. George the Martyr Sunday 12th The Day of Pentecost 8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr 10.30am St. Mary's Church, MISTLEY 5.00pm Tea Deanery Service for Pentecost 5.30-6.00pm Family time 6.30pm Worship NO Evensong at St Mary's, Ardleigh Sunday 19th **Trinity Sunday** 8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr 10.30am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin Sunday 26th 1st Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin 10.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr 6.30pm St. Mary the Virgin Evensong Sunday 3rd July St Thomas the Apostle 8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr 10.30am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

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

St. George the Martyr

Evensong



6.30pm