

The Bromley Messenger

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The Ghost Story

evening was held on Friday 31st August at The Haywain, Little Bromley in the garden.

Thanks to all the people who helped make this evening a great success, especially to Wendy Buxton, Carol Cordwell, Dorothy O'Grady and Anita Spall for the story telling, Dawn Newton for making the spooky drinks for all the children (and some adults!), Ken Hatch for providing the fog with his smoke machine and all the people who helped with the decoration of the tent and providing the buffet food beforehand.

We raised £55.95 in donations to go towards future events in the Village.

Photographs courtesy of Anita Spall

THE FIRST PAGE

Glorious Goodwood. Our son took us to the Goodwood Revival the other weekend where we had much fun. A motor show with a difference; it concentrates on the cars and fashion of the 40s, 50s and 60s. We set off early for Sussex on a fine dry day, arrived in good time, parking the car before wandering through the historic car park where any car which is pre-1972 could park. It brought back memories of childhood and youth as we recognised and exclaimed over cars our parents drove as well as cars we used to drive ourselves. Most people wore clothing that had been found at the back of wardrobes bringing back memories of parents and grandparents. I had tried – and failed – to

get into 40s clothing that I have from my mother and an aunt and nor could I get into my own minis from the 60s. In the event I went dressed in 40s gear. Husband

and son (in one of his father's suits) were more late 60s/early 70s. Among fashions paraded (with the appropriate hairdos and headgear) were a number of home guard with one who looked just like Captain Mainwaring of Dad's Army, RAF and army personnel, one or two German officers, 40s, 50s and, of course, 60s minis along with evening wear from all the decades

plus, naturally, some 60s mods and rockers.

The classic cars were racing in earnest with leaving some in need of repair at the end of the day. The saloon cars mixing it with each other included Mk 7 Jaguars, a Tatra, Austin A40s, a Sunbeam Rapier and a Morris Minor and the E-Type Jaguars and Aston Martins gave each other no quarter. The value of the field of Ferrari 250 GTOs does not bear thinking about. There were also a couple of historic fly pasts. All this to see and watch quite apart from the old cars, lorries, buses, vans, aeroplanes, motorbikes, a threshing machine with Fordson tractor and even a wrecking machine from the 40s with a very large ball at the end of a chain, displayed around the grounds. There was something for everyone to enjoy along with a large number of period retail outlets for those who had deep pockets. Refreshments around the site were obtained from a variety of vehicles including an original NAAFI trailer and an Airstream burger bar. I cannot wait to go again another year.

Leonie Henderson



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LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Little Bromley Footpaths

Would you be willing to give a few hours of your time each year to help maintain and improve Little Bromley's footpaths?

We would like to form a group of local volunteers to take part in the Parish Paths Partnership (P3), to allow us to maintain and promote our own Rights of Way.

If you think you might be interested in taking part, please contact Mark Ashmore on 01206 394576.



Little Bromley Village Amenities Committee

The Committee will be planting daffodil bulbs around our Village on **Saturday, 20th October**. If you would like to help please meet up in the Village Car Park at 10.30am with gardening gloves and trowels. If you are interested in helping please contact one of the Committee members and leave your name and phone number. For details of Committee members and all information on our events please see our page on the Village website:

http://www.littlebromley.org.uk/amenities_committee.php



GT BROMLEY WI NEEDS YOU!

Great Bromley W.I. "Knit and Knatter" group need your help to make blankets for children and families in the Ukraine and other deprived countries through U.K. Aid.

We are knitting 5" squares which can be stitched together to make pram and cot blankets.

To make a square

You will need size 9 needles, some double knitting wool (of any colour). Cast on 30 stitches and knit in garter stitch for 5 inches and cast off.

If you require further information please contact Mary 230419 or Jenny 230688.

Please give finished squares to any W.I. member or put them through the letter box

at Fryerning, Hall Road.

Come and join us at our "Knit & Knatter" group, we meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Seven Rivers Cheshire Home from 2pm to 4pm.

Beginners are very welcome to join our group, if you cannot knit, we can teach you, so do come along.





CRICKET CLUB

The annual Colts Awards presentation evening and Bar-b-que was held at the

Cricket Pavilion on Friday 7th September. The President, Lynda Allam presented the trophies to the following:-

U11's

Batting Award	Beth Dodd
Fielder Award	Samuel Dewey
Bowling Award	Samuel Grainger
Most Improved Player	Rueben Sands

U12's

Batting Award	Dan Smith & Jessica Bird
Fielder Award	Dan Smith
Bowling Award	Beth Dodd
Players Player	William Nicholls-East
Most Improved Player	Alfie Brazier

U13's

Batting Award	Sol Budinger
Fielder Award	Charlie Allam
Bowling Award	Beth Dodd
Players Player	Jordan Duchars
Most Improved Player	Jordan Duchars

The U13's were winners of the Piri Piri Zone Three League 2012

U14's

Batting Award Bradley Mann

Fielder Award

George Walton & James Ruffles
George Hearn & Elliot Mann
James Accell
Alex Fairley

Bowling Award

Players Player
Managers Player

U15's

Batting Award	Lewis Short
Fielder Award	Tommie Smith
Bowling Award	James Axcell, Adam Bird & Bradley Mann
Players Player	Adam Bird
Managers Player	Sam Brazier

Awards were also presented to
U12's Bowling - Beth Dodd - 7-13 v Elmstead

U13's Batting - Sol Budinger 79vTendring, 62vCopford and 54 v Harwich

U14's Bowling - George Hearn 5-0 v Gt. Bentley

Many congratulations to all the Colts who played and took part throughout the season and a big thank-you to all the Managers, Coaches and parents involved for all their support and hard work in making this another successful and enjoyable season.

HAMILTON LODGE



Hamilton Lodge Sensory Garden

The staff at Hamilton Lodge are hoping to build a new sensory pathway leading from our bungalows to the activity room and onto the patio area. If, over the next few months you have any plants spare or are changing your garden design please remember us. We will happily collect anything and put them to good use.

Contact Kath, Rose or Brenda on 01206 230298 at Hamilton Lodge, Rectory Rd.

100 Club Winners for August

- 1st. Mr. Andy Pirie
- 2nd. Mrs. Lisa Davis
- 3rd. Mr. Mark Lamb (Snr.)

May I remind all 100 Club members that the last draw takes place for 2011/2012 in September therefore subscriptions are due from 1st October, 2012. Many thanks to all our current members for your support.

Anyone interested in joining the 100 Club please contact any cricket member or Lynda Allam on 01206 230375.

KITCHEN CORNER

Glamorgan Sausages Serves 4.

A vegetarian dish using English cheese.

150g/5 oz grated Caerphilly or Lancashire cheese

110g/4oz fresh white breadcrumbs

2 tbsp finely chopped spring onion or small, tender leeks.

3 egg yolks

1 heaped tbsp chopped parsley

½ tsp fresh thyme leaves.

1 level tsp mustard powder

Salt and pepper

1 egg white, loosely beaten,

Extra breadcrumbs

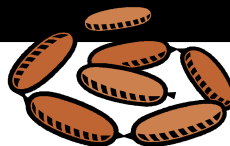
Oil for frying.

Method.

Mix the cheese, breadcrumbs, onion.

Whisk yolks, herbs, mustard and seasoning, use about a tsp salt and plenty of pepper.

Add to cheese mix to make a coherent mixture using another yolk if needed or a little water. Divide into 12 and roll into small sausages 5cm/2 inches long, Dip into egg white and roll in breadcrumbs and fry in oil till golden.



Jill Frostick

NEWS FROM PRIMROSE FARM



Now at the end of August beginning of September all the muck spreading is done and we are ready to plant

next years crop of wheat.

The outdoor pigs are lapping up the last of the summer sun by laying in their very muddy wallows to keep cool. We have had a bumper amount of piglets born with several litters at 12 this month.

The butchers shop is still busy with orders for the local farm shops. Different varieties and flavours of sausages are made each week all hand made with our free range pork.

HALLOWE'EN at PRIMROSE FARM

This summer saw the first organically grown crops from Sevy's Field. We will soon be selling cabbages, sprouting broccoli and Brussels sprouts to supplement the potatoes, onions, carrots and other vegetables at the barrow. To celebrate the end of the season John (at Sevy's Field) is holding a Halloween Experience. 27 October 2.00-5.30pm. Families are invited to come and make objects to decorate a Halloween trail, finishing with scary Halloween snacks. The activities will particularly appeal to children aged 5-10. If you would like more information and tickets they are available from Primrose Farm or contact John directly on 07504 714134 (or johnleseve@hotmail.co.uk).



A very Interesting month when we were very fortunate to have Nina Shah as our speaker. She was originally from India and born in Gujarat. Nina was to speak about, and demonstrate,

the wonders of the sari.

Saris can be up to six metres in length; in the sixth century BC Indian ladies used to drape cloth around their bodies, this was usually hand woven and it was a great skill in keeping the material in place to cover their modesty. Then as sophistication began to set in, blouses and petticoats made an appearance which were always hand made but now they are mostly made by machine.

As Nina has lived in England for a long time, she tends only to wear a sari for very special occasions preferring to wear more western style of dress for every day use.

Saris can be bought as cheaply as £10 but can, and do, cost thousands, depending upon what you want the finished item to look like.

Nina showed us her wedding sari, which was white with red and green, explaining that colour does matter. The length of material has a heavily patterned end and this piece hangs over the shoulder and called the "pallu". On the morning of the ceremony a different sari is worn, made of silk and costing £300-£400 23 years ago. At the wedding the groom's family give the bride a present of a special sari, which signifies the importance of the ceremony, and will probably go with her when she dies, this sari is always red. The colour of mourning in India is always white.

Nina wore a sari for the first time when she was 13 as it is considered inappropriate in a younger child so they tend to wear the

shalwar kameez.

Mary volunteered to be dressed in a purple sari of a lovely material and very pretty she looked. Fashion caused by the Bollywood industry has a large influence on colour, design and material, movies can change fashion overnight.

Weight gain or loss is not too much of a problem as the sari pleat size can be adjusted. The petticoat has a drawstring so no problem but the blouse is more fitted so not so easy to adjust.

The Shalwar Kameez tends to be more popular with the younger generation, as it is easier to wear.



Leonie was next to volunteer with a gorgeous kingfisher turquoise colour sari, this was more modified and very popular with younger people as it is easier to wear.

There are plenty of shops in London but Nina prefers to go to India when she needs to buy a new sari.

What a fascinating evening to learn and be shown something of another culture.

Joy Rolfe

We also held a craft day in August, instead of our monthly meeting, and one of the sessions was basket weaving, what fun they all had but some very aching thumbs and wrists the next day.



NATURE IN OCTOBER



The autumn equinox has passed with the nights drawing in and becoming cooler. The blackberries are over but hazel nuts and acorns are now ripening. To harvest the nuts you will have to beat the jays and the squirrels. My cooking pear tree this year has been completely stripped by squirrels. I was puzzled initially as to where they were disappearing until I watched one morning the little blighter rushing away with one in its mouth to hoard somewhere. It was the only fruit tree with any fruit on it as my apple trees have produced little fruit and the plum had only six plums of which we managed to eat one! Oh well, hopefully next year will be better.

A damp autumn, which at time of writing is not the case, brings on the fungi. Toadstools can be found almost anywhere – on rotting wood and healthy trees, in parks, gardens and on lawns. One interesting formation of toadstools is that which creates a fairy ring.

Marasmius oreades can fruit from spring through to autumn and as the years pass the fungus spreads out further and further from the centre of the circle with the fairy ring therefore getting bigger in diameter. The grass within a fairy ring always looks slightly different.

Sloes can be found on the spikey branches of blackthorn so now is the time to gather them to make your sloe gin.

Try not to tidy your garden too much as the seed heads provide a home for insects and food for birds. Fallen fruit (if you have any!) will also provide food, especially for blackbirds, thrushes, redwings, fieldfare etc, during the cold winter months. Piles of logs in longer grass can shelter toads and newts from the local pond. Frogs hibernate at the bottom of ponds. The bats too are preparing for hibernation in their winter roosts. Winter is a-coming.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL



DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

The Draft Local Plan has been approved by a full meeting of Tendring District Council

members with one amendment put forward by the Labour group. The amendment is for 55 acres of Industrial development at Horsley Cross.

The draft plan will be open for public consultation for a six week period. The public will be able to write to TDC either supporting or objecting to Horsley Cross.

GREAT BROMLEY PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

GENERAL MAINTENANCE DAY

On Saturday, 27th October, could you spare a little of your time to help with the maintenance of our Parish Rights of Way? This is an ideal way to take a look at Great Bromley from a different perspective and to be reminded just how beautiful our countryside can be. 'Light duties' are the order of the day, i.e. anything that can be tackled with hand tools, e.g. secateurs, shears, rake, broom etc; heavy duty maintenance is the responsibility of ECC and TDC. Our aim is to make sure that all our paths are accessible, clearly defined and sufficiently fit for purpose, and to encourage responsible use. If you would like to take part in this project,



please call Brenda Perry (01206 230537) for more information. As with litter picking, **many hands make light work** so please do join in if you can - even if it is only for an hour or so.

NB For insurance, and health and safety purposes, all volunteers must be between the ages of 18 and 70, fit, and wearing appropriate, high-visibility clothing.

AUTUMN LITTER PICK

Saturday, 10th November



The autumn litter pick will be held on the above date. If you can spare some time between the hours of 10am and 12 noon to

help tidy up our village, please be at the car park of either the Cross Inn, The Old Courthouse or the Snooty Fox at approximately 9.50am, grab a litter pick and a plastic bag and follow your team leader. It's a mucky job, but you may be surprised how much fun you can have whilst getting involved in a community activity.

PLEASE NOTE - TO COMPLY WITH INSURANCE REGULATIONS, YOU MUST BE FIT, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 70 AND BE WEARING PROTECTIVE, HIGH VISIBILITY CLOTHING. Some high vis jackets are available and will be on site, but if you have your own, please do wear them. You may also wish to bring along any garden tools that may be helpful to you for litter collection. Look forward to seeing you.

THE DEDHAM

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Governors invite applications from residents in the Parishes of Ardleigh, Bradfield, Dedham, Great Bromley and Stratford St Mary for financial grants that are available in the following categories:

Secondary Schools and Sixth Form Colleges

Applicants must be at least 12 years old on 1st August in the year of Application.

Universities and Colleges of Further Education

Applicants must have lived in one, or more, of the five parishes for at least two years prior to the application date.

For an application form, or further details, contact the Clerk to the Governors - Mrs Jean Flewin, Coppins, Crown Street, Dedham, Colchester, Essex CO7 6AT. Closing date for applications - 27th October, 2012.



VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

The nights are drawing in and the evenings are getting cooler and things

continue to change at the Hall.

The management committee has changed with Carole Davidson of the Playgroup leaving and Mike Corduff joining as an independent. Welcome Mike and we look forward to your input.

The Playgroup will be finishing at the Hall at the end of the term, ie just before Christmas which will leave many day slots available in the New Year. We already have some of these slots filled, have interested parties looking at some bookings and we are placing advertisements to highlight our vacancies. We are also looking to be able to help the playgroup with any spare slots in case their new building work overruns.

The new curtains are up in the Hall and, together with the interior decoration, have transformed the look. This, with the new cleaning regime, has greatly improved the general feel of the place. Great work by Jane Bates and team for the curtains, making our slender resources go the extra mile. Well done to Martin Frostick for organising the cleaning routine and also to Marion Britton who has worked so hard to complete the transformation.

It is not just the inside of the Hall that has been improved. Martin Frostick and Henry Fairley have been busy working on the outside areas too. Grass and drain areas have been cleaned, cut and sprayed. Thank you gentlemen.

With the playgroup leaving soon we will need to change the storage system again as we will be getting back the lock up cupboard that we shelved from floor to ceiling eighteen months ago. This will enable us to continue the clean open look that we have been working towards

With no events this year so far we are thinking about several different ideas, each member has been looking at types of entertainment. So far we have some very different ideas but some old faithfuls too. A taste so far, Table

Top Sale, Murder Mystery Night, Film Night, Whist Drive, Whist Drive teaching night. the Christmas Fayre is already booked for Saturday, December 1st. Filipe Farne is the organiser for this event so if you are able to help please make contact. This year its the Hall and The W.I who are organising. So Saturday December 1st into your diary please. Filipe organised the Fayre very successfully last year and we hope that you will all support us this year.

We are still looking to upgrade the security on the oil tank but are still awaiting some quotes to come in. We have had quotes in to strip, sand and seal the Hall floor. Doors between the main Hall and the toilets and revamping both the ladies and the gents toilets are also being looked at as future upgrades. The safe, the padlocks, the microphone and the rear cigarette bin have all been replaced this month. The correct end has been fitted to the microphone now too. This month we get the new keys cut to replace the keys that were stolen at our break in.

That's all for now, as always thank you for your support. Let's all make the most of Great Bromley Village Hall in 2012.

Next Committee meeting Tuesday 23rd October at **7:30pm**. As always all welcome.
David Beech

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

It has been suggested that running 100 Club would be a way of providing regular funds for the upkeep of the village hall. For an annual payment of £12 (£1 per month) participants would be entered into a monthly draw with prizes of £25, £10 and £5.

In addition, there may be a Christmas bonus draw.

In order to gauge interest; if you would like to join the 100 Club, please phone Kate Strowbridge on 01206230211 or email her at katestrow@aol.com.

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Gt Bentley Surgery

There is some sad news to start with this month. Lorraine Simpson, who had been one of the mainstays of our reception team for almost 7 years, finally lost her battle with cancer and died on 8th August. Our deepest sympathy goes to her family.

Deadline dates for the various local magazines are usually pretty early, so as I write this, the Paralympics have just finished, Andy Murray might or might not win the US Open final, and the Indian summer seems to have lost its hold. What better subject to move onto then than flu jabs?

Our supply is going to arrive a little later than usual this year as the Department of Health decided very late in proceedings that an extra strain of flu needed to be added to the formulation. Nonetheless, we are booking appointments already and, judging by last year, demand will be high, so if you think you are one of the lucky ones who qualifies for a free jab, please don't hang about – book soon and avoid disappointment. Jabbing will start late in September. Flu could strike at any time. (I always look on the bright side.)

The question that inevitably arises at this point is – Who is entitled to a free flu jab? Broadly speaking, the guidelines are as follows:

- Anyone aged 65 or over at 31st March 2013.
- People (including children and babies over 6 months) with chronic conditions, including diabetes, heart, liver, kidney or spleen disease, COPD or other chest complaints that cause breathing difficulties, a neurological condition such as MS, or anyone who has suffered a stroke.
- Pregnant women.
- People living in a long stay care or nursing home.
- Main carers for elderly or handicapped people who would suffer if their carer was incapacitated.
- Anyone whose immunity is lowered by disease or medication (such as steroids or cancer treatment), and people who live with them.
- Health or social care workers.

Despite recent publicity, children without a chronic problem are still **not** included. We anticipate that from 2014 they will get free

immunisation via a nasal spray, but that entitlement is not yet in place.

If all this leaves you unsure, there is a useful website you can visit to view a good, comprehensive leaflet – https://www.wp.dh.gov.uk/immunisation/files/2012/08/2900359-Seasonal-Flu-A5_v1_0A.pdf. Failing that, please ask at your surgery.

As usual, we hope that there will be enough flu jabs available for people who don't get a free one to buy one privately. You could always ask at your pharmacy.

Hugh Cronin

Practice Manager, Great Bentley Surgery

Ardleigh Surgery

Replacement surgery computer system

The practice is migrating to a new clinical computer system on Thursday 8 November. It has been developed by our existing supplier, EMIS, but is a web based system and is very different to our existing menu driven system which is coming towards the end of its 25 year old development. It uses the same clinical data structure as our existing system so data security is not an issue.

This does mean that the clinical and reception staff will have to be trained in the new system during October with training sessions on various days which will put pressure on staff cover. There will be some disruption prior to the 'Go Live' day with limitations being placed on the pre-booking of appointments. For the Receptionists the main challenge will using a new appointment system so initially they will take longer to make appointments so we request patients to bear with us during this transitional period in getting through on the telephone. For the clinical staff they may take longer finding information and recording their consultations.

To reduce pressure on staff, we will be running a reduced level of appointments on and after the 'Go Live' day on the 8 November to give clinical staff time to get used to the new system and to sort out any technical problems.

Fred Merrin, Practice Manager



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 club available every day

For more details/visits please contact us on 0785 7503103

We are pleased to announce that 'Little Dragons Preschool' will be moving to new premises in the New Year. We will be situated close to St Georges School and Gt. Bromley Church. Please check our website for more details and further updates.

The Autumn Term has got off to a good start with all the children settling back in after the Summer holiday. Our older children, as always, ready to help the new ones starting this term. We would like to welcome the new children – Charlie, Freddie, Jacob and Morgan and hope you enjoy your time with us.

On Wednesday 10th October at 2pm we will be holding a TOY SALE in the village hall – all proceeds to go to 'Little Dragons Preschool'

Just to let you know that we are collecting the 'Morrison's Vouchers', so please tell friends, family etc.

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:

Wed 10 th October	Toy Sale
Mon 29 th October	Half Term week
Mon 5 th November	Preschool re-opens



CANINE PARTNERS TEA PARTY

at Green Island raises over £1000 A tea party organised by the Essex Satellite of Canine Partners, a charity that provides highly trained assistance dogs for people with disabilities, has raised £1028.59. The event took place at Green Island Gardens, Colchester from 2-5pm on Saturday 18 August 2012.

Set in twenty acres of beautiful scenery, Green Island Gardens made the perfect backdrop for a quintessentially British afternoon tea party. Guests were served delicious food from the Vintage Tea Company including sandwiches, cakes, cupcakes and scones.

Essex Community Fundraiser Lindsay Hurrell comments, "We were delighted that 50 guests joined staff and volunteers on what turned out to be a very hot day. We received very positive feedback from attendees who enjoyed the surroundings, the afternoon tea and finding out more about the work of Canine Partners. I would specially like to thank Mr & Mrs Edmond of Green Island Gardens for hosting this event."

Canine Partners is always looking for volunteers, fundraisers and puppy parents from the local Essex community, please contact 0845 2090750 or visit www.caninepartners.org.uk for further information. Please also consider saving your used stamps to help raise funds for Canine Partners!



Gt Bromley WI
Coffee Morning

20th October
10am to 12 noon
in Great Bromley Village Hall
for MacMillan Nurses
featuring Fair Trade Stall
with Christmas Cards and
Gifts



St. George's Church, Great Bromley.

We are delighted to welcome

"Cantare"

Saturday 13th October

"Cantare" is a Southend based female choir formed in 2010. A range of musical styles is covered from classics to songs from the shows. "Cantare" sings in a variety of venues and takes part in local and national competitions. They gained first prize at both Chelmsford and Southend Music Festivals in November 2011.



Put this date in your diary now, this promises to be a very exciting and entertaining evening.



Little Bromley Village Amenities Committee

Halloween Party

at the Haywain
on Friday 26th October at 6.30pm

Free entry
All children welcome to play games and competitions.
Supper will be provided.

Little Dragons Pre-School

TOY SALE

10th October

at 2pm in the village hall
All proceeds to go to 'Little Dragons



*Seven Rivers
Hall Road, Great Bromley
Halloween and Bonfire Night
Saturday 3 November 2012.*

*Start time 6.30pm
Tickets available from Seven Rivers*

*Price £2 each or £5 per family
Telephone : 01206 230345*

Prize for Fancy Dress

Chips, soup and hot drinks available

Charity No 238186

Leonard
Cheshire
Disability

CRAFTY LADIES

Crafty Ladies has grown in numbers since we began in February with 8 ladies. At present we have 25 members and seem to keep growing each month. Our ladies come from all over the Colchester area. We Patchwork and Quilt, Knit, Crochet, Bead Make and Craft.

If you would like to come along to work on your own project we next meet at Langham Community Centre on Wednesday 3rd October and Wednesday 7th November 10am-3pm £4.00. We are a friendly group and welcome new members.

For more information please contact Jacqui on 07979 947931 or Toni on 07871 875455

We look forward to hearing from you.



Ready Teddy Go!

Fun action packed educational class for your tots.

Friday mornings at the Village Hall

9.30am - up to 2½ years

10.30am - 2½-5 years

For more info ring 01255 688925/07528 374444 and see flyer

Christmas Fayre

in the Village Hall
on Saturday 1st December

More details next month



Seven Rivers

Cheshire Home
Hall Road, Great Bromley

Volunteer Appeal

What can **YOU** do to help
a disabled person?



**Pauline Melton,
our Volunteer Co-ordinator
in her uniform!**

We are looking for kind, caring, pink, ballet-dancing bunnies - and others - who have an hour or more to spare each week to offer company and friendship to our residents. You may like to devote your time to getting to know one of our residents really well, or you could offer a more general activity if that suits you better.



What ever interests you will interest us so please just give Pauline Melton a ring on 01206 230345 to arrange a visit - and to have your rabbit ears and pink tu-tu fitted - FREE!! Bring a friend - they can have a tu-tu too!



2012 EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 3 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5-7 Ardleigh church Flower Festival (see box for full details)
- 9 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Toy Sale, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 13 Cantare concert, St George's church
- 18 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 20 Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10.00am
Daffodil planting, Little Bromley car park, 10.30am
- 23 Village Hall Trustees meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 25 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 26 Hallowe'en Party, The Haywain, 6.30pm

NOVEMBER

- 3 Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night, Seven Rivers, 6.30pm
- 7 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 16 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm

DECEMBER

- 1 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall
- 5 WI Christmas lunch
- 8 Christmas Concert, St Botolphs church, Colchester, 7.30pm
- 11 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm

ARDLEIGH FLOWER FESTIVAL

5th - 7th OCTOBER 2012

Theme - Anniversaries

Friday 5th from 12 midday till 6 pm

Saturday 6th from 10 am till 5 pm

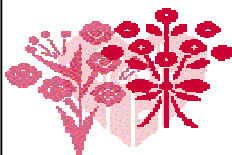
Sunday 7th from 12 midday till all assemble for the
raffle draws after 4 pm

**6.30 pm Songs of Praise at St George's for harvest
celebrations**

Beautiful floral displays * Refreshments * Tower Tours
* Music *

Bell-ringing * Raffles* Children
welcome *

Entrance £2 for adults - children
free



ESSEX POLICE



If you need to talk to me for any Police Community problems, you can contact me on 07967 466876, or 101 ex 487607 (free phone) or email me leslie.barnes@essex.pnn.police please note if you leave a message I will try to reply to your call the day I am next on duty.
Les Barnes PCSO 71909

August Incidents for Great Bromley

Suspicious Circumstances

- Back Lane East - (2 Males seen in a back garden)
- Harwich Road - (2 Males seen in a back garden)

Criminal Damage

- Carringtons Road - (Bike damaged)
- Ash Grove - (Wall damaged)

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News letter for September 2012

DOORSTEP SELLING CONSUMER EDUCATION 2012 – 13

• BACKGROUND

- The OFT launched the Doorstep Selling campaign in 2004 as a consequence of the OFT's Market Report into Doorstep selling. This followed a Super Complaint initiated by Citizens Advice.
- The campaign has continued annually since 2004 with varying levels of support. Up to 2010 the campaign had high levels of paid for support and in 2010 it had a budget of £600,000.
- Campaign activity has focussed on the summer months when doorstep selling activity is most prevalent and complaints to Consumer Direct have been highest – particularly as a consequence of rogue traders operating in the home repairs and improvements sector.
- The target audience has been vulnerable elderly adults living at home, often alone and has a female bias.
- In 2011, following the government's marketing and communications' freeze and subsequent controls the campaign was built around 'no cost/ low cost content and channels – radio and TV fillers were developed and aired with free media, leaflets were developed and distributed via intermediaries who engaged with the target audience and local press and high levels of local press/PR engagement were achieved via a local press toolkit which was activated effectively by local authority Trading Standards Services.
- The 2011 summer campaign was followed by a second burst focussing on Mobility aids (OFT Market Report, September 2011).
- The 2011 campaign highlighted the effectiveness of using local press to drive coverage. The research carried out by SPA Future Thinking

demonstrated that awareness of the campaign (28% post activity) had been maintained at a reasonable level despite significantly lower investment (2009 pre-campaign awareness 26% , post 33%). The research also showed that 22% of the sample (670 adults 70+ years old) agreed with a range of statements about buying on the doorstep which suggested that they might be vulnerable to rogue doorstep selling and 21% would not be confident in deciding whether or not to employ a doorstep sales person.

- There were 12,000 complaints to Consumer Direct about doorstep selling in 2011. Levels of complaints have been lower in the first few months of 2012, possibly as a consequence of reduced promotion of the Consumer Direct call to action during its transition to Citizens Advice.
- **2012-13 Objectives and KPIs**
- To maintain consumers' awareness of the risks of inappropriate doorstep selling techniques and their understanding of their rights when buying on the doorstep
- To empower consumers to assert their rights to reduce the amount of consumer detriment caused by inappropriate doorstep sales
- There will be two phases to the 2012-13 campaign, a soft launch in July and larger campaign in October/November.
- **Target Audience**
- Primarily UK residents over 70 years – with woman living alone as a priority, especially if they are housebound or socially isolated
- Carers and friends and relatives of vulnerable older people
- Intermediaries are important channels and influencers for both audiences and might include carers, health care professionals, friends and family.
- Generally the elderly audience spend more of their time at home than most people (Age UK's Later life in the UK reports over 65s spend 80 per cent of their time in their home and over 85s spend 90 per cent of their time there). Those who are socially isolated interact with very few people and their contact is often limited to friends and family.
- **Activity**
- Activity will be organised around four key areas: content development, local press, stakeholder

engagement and digital

- **Content development**

- Three fillers (x2 radio, x1 TV) communicating the risks of inappropriate doorstep selling and what consumers can do to protect themselves
- A range of leaflets communicating the risks and what consumers can do to protect themselves
- A 'Quick Guide' to your rights when buying on the doorstep
- Top Ten Tips when buying on the doorstep
- All content will be available on the OFT's Doorstep Selling campaign website page. Radio and TV fillers will be hosted on Youtube and print collateral can be ordered from the OFT's mailing house

- **Local press**

- A local press toolkit for distribution to local authority Trading Standards Service offices and Citizens Advice to drive coverage

- **Stakeholder engagement**

- A range of key stakeholders have committed to push the campaign out to their stakeholders and target audiences
- Age UK, Citizens Advice, Trading Standards Service, DWP's later Life team and older people's forums, Association of Directors and Social Services (ADASS), Local Government Association (LGA), Doorstep Selling Association (DSA), AGEnda, Age Action Alliance, Office of Disability Issues (ODI), Operation Liberal and Neighbourhood Watch

- **Digital**

The campaign will be tweeted and re-tweeted

Evaluation

This campaign will be very low cost and the cost of evaluation needs to be proportionate. The July campaign will be measured by outputs and the OFT will encourage partners in the October campaign to conduct a fuller quantitative evaluation.

Budget

The OFT's budget for this campaign is £30,000. There is some flexibility around this within Marketing & Campaign's total budget.

A Quick Guide: your rights when buying on the doorstep or in the home

Doorstep selling is when a salesperson sells you goods or services in your home or on your doorstep. This Quick Guide explains people's rights when they agree to spend more than £35 with a trader in their home or on their doorstep. These rights apply even if you invite someone into your home.

Sometimes salespeople apply pressure selling which is illegal. For advice on buying safely and wisely on the doorstep see our Ten Top Tips.

Written cancellation notice

By law the trader must give you a written cancellation notice at the time you buy, telling you about your right to cancel (even if there is no written

contract). If you don't get a cancellation notice, there's no binding contract between you and the trader and you don't have to go through with the sale.

Seven day cooling off period

You usually have a cooling-off period of seven days to change your mind and cancel.

The cooling-off period starts on the day you get the cancellation notice. If you cancel within the seven days you won't owe anything and you should get back any money you have already paid (including a deposit).

Deciding to cancel

If you do decide to cancel the contract you must let the trader know in writing within seven days of receiving the cancellation notice. When cancelling, keep a copy of your letter or email as proof of cancellation. If you send your letter by post, get proof of postage as well. If you receive goods during the cooling-off period and you didn't agree to this in writing, you don't have to pay anything if you cancel. Keep the goods safe and ask the trader to collect them. The trader should not insist that you pay any money.

Starting work or delivering goods within the cooling-off period

If you are buying services or certain types of goods (e.g. customised goods) you can agree in writing for work to start or goods to be delivered during the cooling-off period. If you have agreed this in writing then you can still cancel within seven days, but you may have to pay the trader something (usually a reasonable amount).

For further information, visit www.adviceguide.org.uk or call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0845 04 05 06

PCSO BARNES 71909

Dear Residents,

Unfortunately a number of Villains have been busy in Brightlingsea during August which has taken up a lot of our time. However, the Crime and Antisocial behaviour in the rural villages such as yours has stayed the same compared to last year. Now the busy summer period is over I will endeavour to spend more time in your Parish and hopefully you will see me and my team about more often.

Kind regards

Simon

Police Sergeant 3030 Simon TATTERSALL
Tending Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team
Brightlingsea Fire station Lower Park Road,
Brightlingsea CO7 0LQ

CHILDHOOD DAYS BY VERA BIDDIS

"On November 11th, 1978 it was quite warm for Glenda Hurst's wedding day. I arranged the flowers in the chapel at Burnt Heath and the village hall and to tell how mild the weather was, weeks without rain, I used delphiniums, Esther Reads, fuchsias with roses amongst the flowers, chrysanthemums from Dean's as well. Grandfather Charlie Keeble supplied a variety from his garden with grandma Hurst supplying the nasturtiums to the porch. I really meant to cast my mind back to my childhood days when I decided to write this.

Some of my first memories go back to where I was born at Evelyn Villa on the Briar Road. My father and mother were Arthur and Ada Cole. My mother was the youngest of the Bruce family (Walter, Jane, Fred, Ernie, Kit, Charlie, George and Ada). Walter Bruce senior was her father who was the village blacksmith and kept the forge on the Cross corner. I remember my grandfather but not my grandmother, she died when I was a baby. My father Arthur was the eldest son of Emma and David Cole, (Arthur, Nell, David, Will, Harry, Thomas, Jack, Alice, and Edie). He was born in Ardleigh but when he was around the age of 12 years his parents moved to Great Bromley to Morants cottage as my grandfather was the farm bailiff at Morants Farm for Mr Percy Nichol. My father attended Ardleigh school, learnt to ring bells and sang in the church choir. He used to say the choirmaster would come along and put a ruler width-way in your mouth to make sure you open your mouth when you were singing! My parents married on November 9, 1911 in Great Bromley church, I was born on January 5, 1916. I went to St Georges Church school (as did my mother) at the age of five. Olive Keeble "looked after me" I can well remember and I looked on her as someone wonderful! I can picture now a white silk dress she made for one of my dolls, with lace leaves around the neck and hem. In her family there was Charlie, Olive, Reg and Les who lived next door to us in Hollydene cottages. Next door to them lived the Jarmin and Pitt families - two families, because Mrs Pitt married Mr Jarmin. There were Fred, Bill and Arthur Pitt and Ernie

and Dorothy Jarmin, the latter attending Great Bromley school as well. I remember awful moments when Griff Keeble and Rover Jarmin met up (these being the dogs) - although neighbours, they hated the sight of each other and would fight furiously! Mum and I did the disappearing trick and shut ourselves indoors leaving poor Mrs Keeble and Jarmin to cope with buckets of water.

Being an only child I was very lonely and had to do a lot of pretending but I spent a lot of time with the children of the Keeble family and I was so pleased when the tea was laid - I used to count the places and knew if there was one extra I was going to be asked to stay to tea! I can see that pantry now with the bun tin on the floor.

The other side of us lived the Last family in Elma Cottages. One of my first memories with them was me falling off the chair and falling onto the terrier, Spot, who bit my face. Someone drove me to Ardleigh to the doctor's surgery where Dr Bree stitched my face - hence the small scar on my face, still. There were the two families - the old Mr and Mrs Last and Harry and Lizzie who lived next door. Lena Last lived at home until she married Joe Enemy who lodged with the old Mrs Last I believe.

Many hours I spent "Sheening with La" as I would call it when mum wanted to know where I was going. She [*Lena? - HF*] used to take in army trousers from a factory in Colchester and make them on her treddle machine and I used to have two stools and sit beside her for hours with my imaginary machines."

More next time! Many thanks to Jean Austin for letting me borrow, edit and reproduce Vera's handwritten memoir. There may be some transcription errors by me on names and so on; always glad to be corrected!
Hugh Frostick © 2012

Craft Sale

Saturday 13th October 9.30-12.30
Brotherhood Community Hall
St Osyth Rd, Clacton-on-Sea

IN THE GARDEN IN OCTOBER



If you want to increase your rambler or climbing roses this month is the time to take cuttings. Take the cuttings about 6"

long with a bud at the bottom, fill a 6" pot with compost with a good mixture of sharp sand then insert the cutting half way into the compost.

As soon as perennials have finished flowering divide and replant.

When dahlias start to die off don't wait for frost to blacken the flowering stems, cut down to 6", dig them up knock off most of the soil, turn them upside down for a few days then place in a cardboard box in a frost free place. It is a good idea to give them a dusting with sulphur powder to keep the mildew at bay.

Continue to plant daffodils and hyacinth. If you want them for the house, pot them up and place in a warm place. As soon as they show a shoot about 1" above the soil bring them into the house and keep the bulbs just moist.

This month most soft fruit bushes can be increased by cuttings. Take a cutting about 6" long, cut just below a bud and insert in the ground. Gooseberries and blackcurrants are easy to propagate this way.

For blackberries and loganberries bend a healthy cane over and bury the tip in the soil. In the spring when the canes show growth cut them off from the parent plant and plant in its permanent position.

Frank Griffiths



LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF AND YOUR NHS – THE NHS CONSTITUTION

The NHS Constitution brings together in one place what staff, patients and public can expect from the NHS. It sets out the purpose, principles and values of the NHS and explains a number of rights, pledges and responsibilities for staff and patients alike.

Did you know...?

- **If your GP refers you for treatment, you have the right for any non-emergency treatment to start within a maximum of 18 weeks**, or for the NHS to take reasonable steps to offer you a range of alternatives if this is not possible. You also have the right to be seen by a specialist within a maximum of two weeks from GP referral for urgent referrals where cancer is suspected and your GP thinks it's necessary.
- **If your GP refers you to see a consultant, you generally have a choice of a number of hospitals.** You might want to choose a hospital that has better results for your treatment than others, or one near family that live in another part of the country, or one that has shorter waiting

times.

- **You can view your personal health records.** You don't have to give a reason to see them; just ask at your GP surgery and make an appointment to go in.
- **You should always be treated with dignity and respect, in accordance with your human rights.** This means, for example, that your right to privacy should be respected. You should not have to share sleeping or bathroom facilities with members of the opposite sex, except on the rare occasions where you need very specialised or urgent care.
- You have the right to have any complaint you make about the NHS dealt with efficiently and have it investigated properly. If you're not sure where to start or how to get in touch with an NHS organisation, our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) can help.

Contact our Patient Experience Team (incorporating PALS and Complaints) on Freephone: 0800 328 5620 direct line: 01206286939 or email: Pals.nee@nhs.net

For more information on the NHS Constitution, visit:
<http://www.nessexccg.nhs.uk/Your%20NHS.html>

TENDRING CARELINE

For Security and peace of mind

If you live alone and worry about having an accident or being taken ill with no one to call on. If you worry about personal security in your home or garden. Or maybe you have a vulnerable relative that you worry about – Tendring Careline could be the answer.

The Careline is run by Tendring District Council and offers an effective personal alarm and instant response service that you can count on 24 hours a day, 365 days a year - all at the touch of a button. We never close.

The purpose of Tendring Careline is to allow people to live independently in their homes for longer. The way this works is that after an initial assessment to understand individual specific needs we install a base alarm unit in your home which is attached to your telephone line. We then give you a call button, either worn on the wrist or round the neck on a pendant. This call button can then be used to alert Careline that there is a problem. The base unit has a powerful loudspeaker and a sensitive microphone allowing hands free, two-way contact between you and the Careline operator.

Our highly trained and dedicated operators

have attained the Telecare Services Association Gold Standard and are possibly the most important part of our solution.

Within seconds of you pressing your call button the operator will answer knowing your name, where you live, and be able to retrieve your health and other details kept in our secure files. Depending on the problem they may decide to contact a relative/ neighbour, call the emergency services, or send out one of our round-the clock mobile response team members.

You don't need any specialist equipment to take advantage of the peace of mind that Tendring Careline gives, just a telephone line and a nearby electrical socket. There is a monthly charge for monitoring the alarm units but no costs for the unit itself and no additional call-out charges.

Further information is available on the Tendring District Council website or for an informal chat to find out how Tendring Careline can assist you, just call our friendly team on 01255 222727.

If there is any part of this article that needs clarification please don't hesitate to contact me: Mark Westall

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ST HELENA HOSPICE



St Helena Hospice
your time...your hospice

Have you thought about volunteering?

Volunteering for St Helena Hospice is a great way to contribute to a local charity, make friends and gain valuable work experience.

We are always looking for retail volunteers to work in any of our eight shops around the North Essex area, and we are particularly looking for volunteers to work in our Clacton, Colchester town centre, Dovercourt, Stanway and Halstead shops.

The work is interesting and varied and will involve serving customers, working on the

tills and displaying goods, and you'll need excellent customer service skills and the ability to multi-task. We would ask volunteers that they undertake a minimum of one shift a week, either morning or afternoon, and all shops require Saturday staff.

We have just opened a large shop in Stanway and we're also looking for volunteers to be based at this site, sorting clothes, accepting donations, and cleaning and preparing items for our shops. We're also looking for trained electricians to support us with the testing of electrical goods, also based at the Stanway site.

If you would like more information on these roles, or would like to apply as a volunteer, please contact the HR department at St

THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,

Once again it is Harvest time. In our modern world we are very fortunate indeed and our lives are not as precarious as our ancestors. For our forbears harvest was particularly important because without a good harvest they could face starvation or even death. It is no accident therefore that throughout history humankind has celebrated the bountiful harvest with thanksgiving ceremonies.

Before the establishment of formal religions many ancient farmers believed that their crops contained spirits, which caused the crops to grow or die. Many believed that these spirits would be released when the crops were harvested and they had to be destroyed or they would take revenge on the farmers who harvested them. Some of the harvest festivals celebrated the defeat of these spirits.

Harvest festivals and thanksgiving celebrations were held by the ancient Greeks, the Romans, the Hebrews, the Chinese and the Egyptians.

Jewish Families celebrate a harvest festival called Sukkoth. Taking place each autumn Sukkoth is known by two names – the Feast of the Tabernacles and the feast of Ingathering. Sukkoth begins on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Tishri, five days after Yom Kippur the most solemn day of the Jewish year. Sukkoth is named after the huts that Moses and the Israelites lived in as they wandered the desert for forty years before they reached the Promised Land. These huts were made of branches and they were easy to assemble, take apart, and carry as the Israelites wandered through the desert.

When celebrating Sukkoth, which lasts for eight days, the Jewish people built small huts of branches, which recall the tabernacles of their ancestors. These huts are constructed as temporary shelters, as the branches are not driven into the ground and the roof is covered with foliage, which is spaced to let the light in. Inside the huts are hung fruits and vegetables and on the first two nights of Sukkoth the families eat their meals in the huts under the evening sky.

We Christians celebrate Harvest to thank God for all the good gifts he gives us. In the words of the General Thanksgiving “we bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory”.

Harvest is a timely reminder that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to God for all he gives us in this life, and also for the hope of and even fuller life with Him after this life is past. A generous and thankful heart in spite of many difficulties which we may have to encounter is the hallmark of the Christian. The words of a familiar hymn comes to mind, “Take what he gives, and praise him still through good and ill whoever lives”.

I came across a piece of writing recently and I am going to finish my letter by sharing it with you because I think it had many insights.

Be thankful that you don't have everything you desire.

If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

*Be thankful when you don't know something
For it gives you the opportunity to learn.*

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow. Be thankful for your limitations,

Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

*Be thankful for each new challenge,
Because it will build your strength and character.*

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

*Be thankful when you're tired and weary,
Because it means you've made a difference.*

*Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
and they can become your blessings.*

With every blessing to you all this Harvest time.

Fr. Robert

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Church of England Services October

Sunday 7th	8.00am	Benefice Harvest Thanksgiving/St Mary's Flower Festival	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Harvest Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 14th	8.00am	19th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Saturday 20th		Messy Church	
	3-5.30pm	Enquiries: Revd Gill Moore 01206 397493	<i>Ardleigh Village Hall</i>
Sunday 21st	8.00am	20th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 28th	8.00am	Last Sunday after Trinity	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
		Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

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